This one-hour long program allows guests to visit the Mansion, slave quarters, and north lane outbuildings. The Ford Orientation Center, the Tomb, Pioneer Farm Site, and Education Center and Museum exhibits will be closed. Guests may also visit activity stations in the historic area. Please refer to these detailed tips for a visit with information that may help plan your morning on the estate.

COVID-19 Safety Measures:

- Facial Coverings: Face coverings are not required for any fully vaccinated person. This includes both visitors and staff. Those who are not vaccinated are required to wear face coverings indoors and when social distancing is not possible outdoors.

Getting here:


Parking:

- Visitor parking is always free at Mount Vernon. There are parking lots on the east and west sides of the George Washington Memorial Parkway as you approach the entrance. Designated, accessible parking spaces are available. Transportation is not provided between the parking lots and the main entrance to the estate.
- If anyone in your group has limited mobility, please email accessibility@mountvernon.org and let us know how we can help.

Entering Mount Vernon via the Purple Heart Gate:

- When you enter Mount Vernon, you will be greeted by a staff member and checked in near the bag inspection table by the Purple Heart Gate and the administrative building (a behind-the-scenes area).
- A Mount Vernon staff member will inspect each bag upon entry to the estate. If your child has difficulty waiting, you are welcome to bring fidgets, music headphones, a manipulative toy or other equipment your child needs. If you do not bring a bag, you will not need to undergo bag inspection.

Floor spaces and paths:

- In the historic area, there are brick and gravel paths. Both the brick and gravel paths vary in evenness.
- The gravel path may become muddy and the bricks can be slippery if it is raining.
- The Mansion floors are carpeted.
- Please note the following if your family plans to stay past 9am:
  - The Ford Orientation Center is a large open space with big windows. Some of the floor spaces are marble and some are carpeted.
  - The Museum & Education Center and Mount Vernon Inn Complex have both marble and carpeted floor spaces.
Near the food court, the marble floor is in the design of a map of the estate.

Noise

- Mount Vernon has some animals, which make noises without notice. While animals will not be along the path of this program, their noises may be heard. Locations of animals are noted on the program map should you wish to avoid them after the program concludes.
- Please note the following if your family plans to stay past 9am:
  - Noise levels will increase due to other guests
  - In the Museum and Education Center, Exhibitions videos and hands-on interactives and games may be loud
  - Hand dryers are very loud and will be turned on in all restrooms

Restrooms

- A restroom is located in the historic area. Please note that the hand dryers in the restrooms are very loud and have been turned off for this program. Paper towels are available in the restroom.
- A companion care restroom is available in the first aid room near the historic area restrooms. Please ask a Mount Vernon staff member for access. This will remain available after 9am.