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# Going to Ford's Theatre

## Pre-Visit Story

# Ford's Theatre



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**I am going to Ford's Theatre.**

**When I am there, I might visit the museum and explore the theatre.**

**I can also see the Petersen House and Aftermath Exhibits.**

# Staff



Photos by Carolina Dulcey.

**Staff are friendly helpers who will:**

- 1. Help me find the museum and theatre.**
- 2. Answer questions about the museum and theatre.**

# Outside Line



Photo by Gary Erskine.

**If a lot of people are waiting to go in, I might be asked to wait outside in line.**

**The line will come inside right at the time on my ticket.**

**If waiting in line is difficult for me, I can ask a staff member for help.**

# Lobby



Photo by Carolina Dulcey.

**When I get inside the building, I will get my ticket scanned.**

**The lobby may be crowded and noisy.**

**I might be asked to wait a few minutes before I go into the theatre or museum.**

# Bathrooms

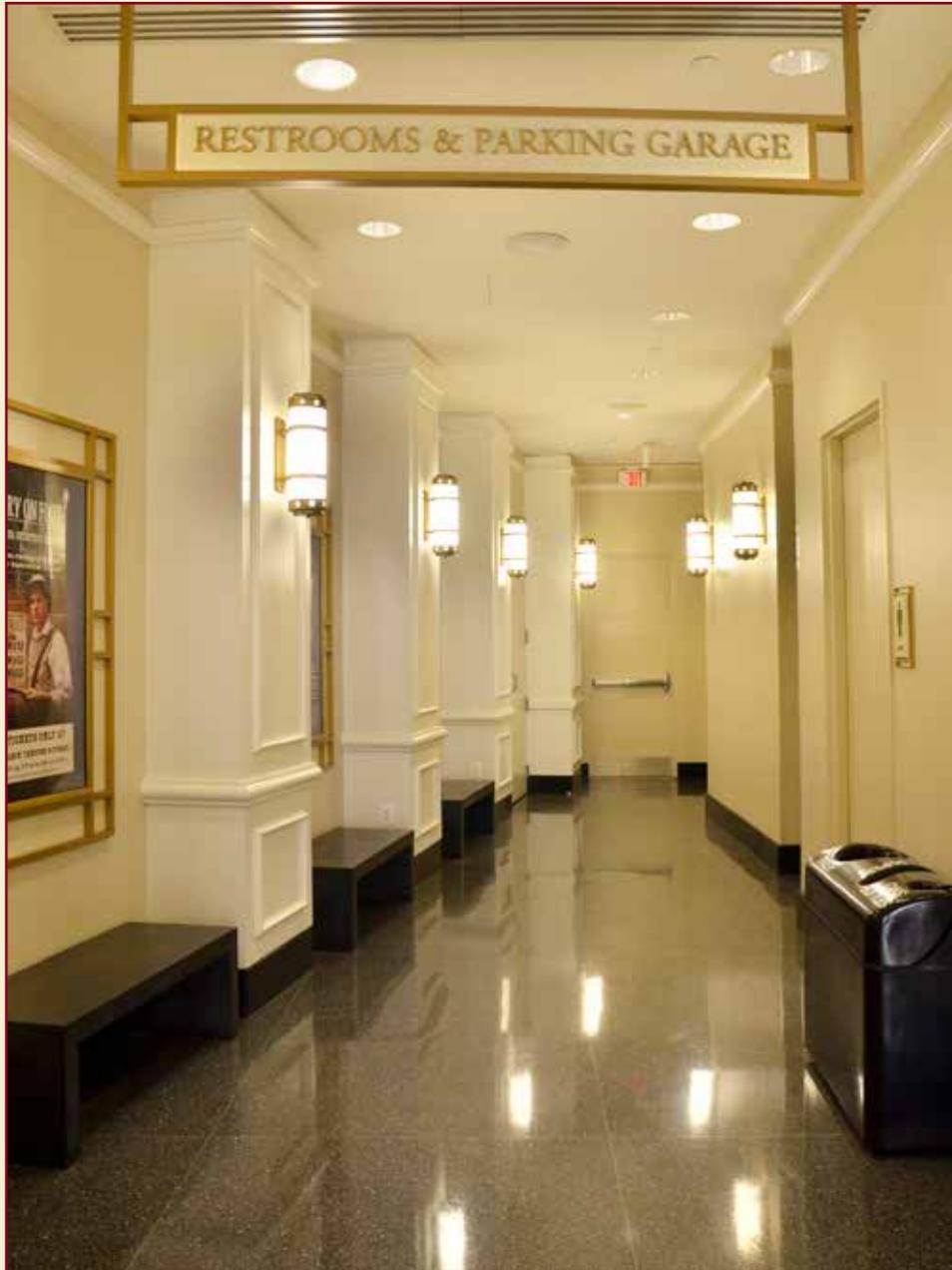


Photo by Carolina Dulcey.

