



Self-Guided Museum Visits

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Woodson
Art Museum

The Woodson Art Museum is a wonderful place to visit as an individual or with a group. These suggestions can help make your visit enjoyable and meaningful.

What Can I Expect to See?

The Woodson features a wide range of artworks in changing – i.e., temporary – exhibitions and in exhibitions drawn from the Museum’s collection. The collection features historic and contemporary paintings, sculpture, and works on paper, focused on the natural world, primarily birds.

What Can I Do at the Museum?

In addition to robust programming, the Woodson offers engaging in-gallery learning opportunities for all ages and interests. For details, pick up an events calendar during your visit or explore our website, www.lywam.org.

Activity Guides, intended for all ages, can be found in the changing exhibition galleries and offer activities to do while viewing artworks.

Art Park, an interactive family gallery, features hands-on learning stations.

Audio tours, utilizing free iPod touch devices, include artist interviews, videos, and curatorial insights to complement artworks on view.

Tips for Looking at Artwork

Consider these questions when looking at artwork as a group or individually.

- ➔ What’s going on in this artwork?
- ➔ What do you see? Focus on colors, shapes, textures, lines, and patterns.
- ➔ Use all your senses and imagine you are part of the artwork. If the artwork were alive, what would you hear, smell, taste, or touch? Does the artwork make you feel warm or cold, happy or sad?

- ➔ What is the artwork made of? How do you think the artist made it?
- ➔ Do you like this artwork? Why or why not?
- ➔ Is this artwork true to life in scale and representation?
- ➔ Make comparisons between artworks; how are they the same or different?
- ➔ What ideas, feelings, or messages does an artwork express?
- ➔ Relate the artwork to your own experiences. Does it remind you of someone or something you know or recall?
- ➔ A good group activity is to look for three artworks that appeal to you. Record your observations individually; re-group to compare observations. Remember to explain why you chose each artwork.

Photography

Photography is welcome throughout the Museum’s galleries and grounds.

Drawing in the Museum

The Museum offers wonderful opportunities for creative drawing as well as writing. Consider bringing a notepad and pencil to sketch or record your thoughts. If you would like to sketch or write, campstools are available; ask a guard, greeter, or Visitor Services staff for assistance. If you would like to use the Museum’s clipboards for writing or drawing, please call ahead.

Where Can We Eat?

For many people, artwork is food for the soul. However, if you do bring a bag lunch, we ask that it be left outside the Museum (this includes gum, candy, and beverages). You are welcome to picnic in the sculpture garden; please use the trash receptacles provided.

If you have questions, contact the Museum at 715.845.7010 or museum@lywam.org.