

# Apple Island Tours Know Before You Go 2024

## REGISTRATION

- Each boat holds 8 or 12 guests. Tours are anticipated to leave every 20 minutes.
- The entire trip takes over 2 hours. If you must return to the museum by a certain time and if your timing looks tight, please do not make the trip as we can't guarantee the trip length.
- **Advance Reservations:** Members only May 1 - June 7. GWBHS members can purchase tickets and schedule their departure time online! Must check in 15 minutes before departure time. Reservations are nonrefundable, except in the case of event cancellation. Individual level members can purchase one advance ticket; other membership levels up to 6.
- **In-person event registration** is available 10 am-3:15 pm each day on Orchard Lake Museum grounds.
- Payments are by cash, check, credit, PayPal (and soon Venmo)
- Please be available when your group is ready to leave.
- The last tour leaves at 3:30 p.m.

## FACILITIES

- **Water, snacks, popcorn,** are available for purchase. No drinking water is available on the island.
- **Restrooms:** A restroom is in the Museum, with a port-a-john on the Museum grounds. An island port-a-john is available for emergency use.

## TRIP

- When your group is ready to depart, guests board a bus for the Orchard Lake Schools dock and then board a pontoon boat for the island. All guests wear a life jacket.
- Fifteen steps must be climbed to get onto the island, no ramps. The paths are natural. Wear proper walking shoes.
- It is up to 10 degrees cooler on the water and the island so dress accordingly.
- Insect repellent is a necessity. Docents will have repellent available on the island.
- There may be mud and uneven terrain on the island. **NO STROLLERS.**
- Parents are responsible for their children's safety at all times.
- Tours are self-paced. Guests follow the path with signs to the next docent or presenter.
- Walk on the path directly to return to the boats. **DO NOT GO ANYWHERE ELSE.**

**TWO GUEST # TAGS per guest** are given at registration.

- Upon island arrival, place one # tag on the Guest Board so we can keep track of guests. Keep one tag with you.
- As you leave the island, return this tag.

**RETURNING** is your responsibility to watch the time so you are able to catch a boat back to the mainland in a timely manner. The last boat ride returning from the island leaves at 5:10pm.

**MUSEUM** is open with permanent interactive exhibits, restroom, and a gift shop.

- Receive a free Apple Island "wood cookie" for children 5-12, when they tell the gift shop clerk 3 things they learned on Apple Island.