

USS Hornet Museum

Tour Tips and Safety Rules

- Allow at least two to three hours for your visit. Schedule your arrival time for no later than 1:00pm to sign up for the Engine Room and other docent-led tours.
- **Tours are mainly self-guided.** There are three free docent-led tours: Navigation Bridge, Forecastle, and Engine Room. Arrangements can be made for a personal docent for an additional fee. (*Note: Engine Room is limited to those at least 4 feet tall*).
- There is plenty of free parking across the street from the pier. Spaces are available for bus and RV parking. Please, no vehicles on the pier — buses may drop off passengers and then return to the parking area.
- Due to the historic nature of the ship, wheelchair and stroller accessibility is extremely limited. A lift from the pier to the main deck is available for wheelchairs and others needing assistance. Please advise when making reservations if your group requires this service.
- To expedite arrival, group leader should report to Admissions Desk with a count by age group and one form of payment.
- Youth Groups work best when there is one adult for every four children. *The Hornet requires at least one adult for every 8 children. Children must be with an adult at all times.*
- For your safety and the security of the museum, backpacks and large bags (including camera bags) are NOT permitted. Visitors will be asked to return backpacks and large bags to their vehicle. *Please note: For safety reasons, backpack-style infant carriers are also not permitted.*
- Wear comfortable shoes and clothing. Be prepared to climb steep stairs (Ladders).
- For your safety: Be exceptionally careful on all **Ladders**; Beware of **Low Overheads** and **Knee Knockers** (door thresholds); **Do not run** at anytime on the ship – *falling on steel decks can hurt*; Do not touch **Controls** and **Switches** – *this is a live ship and you could hurt yourself or others.*
- Snacks and Beverages are available from vending machines on the main deck every day.
- *Weekdays:* A concession truck is available on the pier at 1:00pm.
- *Weekends:* Hotdogs, hamburgers, and other snacks can be purchased on the Hangar Deck at the concession stand.
- School Groups may bring their own sack lunches to eat in designated areas. Bags must be left at the entrance until lunchtime. Please ensure your group leaves the eating area clean.
- You may want to allow extra time for purchasing souvenirs and gifts in the Ship's Store.
- Please feel free to talk to the many volunteers aboard the ship! They are great about sharing information about the ship, the restoration process, and their own experiences in the service.
- Heed all **Restricted Area** warnings and enjoy exploring the Hornet.

Prices and programs are subject to change without notice.

For further information, visit our website at: www.uss-hornet.org