



Apple Island Tours

September 14, 2025

Know Before You Go

Registration

The entire trip is at least 2 hours, and we cannot guarantee a return time.

Do not go if your timing is tight.

Due to a boat driver break, no boats will return guests from the island between 11:50 am and 1:00 pm.

In person: 10 am - 3:25 pm

Payment options: cash, check, credit, PayPal, and Venmo

In advance: May 1 - June 7

Members with advance registration must check in 15 minutes before departure time.

At the museum

Tour Orchard Lake Museum, visit the gift shop, and enjoy fun activities on the museum grounds.

Water, popcorn, and snacks are available for purchase on museum grounds.

There is a restroom in the museum and a port-a-john on the museum grounds.

Be prepared

15 steps must be climbed to get onto the island (no ramps). The island paths are natural. There may be mud and uneven terrain.

What to Wear Wear proper walking shoes, and dress for 10 degrees cooler on the water and the island. Insect repellent is available for your use.

No drinking water or food are available on the island. An island port-a-john is available for emergency use.

Kids

To attend tour, guests must be 5+ years old and at least 55 pounds.

Parents are responsible for their children's safety at all times.

No strollers.

Receive a free "wood cookie" at the gift shop (kids 5-12).

Checked in and ready to go?

Departure Please be available when your group is ready to leave. Guests board a bus for the DNR dock and then board a pontoon boat for the island. All guests are required to wear a life jacket while on the boat.

Guest Tags Each guest receives two numbered tags at registration. Place one tag on the Apple Island Guest Board upon arrival at the island. Before you leave the island, add your second tag to the board.

Start Your Tour Tours are self-paced. Guests follow the path signs guiding you to the next docent or presenter. When you have visited the last docent, walk on the path directly to return to the boat. **DO NOT GO ANYWHERE ELSE.**

Return Trip It is your responsibility to watch the time and catch a boat back to the mainland in a timely manner. The boats holds 12 or 13 guests, and boats are anticipated to leave every 20 minutes, with the exception of the boat driver break from 11:50 am - 1:00 pm. The last boat returning from the island leaves at 5:15 pm.