

Group Tours are Welcomed!!

McFaddin-Ward House
Beaumont, Texas
Group Tour Policies and
Information
(409) 832-2134



Reservations: Groups consisting of more than eight guests should make reservations with the visitor center manager at least six weeks prior to the tour date **(409) 832-2134**. This will ensure availability of the museum and the proper number of docents.

Days and Hours

The museum is open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., **Tuesday through Saturday**.

The museum tour times are **Tuesday through Saturday** at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., and 1:30 p.m.

On **Sundays**, the museum is open from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and the first floor only is seen during the no-charge guided tours. No tour larger than eight may tour the museum on **Sundays**. Allow forty-five minutes. The museum is closed on **Mondays & major Holidays**. The Carriage House is only open on weekends.

Tour Descriptions and Fees**

“A” GUIDED TOUR:

Limited to 16 or fewer guests.

A guide will escort groups of eight or less through the first, second, and third floors of the museum. Allow ninety minutes. The fee for the tour is \$3.00 per person.

MODIFIED TOUR:

Groups larger than 16 guests.

Non-escorted tour. Rooms of the first and second floors will be roped off with a host/hostess on each floor to answer questions. Allow ninety minutes. The fee for this tour is \$2.00 per person.

**Please strive to have an accurate account when booking, as this will determine the tour type. We want to match the tour size with the best way to see the house within the allotted time.

The first floor – only -- of the McFaddin-Ward House is accessible to the physically challenged. There is a half-block walk from the visitor center to the house and six steps to reach the first floor of the house. People not able to handle the walking, or steps, or standing during the tour may stay at the visitor center or remain on the house’s porch to enjoy the breezes.

General Information and Touring Policy

All tours begin at the visitor center located at 1906 Calder Avenue and Third Street, Beaumont TX 77701.

Arrive ten minutes prior to the start of your tour.

The only public bathrooms are at the visitor center.

A ten minute orientation film precedes the tour.

The McFaddin-Ward House has a **small gift shop** in the lobby of the visitor center which carries post cards and publications.

There is no restaurant or vending machines. We can recommend restaurants and other tour sites.

- Children must be at least **eight years of age** to tour the museum.
- Guests arriving by bus are required to leave purses, cameras, backpacks, and bags on the bus.
- Guests arriving by car are required to leave purses, cameras, backpacks, and bags in cars or in self-lock lockers.
- Photos outside the house are encouraged. No professional or for-profit photos are permitted.
- Guests should wear low, broad-heeled shoes when touring for comfort –and -- to protect the museum’s floors and carpets. No spiked heels may be worn inside the house.

Directions: Travel I-10 to exit #852-A Calder. Turn east on Calder and travel one mile to the yellow-brick visitor center on the north side of the street. **Turn left at the traffic light at 4th Street and circle the block to drop off on the 3rd Street side** of the visitor center. **Then make 3 left turns to circle on 2nd Street** to park behind the visitor center and in front of the house on McFaddin Street for easier pick up in front of the house. Please do not block the curb cut-out immediately in front of the house.

Fees: Payment is to be in one payment with a check or in cash. The tour costs will be based on the larger amount between a) the anticipated number of guests two days prior to the tour or b) the actual number who arrive.

Confirm Arrival: Please call the visitor center manager at **(409) 832-2134** two days before the tour to confirm the date and the number of visitors.