

Apple Island Guest Tour Tips

Greater West Bloomfield Historical Society

2014



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 is first come, first served beginning at 11 a.m. at the Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road.
- Please be available when your group is ready to leave.
- Payments are by cash, check and credit.
- The last tour leaves at 3:30 p.m.
- The Orchard Lake Museum is open. There are activities outdoors and snacks are available.
- A museum restroom is available and a port-a-john is on the museum grounds.

TRIP

- When your group is ready to depart, guests board a bus for the St. Mary's dock and then board a pontoon boat for the island. All guests wear a life jacket.
- 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.
- Guides lead groups on a 45-minute walking tour of the island. **STAY WITH YOUR GUIDE.**
- Then guests stop to hear presenters 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 15 people.

Guest # Tags

- Each guest receives two number tags at registration.
- Upon island arrival, place one # tag on the Guest Board so we can track of guests. Keep one tag with you.
- As you leave the island, give both # tags to the volunteer.