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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 to visit and explore the National Historic Site.**

**Ford's Theatre is the place where President Lincoln was assassinated in 1865. Today, it is a history museum and working theatre.**

**Ford's Theatre is a four-part campus that includes the museum, theatre, Petersen House, and Aftermath Exhibits.**

# Petersen House



Photos of Petersen House © Maxwell MacKenzie.

**The Petersen House is across the street from Ford's Theatre. It is where President Lincoln died in 1865.**

**There are three rooms to explore. None of the furniture is original, but it helps me imagine what the house would have looked like in 1865.**

**When I am finished in the Petersen House, I can go up the elevator to the 4th floor to explore more exhibits.**



# Aftermath Exhibits



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There are two exhibits where I can learn more about what happened after President Lincoln was assassinated.

The 4th Floor Exhibit tells the story of President Lincoln's funeral, and the manhunt for John Wilkes Booth.

The 3rd Floor Exhibit explores how President Lincoln is remembered in the United States and around the world.



# Book Tower



Photo of Ford's Theatre Book Tower © Maxwell MacKenzie.

**This book tower represents all of the books that have ever been written about President Lincoln. It was designed to be looked at, but not to be touched.**



# 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.**



# Lobby



Photo by Carolina Dulcey.

**When I get inside the building, I can check in for Ford's For Me in the lobby.**

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



# Bathrooms



Photo by Carolina Dulcey.

**Bathrooms are down this hallway. They are open anytime during my visit.**

**The paper towel dispensers, faucets and toilets in the bathroom are automatic. The automatic toilets may be loud and surprise me.**

**The bathrooms on the balcony level do not have automatic faucets or toilets.**

**There are water fountains near the elevator on the balcony level.**

# Museum



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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, like videos and artifacts.



# In the Museum



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I can explore the museum with my family or do the activities.



# Theatre



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

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



# Presidential Box



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**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



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**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.**



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

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