

TOURS AND RESOURCES

For more about Museum programs, check the information screens in East Building's entrance lobby, or visit ncartmuseum.org.

FREE PUBLIC TOURS

No reservations needed. Please meet your guide at the West Building Information Desk.

Explore the Collection
Tuesday–Friday 1:30 PM
Saturday and Sunday 11:30 AM and 1:30 PM

Museum highlights for individuals and groups smaller than 10.

Friday Night Sound Bites

Friday 6 PM and 7 PM
Casual exploration of a single work of art. Theme changes weekly.

Meet Your Museum Tours

Saturday and Sunday 12:30 PM and 2:30 PM
Fifty-minute introduction to the Museum buildings, central Plaza, and related works of art.

Weekend Family-Friendly Tours

Saturday and Sunday 10:30 AM
Half-hour tours for kids ages 5–11 and their adult companions. Themes change monthly.

GROUP TOURS

For adult groups of 10 or more and student/youth groups. Please make reservations at least four weeks in advance. Select foreign language tours available on request. For details see ncartmuseum.org/tours.

AUDIO PROGRAMS

Two audio experiences are offered to visitors in a variety of formats. Audio programs are sponsored by:



The Cell Phone Tour provides casual remarks by Museum curators, educators, and invited scholars about works in the Museum galleries and Park. Access the full indoor-outdoor tour by calling (919) 327-1533 on your own cell phone. Or you may rent the audio wand, which features the indoor portion of the tour. Rentals are available at the West Information Desk for \$3 (free for members). Also available in Spanish.

The Sound Track Experience is an innovative audio program that uses sound to help you discover your own interpretations of works in the collection. Access this free tour by renting an audio player from the West Information Desk.

FOR FAMILIES

TOUR-IN-A-TOTE

Pick up a tote and encounter works of art in a kid-friendly, hands-on way. This free resource can be checked out at the West Information Desk. Also available in Spanish.

MAKING FACES ACTIVITY GUIDE

Meet some of the faces in our collection, and draw portraits of your own. This free resource and a pencil can be picked up at the West Information Desk.

WHAT'S IN THE BOX? ACTIVITY CARDS

For ages 2 to 5. Explore art through six themes: animals, people, places, seasons/nature, movement, and parts of art. Available at the West Information Desk and in East Building Education Wing.

VISITOR GUIDELINES

Please do not touch the works of art, as natural oils from hands and fingers can significantly damage these treasured objects. Thanks for your cooperation.

Check large items and bags at the coat lockers behind the Information Desk in either building. Strollers are welcome in the Museum; however, their use may be restricted near fragile art or in busy galleries.

No food, beverages, candy, or gum in the galleries.

Sketching is permitted except in select special exhibitions. Sketching permits can be obtained at the Information Desk.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography of special exhibitions is not permitted, with some exceptions. Still photography of the permanent collection is permitted on condition the photographs are for personal, noncommercial use. Tripods and video cameras are prohibited. The use of selfie sticks is prohibited in galleries and during performances in the Museum Park Theater.

Commercial photography is not allowed except in special circumstances. Visit ncartmuseum.org to read the Commercial Photography and Filming Policy.



MUSEUM PARK

Encompassing 164 acres, the Museum Park is among the largest art museum parks in the world. Its three miles of recreational trails connect to the Capital Area Greenway's 100+ mile system. Discover dramatic sculptures by riding bicycles, walking dogs, or wandering along paths through a forest or meadow. The Park is open daily, dawn to dusk.

MUSEUM PARK THEATER

The Joseph M. Bryan, Jr., Theater in the Museum Park is a work of art itself. Designed by artist Barbara Kruger, with architects and landscape architects, it is a unique performing arts and film venue. Each summer it hosts an outdoor performance series—an eclectic blend of quality offerings to suit every age and taste, from the best in popular music and family entertainment to blockbuster movies under the stars. Picnics are welcome, and food service is available. Visit ncartmuseum.org for a schedule of events.

EAST BUILDING

East Building is the site of exhibitions, the North Carolina Gallery, our seasonal film series, additional contemporary galleries, and the Art Reference Library. In the entrance lobby, you'll find the Membership and Information Desk and the Box Office, open during regular Museum hours.

LEVEL A

NORTH CAROLINA GALLERY

The North Carolina Gallery features exhibitions of work by notable North Carolina artists, presenting both emerging and established artists in rotating solo and group shows.

CONTEMPORARY GALLERIES

Contemporary installations in East Building include works from the permanent collection, loans, video art, and photography.

EDUCATION GALLERY

The North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation Education Gallery showcases artwork by North Carolina students of all ages. Shows rotate throughout the year.