**Bathrooms are down this hallway in the lobby.**

**I can use the bathroom anytime during my visit.**

**The hand dryers, faucets and toilets in the bathroom do not turn on or off automatically.**

# Museum



Photo by Carolina Dulcey.



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**If I am visiting the museum, I can walk down a stairway or take an elevator if I need to.**

**There are many cool things to see inside the museum.**

# In The Museum



Photos ©Maxwell MacKenzie.

I can explore the museum.

If I am visiting the theatre, too, I may hear a loud announcement when it is time to go to the theatre.

# Theatre



Photos by Carolina Dulcey.

**There are many doors to the theatre.**

**When I go inside the theatre, I will see a lot of seats and a stage.**

**Sometimes a National Park Service ranger stands on the stage and gives a talk about President Lincoln's death.**

# Presidential Box



Photo ©Maxwell MacKenzie.

**When I am inside the theatre, I will see a special area called the Presidential Box.**

**The Presidential Box is where President Abraham Lincoln sat in 1865.**

**It is decorated today just like it was for President Lincoln in 1865.**

**No one sits in the Box today. It is just a way to remember President Lincoln.**

# Leaving the Theatre



Photos by Carolina Dulcey.

**When I am done exploring, I will leave the theatre.**

**The lobby may be crowded with other people who are also leaving.**

**I may have to wait my turn to leave the theatre and the lobby.**

# Petersen House



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**After I visit the theatre, I can go to the Petersen House to see where President Lincoln died.**

**I might have to wait in line with other people.**

**If I want to take an elevator into the Petersen House, I can ask a staff member.**

# Death Room



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**When I go inside the Petersen House, I will see a few rooms.**

**The last room I will see is the room where President Lincoln died.**

**The ranger will help me if I have questions.**

# Aftermath Exhibits



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**I will take an elevator up to see more exhibits.**

**They will teach me all about what happened after President Lincoln died.**

# Aftermath Exhibits



Photo of the Lincoln funeral train ©Maxwell MacKenzie.

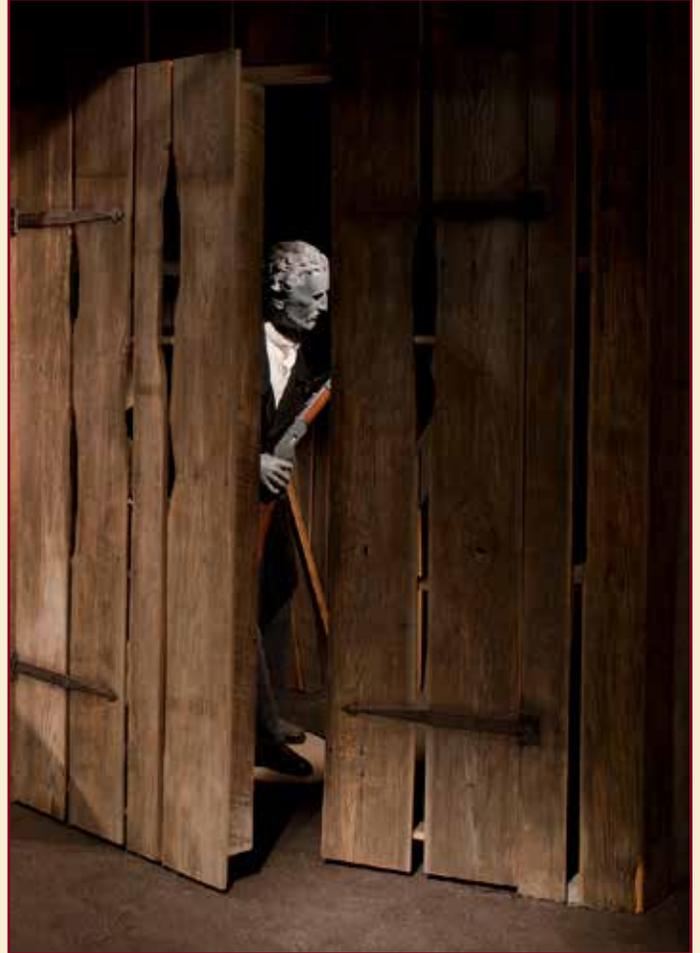


Photo of the tobacco barn ©Maxwell MacKenzie.

**I will see some things that might seem a little sad or maybe scary.**

**It is ok to be sad.**

**I might hear the sound of a gunshot from the tobacco barn on this floor. It is just pretend to help tell the story.**

# Book Tower



Photo by Gary Erskine.

I can take the stairs or the elevator when I'm ready to leave.

The stairs go around a tower of books.

I can look and take pictures, but I should not touch the books on my way out.

## **GOING TO FORD'S THEATRE – CREDITS**

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