

Michigan Historical Museum

Non-Commercial Photography Policy

Personal photography (cellphones, tablets and/or handheld cameras) for private use is permitted in the museum and on the grounds. Photographs may not be published, sold or otherwise distributed for commercial purposes.*

To provide for the safety of our visitors and to protect our collections and exhibits, please follow these guidelines when photographing at the museum.

- Photography must be conducted without disruption to Museum operations or limitation to the accessibility of exhibits, entrances/exits, doorways, and high traffic areas.
- Guests and photographers are not permitted to enter exhibits or touch/handle artifacts; props and/or equipment are also not permitted in exhibits or touching artifacts.
- Flash photography is not permitted at any time.
- Extra lights, umbrellas or other bulky professional equipment (including extension cords) is not permitted.
- Tripods or monopods are permitted and should be carried vertically throughout the museum to minimize risk to exhibits, collections and visitors.
- To help preserve outdoor and indoor sculptures or art, please do not climb, sit, stand on, or handle these items. Do not place props or equipment on their surfaces.
- Wedding parties or groups of a similar nature are limited to 10 people in their party, including the photographer.
- Photography for wedding parties or similar groups may spend up to 1.5 hours photographing in the museum; there is no limit on time spent on the grounds.
- Groups or individuals visiting specifically to take photographs are still subject to the current admission rates for themselves and every member of their group.

The Michigan Historical Museum reserves the right to withhold or withdraw permission to photograph on the premises for any reason. Museum staff or security has the authority to approach and verify the intent of photography and to enforce the photo policy.

I acknowledge that I have received a copy of this document and agree to abide by these guidelines.

Name (printed) _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Date of Photography: _____

* Commercial use includes any commercial venture that intends to publish, sell, reproduce, transfer, distribute or otherwise commercially exploit images of the museum and its collections and exhibits. Visitors may use images from their visits to post on personal social media sites or for other personal, non-commercial uses.