

ALL PROGRAMS CUSTOMIZED TO GRADE LEVEL AND ARE OFFERED AT NO COST

1 FIRST STATE HERITAGE PARK WELCOME CENTER & GALLERIES

BEGIN YOUR JOURNEY HERE!

Free all-day parking and restrooms are available.

2 DELAWARE PUBLIC ARCHIVES

BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE ARCHIVES

Grades: 1st - 12th (30 - 45 Minute Tour)

This behind the scenes tour of the Delaware Public Archives will give students the opportunity to go inside the vaults and learn how the Archives preserves the historic papers and photographs that tell the story of Delaware's history and culture. The students will also see how the staff cleans and protects the millions of documents stored within the facility.

3 LEGISLATIVE HALL

A CAPITOL EXPERIENCE AT LEGISLATIVE HALL

Grades: 4th - 12th (30-45 Minute Tour)

Based on grade level, students will learn about the branches or levels of government, and representation. The primary focus is Dover as the capital of Delaware and Legislative Hall as the capitol in Dover. Explore the great halls of the Delaware Capitol, including the House and Senate Chambers.

**Photo IDs required for 18 and over*

4 BIGGS MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART

Please call us for more information on programs.

MEET THE BIGGS MUSEUM

Grades: Pre-K - 12th (30-45 Minute Program)

DELAWARE HISTORY IN ART

Grades: Pre-K - 12th (30-45 Minute Program)

POTRAITURE

Grades: Pre-K - 12th (30-45 Minute Program)

THE HAND BEHIND THE BRUSH

Grades: Pre-K - 12th (30-45 Minute Program)

THE DIARY OF MASKELL EWING

Grades: 5th - 8th (30-45 Minute Program)



Park Sites:

- 1 First State Heritage Park Welcome Center & Galleries
- 2 Delaware Public Archives
- 3 Legislative Hall: The State Capitol
- 4 Biggs Museum of American Art
- 5 The Old State House
- 6 John Bell House
- 7 Johnson Victrola Museum



Public Restrooms



Free all-day parking

5 THE OLD STATE HOUSE

A BALANCING ACT:

DELAWARE AND THE CONSTITUTION

Grades: 5th - 12th (45 Minute Program)

Students will participate in and understand the legislative process through participating in an interactive program at The Old State House based on the process of passing a law through the branches of government.

THEN AND NOW

Grades: Pre-K - 3rd (30 Minute Program)

While examining everyday objects used by people in the colonial period, students will be able to compare and contrast historical items with their modern counterparts within the context of The Old State House.

FREEDOM

Grades: 4th - 12th (45 Minute Program)

Students can experience the fight for and against freedom by enslaved African Americans and those who knew them through stories, artifacts, documents and the examination of Delawareans in history, in the location where the events took place, The Old State House.

THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE

Grades: 4th - 12th (30-45 Minute Tour)

Students will explore Delaware's historic capitol, The Old State House, and its many functions through the years including a view of Delaware governments in the past. The locations where the branches of government historically conducted business will be pointed out on the building tour.

7 JOHNSON VICTROLA MUSEUM

THE WONDERFUL TALKING MACHINE

Grades: 5th - 12th (30-45 Minute Program)

Students will examine the development of recorded sound, its social effects and the technologies involved at the Johnson Victrola Museum and will be able to watch demonstrations of authentic talking machines.

JOHNSON AND THE GOLDEN AGE OF MUSIC

Grades: 6th - 12th (30-45 Minute Program)

Students will examine musical artists and their social and political impacts. They will compare and contrast contemporary and modern musicians' viewpoints.

6 JOHN BELL HOUSE

GROWING UP IN THE 18TH CENTURY

Grades: Pre-K - 6th (30 Minute Program)

What was it like to be a child in the 18th century? It was very different from what children know about today and yet the same! Inside the John Bell House, students will learn about 18th-century Delaware life as contrasted with modern life using reproduction artifacts and clothing with the opportunity to play games from the past.

WALKING TOURS OF THE GREEN

Grades: 6th - 12th (45 Minute Tours)

Each walking tour will take place around The Green in Dover, led by a historical interpreter in period dress. Tours begin at the John Bell House.

TALES OF SLAVERY AND FREEDOM

Learn about Delaware's complicated position as a border state regarding freedom and slavery, and its role during the Civil War.

WOMEN OF THE GREEN

Many women were innkeepers, political leaders and social figures throughout the history of The Green. Learn about the lives and contributions of these often forgotten figures.

HEROES OF THE REVOLUTION

Dover was a hotbed of revolutionary and loyalist activity during the struggle for American Independence.

STORIES OF THE GREEN

For 300 years, The Green has been the center of commerce, politics, and civic life in Dover. The Green reveals the people and events that left their mark on Dover's history.

THEN AND NOW AT THE JOHNSON VICTROLA MUSEUM

Grades: Pre-K - 3rd (30 Minute Program)

While examining everyday objects, students will learn about the history of recorded sound by comparing and contrasting historical items with their modern counterparts at the Johnson Victrola Museum.

THE MAN AND HIS MACHINES

Grade: 4th (30-45 Minute Tour)

Students will examine the history of recorded sound through developing a chronology, participation in interactive activities and watching demonstrations at the Johnson Victrola Museum.

BOOKING YOUR FIELD TRIP

First State Heritage Park provides educational programs consistent with the Social Studies Curriculum of Delaware. All of our interpreters are trained for the tour season to provide an authentic experience for your students. We offer a variety of different options that can be designed to meet your classroom needs. There are several different locations within the park that can be utilized for tours on your visit. In addition to site tours, we also offer subject-specific walking tours and educational programs that can be combined in a variety of ways to enhance your curriculum.

Remember:

- Site access, tours, and programs are all FREE!
- Book early to get your preferred date.
- All programs can be customized based upon grade level and field trip requirements... Just ask us how!
- Make your lunch arrangements

We can create a customized itinerary for you and your group based on your age group and the amount of time you have to spend with us. You can participate in one program, or stay all day!

Here is a sample itinerary for an all day visit that a fourth grade class would enjoy:

9:45	Arrive at the First State Heritage Park Welcome Center and Galleries
10:00-10:30	“Meet the Biggs” at the Biggs Museum of American Art
10:30-11:00	“Behind the Scenes Tour” at the Delaware Public Archives
11:15-12:00	“A Capitol Experience” at Legislative Hall
12:15-1:00	“The People’s House” at The Old State House
1:00-1:30	Lunch
1:30-2:00	“Growing Up in the 18th Century” at the John Bell House
2:15-2:45	“The Man and His Machines” at the Johnson Victrola Museum
3:00	Depart from the First State Heritage Park Welcome Center and Galleries

Call us at 302-739-9194 to make your reservation now!



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**CORDIALLY INVITES
YOU TO JOIN US IN
DELAWARE’S CAPITAL CITY**

FOR YOUR NEXT

FIELD TRIP



**FIRST STATE HERITAGE PARK
WELCOME CENTER & GALLERIES**
Includes exhibits as well as local and statewide information.



DELAWARE PUBLIC ARCHIVES
Preserves the records of Delaware’s state government.



LEGISLATIVE HALL
Serves as Delaware’s state capitol building.



BIGGS MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART
Houses one of the finest collections of American fine and decorative arts.



JOHN BELL HOUSE
Is the oldest surviving frame structure in Dover, and has been restored as an interpretive center.



THE OLD STATE HOUSE
Is Delaware’s historic seat of government.

JOHNSON VICTROLA MUSEUM
Honors the founder of the Victor Talking Machine Company and chronicles the development of sound recording.



FIRST STATE HERITAGE PARK SITES