



The following guide can be used to understand the building environments.

Key	More	Neutral	Less
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Sensory Conditions Guide						
Building	Lighting	Sounds	Staff	Activity	Restrooms	Notes
Admission Building	well-lit	louder	yes	more busy	Men's and Women's multiple stall restrooms outside the building.	
Apothecary Shop	natural light	neutral	no	more busy		popular for field trips in May and June
Beach Gallery	well-lit & artificial lighting	quieter	yes	less busy		this building contains firearms on display
Beach Lodge	dim artificial lighting	neutral	no	less busy		popular for field trips in May and June
Blacksmith Shop	dim natural lighting	louder	yes	more busy		active metal working
Carousel	natural light	louder	yes	more busy		includes carousel music
Circus Building	bright mixed lighting, movie playing	overall quieter, but movie sounds near East entrance	no	sometimes busy		movie at east entrance
Covered Bridge	natural light	neutral	no	less busy		staff use this bridge for vehicle crossings; nearby road noise
Diamond Barn/Toy Shop	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Dorset House	bright natural & artificial lighting	quieter	yes	more busy		
Dutton House	dim natural light	quieter	no	less busy		

Electra Havemeyer Webb Memorial Building	dim artificial lighting	neutral	yes	more busy		
General Store	dim lighting	neutral	yes	more busy		popular for field trips in May and June
Dana-Spencer Textile Galleries at Hat & Fragrance	mixed lighting levels	quieter	yes	more busy	Single-use restroom outside the building.	
Horseshoe Barn	dim mixed lighting	quieter	no	less busy		
Horseshoe Barn Annex	dark lighting	louder	no	less busy		overhead fan noise
Jail	natural light	quieter	no	more busy		popular with children
Lighthouse	mixed lighting levels	quieter	no	more busy		
Meeting House	natural light	louder	no	less busy		good seating options for rest; active music playing
Owl Cottage	mixed lighting levels	louder	sometimes	more busy		this is a children's camp activity space
Pizzagalli Center for Art and Education	bright mixed lighting - video in Objects of Play exhibit	louder	yes	more busy	Single-use restroom inside the building on the first floor. Men's and Women's multiple stall restrooms inside the building on the lower level.	videos and interactive elements in Objects of Play exhibition
Pleissner Gallery	bright artificial light	louder	sometimes	more busy	Lactation suite and single-use restroom in the building.	popular for field trips in May and June; music (in artist studio) & video with headphones
Prentis House (open for tours only)	dim natural lighting	louder (speaking tours)	yes	tours only		very confined space with steep staircase
Printing Shop	dim mixed lighting	louder	yes	more busy		

Rail Car Grand Isle	dim mixed lighting	quieter	no	sometimes busy		
Railroad Freight Building	bright natural light	quieter	no	less busy		
Railroad Station	mixed lighting levels	quieter	no	sometimes busy	2 single-use restrooms outside the building.	popular for field trips in May and June
Round Barn	mixed lighting levels	louder	no	less busy		fans and video noise
Sawmill	dim natural lighting	neutral	no	less busy		nearby road noise
Schoolhouse	natural light	quieter	no	less busy		popular for field trips in May and June
Settler's House	observed from exterior	quieter	no	less busy		popular for field trips in May and June
Settler's Barn	observed from exterior	quieter	no	less busy		popular for field trips in May and June
Shaker Shed	natural light	neutral	no	sometimes busy		popular place to sit and rest
Stagecoach Inn	bright mixed lighting	quieter	yes	more busy	Single-use restroom inside the building on the entry level.	popular for field trips in May and June
Stencil House (open for tours only)	dim natural lighting	louder (speaking tours)	yes	tours only		very confined space with steep staircase
Stone Cottage	dark lighting	quieter	no	less busy		very confined space
Ticonderoga	mixed lighting levels	louder	yes	more busy		popular for field trips in May and June; includes video and interactives
Variety Building	dim mixed lighting	overall quieter, but video with sound in upper level	no	sometimes busy		videos with audio attached to doll/automata exhibit upstairs
Vermont House Gallery	dim mixed lighting	quieter	yes	less busy		

Weathervane Cafe	bright mixed lighting	louder	yes	more busy	Men's and Women's multiple stall restrooms inside the building.	popular for field trips in May and June; often includes music
Weaving Shop	dim mixed lighting	quieter	no	less busy		
Webb Gallery	bright artificial light	quieter	yes	more busy		

Please note that many gardens will contain seasonally blooming flowers. Many flowers have different scents. Bostwick Garden (mid-summer) and Circus Garden (late-summer) are among the most fragrant at the Museum. Lilac trees (May/June) and Rose bushes (all-season) also bloom throughout the campus. Additionally, some buildings may smell different as they are older structures. ☒

Additionally, a train track borders the West perimeter of the Museum property. Visitors may expect to hear the train intermittently throughout the day.

Ongoing activities: Bus tours, group tours, special programs, or summer camps may be scheduled on various days throughout the summer. Please contact info@shelburnemuseum.org if you wish to confirm scheduled activities on a particular day ahead of your visit.