

James J. Hill House

# A Social Story



JAMES J. HILL  
HOUSE

# Starting my visit



## James J. Hill House

I am going to the James J. Hill House. It is a mansion that used to be the home of a railroad owner and his family.





## Entering the Museum

When I get there, I will walk up some stairs and open the door. The area I will walk into is very small. The next door leads into a small hallway, and I will be able to see the front desk to my left. The doors might be heavy, and they are very old, so I will be careful on my way inside.





## Admission

I will begin my visit by checking in at the front desk. I may have to wait in line. After I have either checked in or purchased tickets, I will go into the gift shop. While I wait for the tour, I can look at the art gallery and other items on the floor.





## Coat Room

Some parts of the house get very warm. If I bring a coat, I can choose to leave it in the coat room. Nobody watches the coat room, so I will bring any valuables with me on the floor.



## Rest Rooms

There are restrooms on the second floor of the house and in the basement. Signs that look like these will be by the doors. I can use the restroom before or after my tour starts. I can tell the guide if I need to use the restroom during the tour.<sup>a</sup>

# Showing museum manners

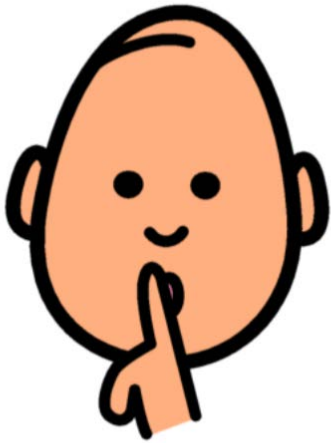




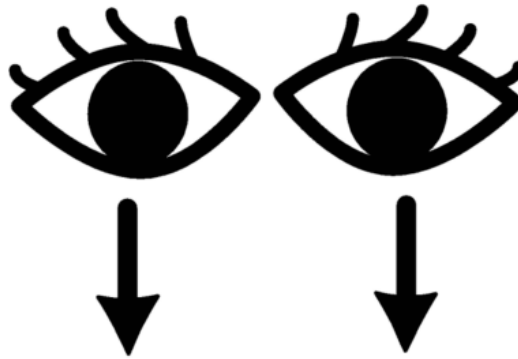
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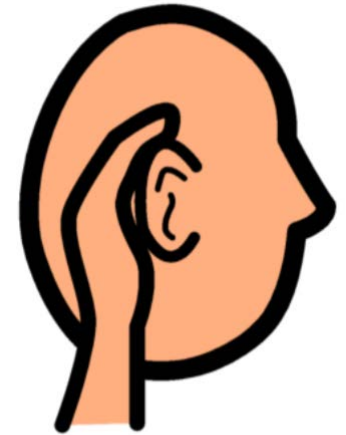
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**look**



**listen**

## **Museum Manners**

I will remember to follow the rules at the James J. Hill House. I will keep my hands to myself, stay with my group and listen quietly during the tour.



## Museum Staff

I can try to have lots of fun at the James J. Hill House. If I get lost or have a question, I can ask the museum staff for help. They are nice and want to help me have a good time at the museum.



# Touring the house



## Starting the Tour

When it is time for the tour to begin, I will go into the room across the hall from the gift shop. There will be a sign outside the room that says "tours start here." I can either sit or stand while the guide tells me a little bit more about James J. Hill and the Hill House.