AUDITORIUM AND EDUCATION STUDIOS

In addition to lectures, engaging slide presentations, and chamber music concerts, the SECU Auditorium is home to annual spring, fall, and winter film series. Workshops and education programs are held in the Duke Energy Education studio 1 and studio 2, while special exhibition-related programs are featured in studio 3, on level B.

LEVEL B

EXHIBITION GALLERIES

Tour a special exhibition in one of our galleries devoted to temporary shows. On this level you'll also find the video gallery and the Audubon Gallery.

LEVEL C

BLUE RIDGE ATRIUM

This space is used for Museum programs and exhibition-related activities. It may also be rented for corporate and community meetings and special events. Call the director of special events at (919) 664-6839.

SECU DISTANCE LEARNING CENTER

This space is equipped with the latest technology to share the Museum's programs and resources with audiences across the state and beyond.

LEVEL O

(ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE LEVEL)

ART REFERENCE LIBRARY

Tuesday–Friday 10 AM–4 PM

In addition to serving the research needs of the NCMA staff, the Art Reference Library is open to the public. Its vast collection of over 40,000 fine-art books, catalogues, and art-related periodicals is noncirculating; visitors may browse open stacks and use reference materials during Library hours.



THE NCMA: INSIDE AND OUT

The North Carolina Museum of Art comprises two buildings, East and West, and a Museum Park. Admission to the NCMA, inside and out, is always free. Admission is charged for special exhibitions and programs.

MUSEUM AND BOX OFFICE

Tuesday–Thursday, Saturday–Sunday 10 AM–5 PM, Friday 10 AM–9 PM
(919) 839-NCMA
Box Office (919) 715-5923

Membership Department

(919) 664-6754

Museum Store

OPEN DURING MUSEUM HOURS
(919) 664-6784

Iris Restaurant

Tuesday–Saturday 11:30 AM–2 PM, Friday 5:30–10 PM (last seating 8:30 PM)
Sunday 10:30 AM–2:30 PM
Reservations (919) 664-6838

Art Reference Library

Tuesday–Friday 10 AM–4 PM

Museum Park

OPEN EVERY DAY, DAWN TO DUSK

NORTH CAROLINA MUSEUM OF ART

2110 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh, NC 27607
ncartmuseum.org



ACCESSIBILITY

Wheelchairs and rollators are available at the Information Desk. Family restrooms are available. Special tours can be arranged by calling (919) 664-6820, at least four weeks in advance. Assistive listening devices are available for lectures and gallery talks with two weeks' notice: call (919) 664-6808.

The NCMA is an agency of the Department of Cultural Resources, Susan W. Kluttz, secretary.

VISITOR GUIDE



North Carolina Museum of Art

WELCOME TO THE NORTH CAROLINA MUSEUM OF ART

This is a museum where you can find your own place—in contemplative spaces or lively, engaging tours; performing arts; and family workshops. We invite you to create your own captivating experience each time you visit.

WEST BUILDING

The home of the NCMA's permanent collection, West Building also houses Iris restaurant, the Museum Store, and the Rodin Court and Garden.

PERMANENT COLLECTION

Savor a different kind of art museum experience. In beautiful daylight galleries, you can explore ancient Egyptian artifacts and renowned European Old Master paintings, African and Judaic works of art, and innovative contemporary art—all part of the international collection of one of the premier cultural institutions in the Southeast.

RODIN COURT AND GARDEN

The Southeast's largest collection of sculpture by Auguste Rodin is presented in the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Court and Garden. The garden offers a restful oasis and an opportunity for reflection on the remarkable work of one of the greatest sculptors of the human form.

MUSEUM STORE

OPEN DURING MUSEUM HOURS
After exploring the wonders of the NCMA, take home a treasure for yourself or those on your gift list. The Museum Store features unique jewelry, glass, books, cards, scarves, prints, and commissioned works created solely for the NCMA by local and international designers and artisans. You can also shop online at ncartmuseum.org/store.

IRIS RESTAURANT

HOURS: Tuesday–Saturday
11:30 AM–2 PM

Friday dinner 5:30–10 PM
(last seating 8:30 PM)

Sunday 10:30 AM–2:30 PM

Dine casually on fresh, innovative cuisine in a contemporary atmosphere. Chefs Andy and Jennifer Hicks specialize in seasonal fare, using many local ingredients, to create classic dishes with a surprising southern twist. Iris serves lunch, dinner on Fridays, and a popular weekend brunch.

ART IN THE EVENING

Friday 5:30–8:30 PM

The perfect start to your weekend. Share small plates with friends. Wander the galleries. Relax with a glass of wine and live music from local bands.

No reservations required for music, food, and drink in the lounge.

IRIS SIP

OPEN DURING MUSEUM HOURS
Serving hot coffee, cold drinks, grab-and-go-meals, pastries, and snacks. Located adjacent to the Museum Store in West Building.

