

# A Visit to the History Museum of Mobile

## Social Narrative



**HISTORY MUSEUM OF MOBILE**

*Our story starts here*



You are going to the History Museum of Mobile today. There are lots of interesting things to see.  
The objects on display are called artifacts. They were made or used by people in the past.



The first thing you will see is the front door to the museum.  
After you enter the front door, you see the front desk.

You or someone with you will pay admission at the front desk.  
There may be a line of people in front of you waiting to pay.



After you pass the stairs, you will enter the atrium.  
Inside the atrium, you will see a tall statue of Marianne. To the right of the statue, there is a carriage gallery. The air is kept cool inside the History Museum.  
You may need to put on your sweater.



Next, inside the carriage gallery, you will hear street sounds of historical Mobile. Behind the carriage gallery, there is a silver display in a hallway. This hallway is often quieter and less crowded than other places in the museum, and would be a good place to sit and rest.





After leaving the carriage gallery, you will enter Old Days New Ways. There, you will hear bird song and other nature sounds. A series of rooms make up this gallery to tell the story of the city of Mobile in chronological order. The first room, begins the story with Native Peoples and European colonists.



In the next part of the exhibit, you will enter a smaller, darker, area that is made to resemble a slave ship. You will hear the sounds of the ship: the ocean, the ship creaking, and people speaking in African languages.



On the other side of the ship, there is a room that focuses on Mobile during the 1800s. There are interactive buttons you may press that play recorded voices of people speaking about life in historical Mobile. The voices begin suddenly and may be startling.





As you make your way through the exhibit, you will pass by a large freight elevator that can be noisy while it is in use. The exhibit will lead you through a tunnel that represents the Bankhead tunnel. The tunnel leads you to the Wartime Theater. You may choose to watch a film from WWII era inside the theater.



After exploring the story of Mobile during WWII, you will have the opportunity to learn more about the Civil Rights movement in Mobile. There are videos playing in a display about John Leflore, a local Civil Rights leader.



As you exit the timeline of Mobile History, you will see a staircase that leads to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. There is also an elevator in the lobby. Here is the exhibit at the top of the stairs.





Some of the exhibits on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor are noisy.  
There are buttons you may press that play music from Mobile's famous musicians.

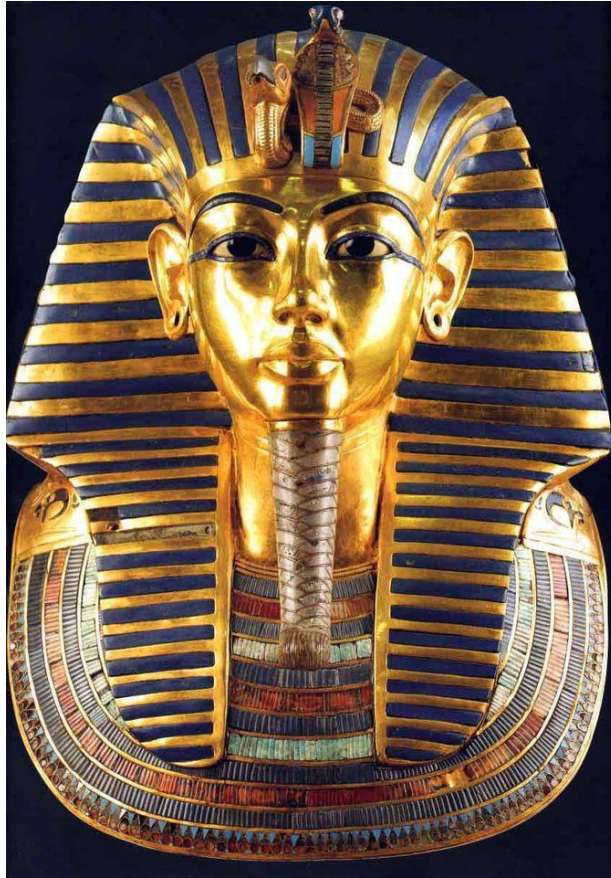




Past the music and Mardi Gras section, you will find a room filled with crates of gunpowder. When the red button is pressed, there are flashing lights and the sounds of an explosion. This is followed by a voice explaining the Magazine Explosion of 1865.

