



Reserved tickets are now available online

After more than 80 years of selling tickets exclusively on a first-come, first-served basis, Monticello earlier this year instituted the advance sale of reserved tickets for scheduled tours of Thomas Jefferson's home on the Internet.

Individuals can obtain timed ticket reservations online through the Web site monticello.org.

Reserved tickets can be purchased for guided house tours with specific starting times on all dates (excluding Christmas Day, when Monticello is closed). These tickets include access to Monticello's grounds and the seasonal outdoor tours, which are offered April 1–Oct. 31.

Individuals can purchase advance ticket reservations *only* through the Monticello Web site's ticketing service. A credit card – Visa, MasterCard, or American Express – is required.

There is a service charge for online ticket purchases, and certain restrictions apply.

Reservations, however, are not required to visit Monticello. Same-day tickets are still sold to “walk-up” visitors on

a first-come, first-served basis, as they have been since Monticello opened as a public attraction in 1924.

For each day, specific house tours are designated for reserved tickets, with the rest of the tours left “open” for same-day purchases.

The ticketing system went online April 25; the first day of reserved-ticket tours was June 14. Through Aug. 31,

Two ways to buy tickets

■ Reserved tickets for specific house tours throughout each day are available online at www.monticello.org. Purchasing reserved tickets online allows visitors to choose an exact time for a house tour and schedule their visit accordingly. A credit card is required. Reserved tickets for other Monticello tours and events are also available online; see the Web site for details.

■ Same-day tickets for house tours are available every day at the Monticello Ticket Office. These tickets are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Visitors purchasing same-day tickets are assigned places on the next available house tour or, if preferred, a later-starting tour. All visitors arriving at Monticello before the gates close (5 p.m. March–October; 4:30 p.m. November–February) are assured a house tour.

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3,844 online purchases had been made, accounting for 13,597 individual tickets. The vast majority of these were house tour and grounds tickets, but advance tickets for Montalto Tours (which were offered through Oct. 31), Friday evening Signature Tours (which were offered through Sept. 8), and other tours and events were also sold online.

“We’re pleased with the numbers to date, and we expect the share of tickets sold online to grow over time,” said Keith Johnstone, Monticello’s vice president for business and administration.

Detailed information about Monticello’s online ticketing system is available by clicking on the “Plan Your Visit” section on the home page of www.monticello.org.

In addition to the online ticketing system, Monticello has established a group reservations center to handle the needs of adult and youth/student tour groups. Group tour organizers can make advance reservations by calling (434) 984-9880 or by sending e-mail to groupreservations@monticello.org.

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