

Adult Visit Guidelines

The
Nelson-Atkins
Museum
of Art

DIRECTIONS

NOTE: If you are driving a bus, please go up Oak Street to 45th Street to get to the Museum Plaza entrance.

From the Northwest or KCI Airport

Interstate 29 South
Connect with Interstate 35 South —
Follow directions below

From the Northeast

Interstate 35 South to Hwy 71 South,
Exit — at Emanuel Cleaver II Blvd
(AKA – 47th Street)
Turn right on Emanuel Cleaver II Blvd
Turn right on Oak Street
(Next street after Rockhill Road)
Parking Garage entrance is on Oak Street
just north of building

From the West

Interstate 70 East
Exit — Interstate 670 East
Exit — interstate 35 South
Left lane Exit — Southwest Traffic way
Traveling south from approximately 31st Street
to 47th Street
Look for brown directional signs
Left on Emanuel Cleaver II Blvd (AKA – 47th Street)
Left on Oak Street (Next light after Main Street)
Parking Garage Entrance is on Oak Street
just north of building

From the East

Interstate 70 West
Exit — 35 South (See directions From the West)

From the Southwest

Interstate 35 North
Exit — Shawnee Mission Pkwy/Hwy 50 (Hwy 56 in
KS)
taking a right heading East
Continue on same road which will become Ward
Pkwy
heading east and it will become Volker Blvd.
Left on Oak Street (Next light after Main Street)
Parking Garage Entrance is on Oak Street
just North of building

From the Southeast

From Interstate 435 going either direction
Exit — Hwy 71 North (Bruce R. Watkins Dr.)
Exit — Swope Pkwy
Left (West) on Swope Pkwy
(which will become Volker Blvd)
Right on Oak Street (next light after Rockhill Rd)
Parking Garage Entrance is on Oak Street
just North of building

MUSEUM ENTRANCES AND EXITS

Bus Drop-Off and Pick-Up: If your group is arriving by bus, you may be dropped off in front of the Bloch Building at the Plaza revolving door entrance.

PARKING

Buses: Bus parking is limited to designated areas on Oak Street.

Vans: Parking is available in the Museum garage Wednesdays through Fridays for a fee of \$5 per vehicle. Limited free parking is available in the northeast parking lot.

Personal Vehicles: Parking is available in the Museum garage Wednesdays through Fridays for a fee of \$5 per vehicle unless you are a Museum member. Limited parking is available on the west side of Oak Street.

VISIT GUIDELINES

Contacts

Adult Tours | Tours@nelson-atkins.org

Tour Times

Punctuality is very important to tours due to gallery capacity and other tours. Please be on time and have the group leader check-in at the Visitor Service Desk located in the Bloch Lobby.

Note: If a group is late for a tour the tour will still end at the original time.

Self-Guided Tours:

The Museum highly recommends docent tours, but if you are unable to schedule one a planned visit with specific areas and objectives is strongly encouraged. Please bring the Self-Guided Tour Information Form enclosed in your confirmation materials with you when you visit the Museum

Note: When visiting our galleries, please respect our Docent and Museum Guide-led tours. If you see a guide trying to get to a specific work of art, kindly move to another area of the gallery.

Featured Exhibition Tickets

If you are taking a Docent-led or Self-Guided tour you are responsible for purchasing your own ticket at the Visitor Services Desk or by calling 816-751-1ART.

Cancellations or changes

When necessary, please contact the tour schedule two days in advance of a cancellation. If numbers to your group change please contact one week in advance. You will be emailed that your cancellation has been received.

Adult Tour cancellations email Tours@nelson-atkins.org

Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather, the Museum will close if the University of Missouri Kansas City (UMKC) closes. Visit the museum website or call 816-751-1ART to confirm that the museum is closed.

Event Planning Lunch Reservations: Rozzelle Court offers a lovely and unique dining experience. Please contact event planning by phone or email for more information on food options.

816.751.1234 | events@nelson-atkins.org

Museum Manners

- Look but do not touch the art.
- Use pencils while in the museum.
- Leave coats, backpacks, and bags on the bus or check them at Coat Check in the Bloch Lobby
- Food, drink, candy and gum are prohibited in the galleries.
- Stay with your guide.
- Photography is welcome in the permanent collection galleries, but please do not use a flash.
- Use cell phones only in Kirkwood Hall, Bloch Lobby and food service areas.
- Be considerate of others.
- Arrive on time.

Special Needs/ Accessibility

The Museum's galleries are accessible to adults with disabilities. Please notify the Museum as soon as possible if you have any adults with special needs. Giving advance notice will make the visit more enjoyable for all.