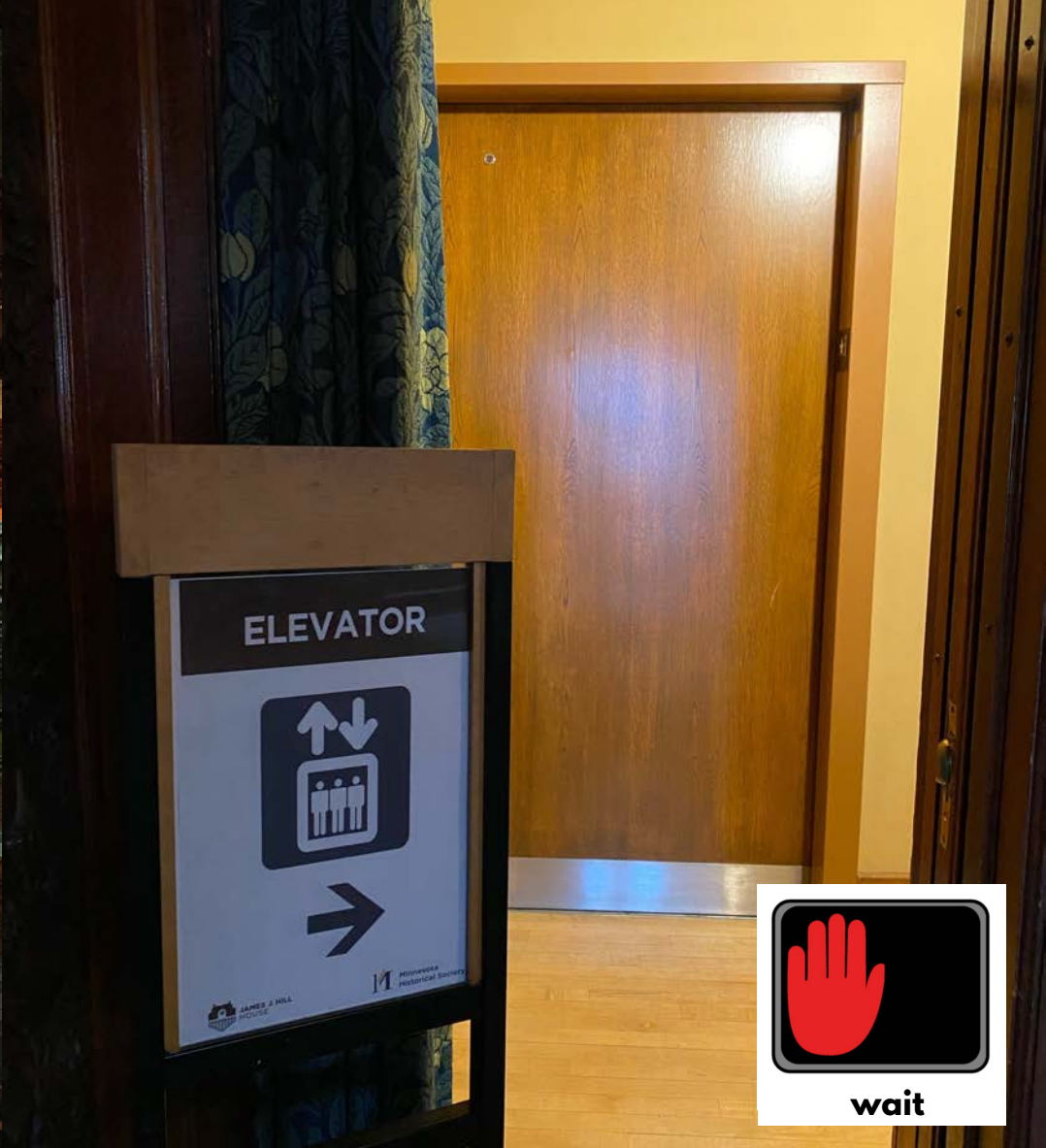




## The Tour

The guide will take me and my group through the Hill House. The house is very big, and I won't see all the rooms on the tour. I will listen quietly to the guide, stay with the group, and look with my eyes.





## The Stairs and Elevator

The guide will take my group to four different floors of the house, so I will have to go up and down the stairs multiple times. If stairs are hard, I can ask the guide to use the elevator. The Hill House staff are the only ones who can operate the elevator. They will help me get to the next part of the tour.

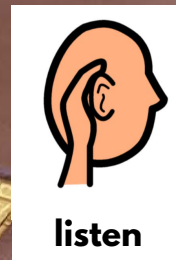




## Tour Timing

The tour will be about one (1) hour long. The guide will decide how long we spend in each room. I will hear lots of information about James J. Hill, his family, his house and his business. I can ask the guide questions about those things. The guide will be happy to answer my questions.

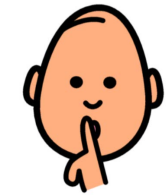




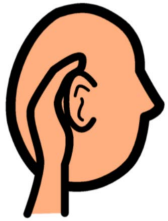
## The Hill Bedrooms

In Mr. and Mrs. Hill's bedrooms, there is a constant noise that might make it hard for me to pay attention. It is not very loud, and we will not be in these rooms for very long. If it is bothering me, I can wait by the activity room for the rest of my group.





quiet



listen

## The Schoolroom

When the tour is about half way done, the guide will bring my group into the schoolroom on the third floor to tell us more about the Hill children and grandchildren. Here, I can sit down and drink some water if I would like to.





## Breakfast Room and Kitchen

The breakfast room will have music from the early 1900s playing quietly. If these noises bother me, I can ask the guide to turn them off. There will be quiet cooking noises playing in the kitchen in the basement.





## The Basement

In the basement, there is a machine called an Annunciator Board. The guide will ask the group if they want to see a demonstration of the sound the machine makes. It is a very loud noise, but I will be warned before it happens.





## After the Tour

When the tour is over, I can stay and look around the first floor and the second floor landing. There is an activity room on the second floor where I can sit down and do the activity laid out on the tables.



**We look  
forward to  
your visit!**