

Greater West Bloomfield Historical Society

Apple Island Tour Tips

REGISTRATION

- Tours are anticipated to leave every 15-20 minutes.
- The entire trip takes over two hours. If you must return to the museum by a certain time and if your timing looks tight, please do not make the trip as we cannot guarantee the trip length.
- NO reservations or presales; signup first-come, first-served beginning at 11 a.m. at the Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road. Payment is by cash or check only. GWBHS members tours are free. The last tour leaves at 3:30 p.m.
- The Orchard Lake Museum is open with activities outdoors and snacks available.
- A restroom is available in the museum and a port-a-john is on the museum grounds.

TRIP

- When your group is ready to depart, guests board a bus to the St. Mary's dock and then board a pontoon boat for the island. All guests wear a life jacket. Children under 2 years must have their own infant life jacket. We have one child's life jacket to rent.
- Fifteen steps must be climbed to get onto the island. The paths are natural. It is up to 10 degrees cooler on the water and the island so dress accordingly. Parents are responsible for their children's safety at all times. Strollers are not allowed.
- Guides lead groups on a 45-minute walking tour of the island. **STAY WITH YOUR GUIDE.** Guests stop to hear speakers and leave the island at their own pace. Walk directly back to the boats. **DO NOT GO ANYWHERE ELSE.**
- No drinking water is available on the island. A port-a-john is available for emergency use.

RETURN

It is your responsibility to watch the time so that you are able to catch a boat back to the mainland in a timely manner. Each boat holds about 16 people.

Guest Wrist Tags

- Each guest receives two numbered wrist tags with trip registration.
- Upon island arrival, give one wrist tag to the volunteer at the top of the stairs for the Guest Board so we can track who is on the island.
- As you leave the island give your wrist tag to the volunteer and your matching guest tag will be removed from the Guest Board.