Let’s Explore the Historic Area!

A social narrative for visiting the Historic Area
When I explore, I might meet employees who can tell me about the history of Mount Vernon. I can ask them questions if I want to!

Some might wear a mask.
When we enter the historic area, we can turn left on the path to explore the buildings on North Lane.
I can visit the Upper Garden. I can look at the plants in the garden.

Many people like plants. I will try not to pick them so other people can enjoy them.
I can visit places where some of the enslaved people lived.

Many enslaved people worked on George Washington’s farms.
At the blacksmith shop, an employee will teach me about how metal tools were made.

I might smell burning coal, hear banging metal, and feel heat.
There are restrooms near the blacksmith shop.

I will take this path to find them.
The hand dryers in the restrooms are loud.
There is ongoing restoration being done next to the Mansion. I will stay behind the fences to stay safe.
We can also explore some of the outbuildings. Some of them are undergoing preservation. I may hear loud noises or smell strange scents. I will stay behind the ropes and fences to stay safe.