

VISITING MONTICELLO

SELF-GUIDED SCHOOL GROUPS

SUGGESTED ITINERARIES

1-2 hours

- **Monticello House Tour**
- **Cellars & work spaces** attached to and below the house, including the new *Crossroads Exhibition*
- **Film, *Thomas Jefferson's World***, at the Visitor Center, (5th grade & above)



3+ hours

- **Smith Gallery**
Thomas Jefferson and the Boisterous 'Sea of Liberty'
Monticello as Experiment: 'To Try All Things'
Making Monticello: Jefferson's 'Essay in Architecture'
The Words of Thomas Jefferson
- **Griffin Discovery Room**



Great for School Groups

If you have time visit:

- Thomas Jefferson's **flower and vegetable gardens**
- **Mulberry Row**
- Walking path down from the mountaintop to **Jefferson's family graveyard*** and the Visitor Center
- **African-American graveyard** (near the Visitor Center)

*Also accessible by Monticello shuttle bus



GRIFFIN DISCOVERY ROOM

Geared toward Monticello's younger visitors, the Griffin Discovery Room offers a variety of hands-on, interactive ways for young people to connect with Thomas Jefferson and the members of the larger Monticello community.



THE FILM

Thomas Jefferson's World describes Monticello's central importance to Jefferson's life and work and will emphasize Jefferson's consequential accomplishments and his core ideas about human liberty—the world-changing ideas—that reach from his place and time in history to the present day.

Airs continually throughout the day, year round.

EDUCATOR TIPS



Check in at Group Reservations in the Visitor Center lower level. Group House Tour Time(s):



Make sure to take the shuttle for your House Tour at **least 15 minutes** before your tour time. *You will take a shuttle bus to Monticello from the Visitor Center.*



Let your house guide know about any special interests or questions—it's your tour!



Student groups can stretch their legs walking the path from Monticello's mountaintop to the Visitor Center. This **half-mile path** has a steep grade and is not advisable for people using wheelchairs or other mobility aids.



"Health must not be sacrificed to learning. A strong body makes the mind strong."

—Thomas Jefferson, 1785

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WHILE YOU ARE HERE:

RESTROOMS

- Restrooms are located at the Thomas Jefferson Visitor Center and on the mountain near the Museum Shop and the house
- Family/companion restrooms are available in the Visitor Center courtyard

WATER FOUNTAINS

- Water Fountains are located at the Thomas Jefferson Visitor Center near the courtyard restrooms and on the mountain near the Museum Shop

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Bags smaller than 11" x 15" x 6" are welcome at Monticello
Quarter-operated lockers are available in the Visitor Center lower level for bags students do not wish to leave on the bus

ACCESSIBILITY RESOURCES

- Loaner wheelchairs are available on a first-come, first-served basis
- At least one wheelchair-accessible shuttle operates at all times
- Additional resources may be available with advance notice; please contact us prior to your visit if you have questions

FIELDTRIP GUIDELINES

- Dress for comfort: Monticello is an indoor and outdoor museum site
- Stay together: students under the age of 18 must be accompanied by their teacher or adult chaperone at all times
- Keep groups to 25 people or fewer. This guideline applies to your house tour as well as self-guided time in the Smith Gallery, Griffin Discovery Room, and the Monticello Museum Shop
- During your house tour photography, eating, drinking and gum are prohibited
- Please silence cell phones and remind students not to text during house tour

VISITOR CENTER



Questions about your reservation?

Phone: (434) 984-9880
Email: Reservations@monticello.org

Visit classroom.monticello.org for Jefferson's biography

EDUCATOR TIPS



Plan for lunch: our outdoor picnic area is available to school groups, weather permitting. In inclement weather, please check with your bus driver about students eating on the bus.



Enhance your visit with activities and educational resources before you arrive.

Visit classroom.monticello.org

- access timelines & biographies
- download high quality photos and primary source documents
- select from topic-specific lesson plans
- design your own Monticello



There are hands-on activities in the **Griffin Discovery Room**

Students can:

- make a copy of their writing on a model of Jefferson's polygraph
- create a rubbing of Jefferson's epitaph
- explore the Mulberry Row workshops including the nailery, joinery, & weavers' cottage



On the second floor of the **Smith Gallery** find the 90-second animated video about Jefferson's record-keeping habits in *To Try All Things* and invite students to use the miniature set of Monticello's parlor doors.

*"Knowledge indeed is a desirable, a lovely possession."
- Thomas Jefferson, 1786*