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Social Story for Visiting Historic Kenmore

A guide to help prepare for your visit



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I am going to visit Historic Kenmore.



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I can drive to Historic Kenmore and park on a street near the property. I can also walk to Historic Kenmore if I live nearby.



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When I arrive, I will walk along the pathway to the Crowninshield Building Visitor Center.



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The Crowninshield Building is located to the left, down the path, after you enter the grounds on Washington Avenue. The entrance might be busy, but I can take my time before going inside.



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When I enter the visitor center, a friendly worker behind the visitor center desk will say hello to me.

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Admission

Guided Tour

of Historic Kenmore and Visitor's Center access

Adult 18+:	\$15
Student:	\$6
Under 6:	Free

Ask about our military and DAR discounts!

Visitor's Center

gallery spaces inside the Crowninshield Building

Adult 18+:	\$6
Student:	\$3
Under 6:	Free

Students 18 and up welcome with a valid ID!

Combo Ticket

Admission to both Historic Kenmore and Ferry Farm

Adult 18+:	\$25
Student:	\$10
Under 6:	Free

Visit both of our historic sites and save \$3!



The worker will ask what I would like to do at Historic Kenmore. If I am unsure, the worker will help me decide by explaining my options. After the worker has explained the various visitor-experience options, I will decide which option I would like to choose. I can explore the grounds, visit the visitor center, and/or tour the house.

If I am just visiting the grounds, I will not need to buy a ticket.

If I am visiting the visitor center, I will need to buy a visitor center pass.

If I buy a visitor center pass, I will also be able to walk around the grounds.

If I am touring Historic Kenmore, I will need to buy a house-tour ticket. If I buy a house-tour ticket, I will also be able to visit the visitor center and walk around the grounds.

If I buy a house-tour ticket, the attendant will tell me when the tour will begin.

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In the visitor center, I can see an exhibit on the history of Kenmore, including its collections, former inhabitants, builders, restoration and grounds. The exhibit includes objects from the past, pieces from Kenmore's collection, and art. While looking at the exhibit, I will keep my hands to myself and speak with an inside voice.



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In the visitor center, I can also choose to watch a 13-minute-long introductory video. The video has sound and moving images. It plays on a loop, so I may have to wait if I want to see it from the beginning. The video has English-language captions.

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If I buy a house-tour ticket, I will meet my guide inside the visitor center at the time the tour is scheduled to begin. There tour might have other visitors, but I can stand where I feel comfortable. The tour guide will begin telling us about Historic Kenmore.



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Next, the tour guide will take us to the house. To get to the house from the visitor center, I will follow my tour guide from the visitor center to the historic house.

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When we reach Kenmore, we will stand outside the house as the tour guide tells us more about it. Then, we will go inside. I will have to walk up a small set of stairs to enter the house. In the house, I will keep my hands to myself. I will not sit on any window seats or chairs unless the tour guide says I can. During the tour, I will listen while the tour guide is talking.

The tour guide will occasionally ask if I or anyone else has questions. If I have any questions, I can ask them at these points.



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My tour will last for about an hour. If I need a break, I can ask for one.



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Before I leave, I can visit the gift shop in the visitor center. If I want to buy anything, I will take it to the worker at the visitor center desk. The shop might have bright lights or different smells, so I can take my time while looking around.



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If I need to use the bathroom, I can go into the visitor center and turn left into a hallway that might feel narrow. There are bathrooms in this hallway.



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When it is time to leave Historic Kenmore, I will exit the property through one of the gates.



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I know what to expect, and I am ready to have a great visit! I am going to have a wonderful time at Historic Kenmore.