



Mendocino County Museum Visitor Behavior Policy

Mendocino County Museum supports a respectful and welcoming environment for visitors and employees. All Mendocino County Museum visitors will be asked to be respectful and considerate towards other visitors, Museum staff, and Museum facilities and its contents.

Visitors who violate this policy may be asked to leave the Museum.

Food or Drink

Consumption of food, candy, gum and beverages is not permitted in the Mendocino County Museum exhibit halls. Food or beverages may be consumed in designated areas like the Wonacott Room or Lobby. All food related trash must be disposed of in the proper receptacles.

Smoking is prohibited

In accordance with Government Code sections 7596 through 7597, smoking is prohibited inside the Mendocino County Museum building and entryways. Smoking is prohibited within 20 feet of any entrances/exits to the Mendocino County Museum.

Animals

Animals are not permitted anywhere in the Mendocino County Museum, with the exception of trained service animals.

Personal Property

For safety reasons, Mendocino County Museum reserves the right to restrict the following personal items from the Museum galleries: boxes, umbrellas, packages, large backpacks, large bags/purses, or other items that pose a safety risk or concern.

Dress Code

Being fully clothed, including shirt, shoes, and pants, dress, or skirt, is a requirement to visit the Mendocino County Museum.

Photography or Video Recording

No flash photography, video lighting, selfie sticks, tripods, drones, or other equipment is allowed on Mendocino County Museum property. No commercial photography is permitted without written permission and consent of the Mendocino County Museum. Special requests for the use of additional photography equipment must be submitted and approved with the written consent of Mendocino County Museum.

Museum Exhibits

To protect the Museum's collections touching artifacts is not permitted unless signage indicates otherwise. Please do not touch, lean, climb, sit, or place items on the exhibit platforms, interpretive panels, display cases or walls. For all open displays such as art or other items please keep a 12 inch distance from the art or objects.

Unattended Children

Children may not be left unattended or unaccompanied for any period of time. Children must be closely supervised by a responsible adult at all times. Carrying children on shoulders is prohibited.

Museum Furniture and Property

Furniture or property should remain in place, moving furniture is not permitted. Avoid putting feet on the furniture, and use the furniture or materials how it was intended.

Unsafe Behavior

Unsafe behavior such as roughhousing, climbing on furniture, running, or any potentially injurious action is prohibited.

Disruptive or Harassing Behavior

Mendocino County Museum does not permit disruptive or harassing behavior. The following disruptive or harassing behaviors are not permitted:

- Creating a disturbance such as excessive noise of any kind (yelling, playing/singing unauthorized music, or using other noisy or disturbing electronic devices), using abusive language or profanity, soliciting, or posting disturbing signs
- Sexual harassment or any overt sexual behavior, gestures or sounds
- Offensive touching
- Intimidation or making the other party uncomfortable
- Overt signs of substance abuse including drunkenness
- Sleeping or bringing bedding/sleeping bags or camping gear on the Museum grounds is prohibited
- Obstructing foot traffic or loitering at the entrance thereby causing a nuisance to those who are trying to visit the Museum or enter/exit the building
- Entering any non-public areas without authorization

- Using bikes, skateboards, scooters, skates anywhere in or on the Mendocino County Museum property
- Fighting, running, pushing, shoving, or any other rowdy or unsafe behavior
- Defacing Museum property

Criminal or Unlawful Behavior

The Mendocino County Museum retains the right to take any action necessary to ensure a safe and appropriate public environment for everyone. Mendocino County Museum will notify law enforcement authorities of any violations of federal, state or local ordinances that take place on the premises of the Mendocino County Museum. Unlawful behavior may include but is not limited to:

- Carrying unlawful weapons
- Assault
- Indecent exposure or sex acts
- Use of drugs or alcohol
- Damage to the Mendocino County Museum property
- Theft
- Attempted theft
- Public drunkenness or intoxication
- Public urination and defecation
- Brandishing a weapon
- Vandalism

Trespassing

Trespassing is prohibited. To trespass includes entering nonpublic areas of the Mendocino County Museum, failing to leave the Museum upon closing, being in the Museum before or after public hours without express permission from authorized Museum staff.