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Michigan Historical Museum admission fee for youth changes effective Oct. 1

Effective Oct. 1, 2013, the Michigan Historical Museum in downtown Lansing will begin charging a \$2 admission fee for youths ages 6 to 17, including school children as part of tour groups. Previously, the \$2 fee was optional for youths. All other fees, instituted in 2011, remain unchanged.

“Admission fees support education programs, visitor services, exhibits and public programs,” said Michigan Historical Center Director Sandra Clark. “The museum’s business model relies on supplementing state funding with earned revenue, grants and private support through the Michigan History Foundation.”

General admission fees for the Michigan Historical Museum are free for children through age 5; \$2 for youth ages 6-17; \$6 for adults ages 18-64; and \$4 for seniors age 65 and older. Annual passes are available, and there is no admission charge on Sundays. The museum sometimes has free admission on Saturdays in conjunction with special programs that are partially underwritten by businesses and organizations. Additionally, admission to the Archives of Michigan and the Library of Michigan, housed in the same building, remain free.

There are a number of ways to save money on admission fees at the museum, Clark noted. If you purchased a state park [Recreation Passport](#) as part of your motor vehicle renewal, it can be used to receive \$2 off up to four adult admission fees any time you visit. Museum visitors can also purchase an annual membership at the museum for \$40 for an individual or \$50 for a family, giving them unlimited visits each year.

Built in 1989, the Michigan Historical Museum features five levels of galleries and exhibits that highlight Michigan's history. A popular destination for school groups, the museum hosts approximately 70,000 students a year on school field trips.

The museum is located at 702 W. Kalamazoo St., two blocks east of M.L. King Jr. Boulevard.

The Michigan Historical Center is part of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Its museum and archival programs help people discover, enjoy and find inspiration in their heritage. It includes the Michigan Historical Museum, 10 regional museums, Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve, and the Archives of Michigan. Learn more at www.michigan.gov/michiganhistory.

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