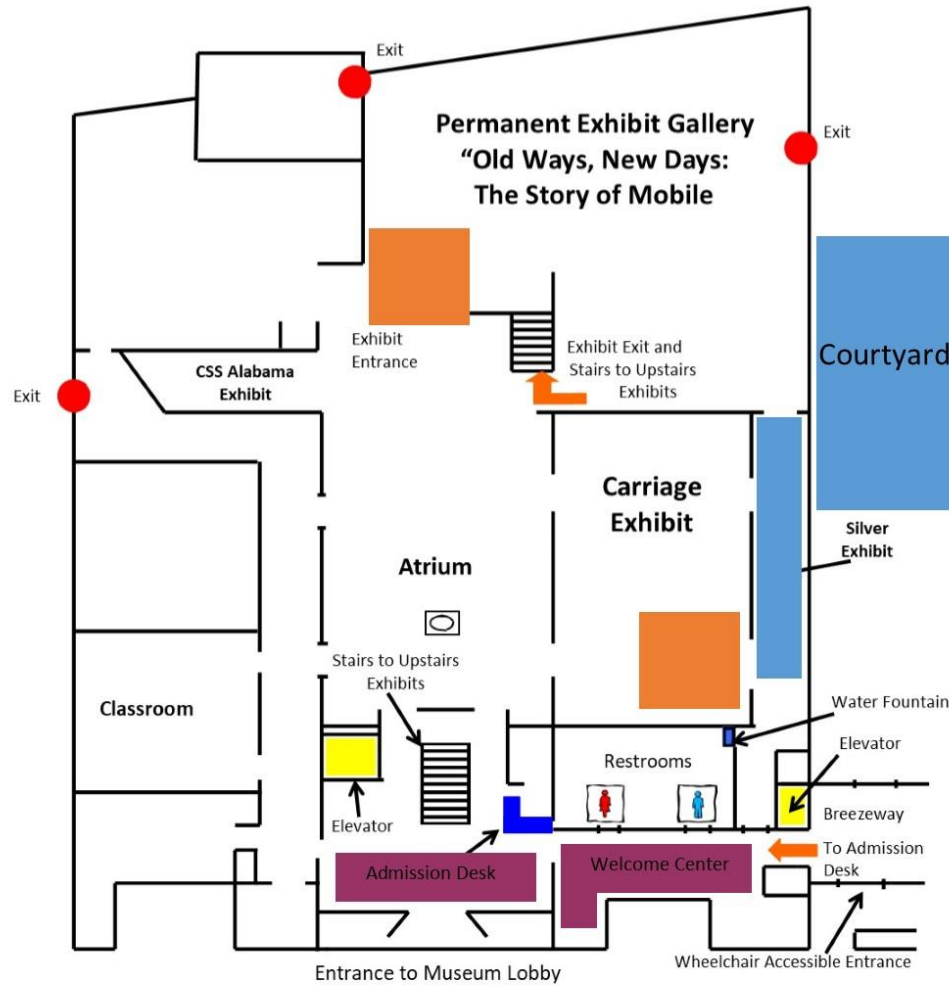


There are lots of things to see and do upstairs. Here is a model of a submarine called the C.S.S. Hunley that you may climb inside if you want.



The changing exhibit gallery may have something new and different each time you visit, as the museum brings in traveling exhibits from different parts of the world.





## First Floor Map

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- Spaces that tend to be crowded
- Spaces with ambient sounds

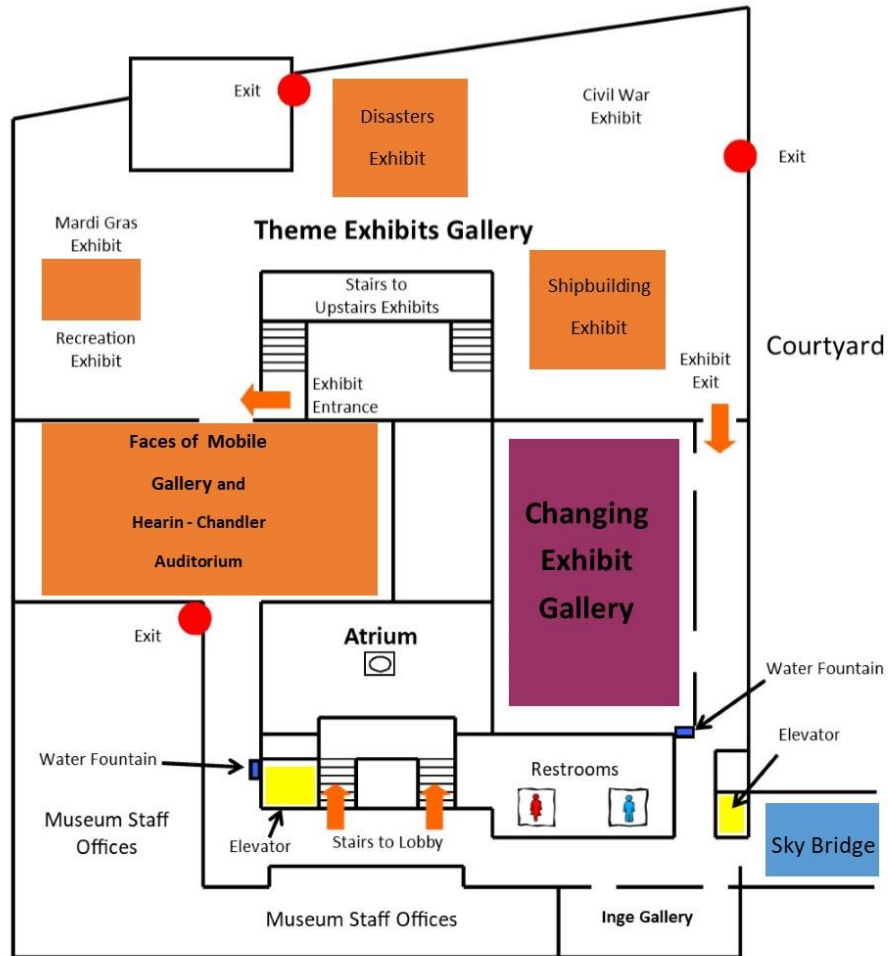
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