



The New England Quilt Museum & The James McNeil Whistler House Museum

Wednesday, April 15

Please note: We will have two pickup locations:

Longmeadow Adult Center, 211 Maple Rd., Longmeadow.

7:30 am – Park and meet the bus at the Longmeadow Adult Center.

7:45 am sharp – Depart for Springfield Museums Edwards Street parking lot:

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7:50 am – Park and meet the bus at the Edwards Street parking lot next to the Wood Museum of Springfield History located across from the Springfield Museums' main Visitor Center lot.

8:00 am sharp – Depart for Lowell, MA with one rest stop enroute.

Begin at Lowell National Park Visitor's Center where we'll explore the rich history of the textile industry in Lowell -the birthplace of America's Industrial Revolution. From the early industrial city to the modern local community, the Visitor Center highlights the stories of the people who lived and worked in Lowell.

Next, we'll visit the **New England Quilt Museum** featuring the artistry, history and importance of quilt making, past and present. At the museum, enjoy a guided tour of the innovative works of prominent quilt artists, as well as historical themes that highlight the most important and beautifully preserved antique quilts in America.

At the **Whistler House Museum**, we'll have a boxed lunch before our guided tour of the birthplace of artist James McNeil Whistler (July 10, 1834 – July 17, 1903). This beautifully restored Federal and Greek Revival style house honors the legacy of American artists in the international art world, including James McNeill Whistler, John Singer Sargent, and Arshile Gorky.

From 1839 to 1842, Whistler's family built a mansion in Springfield on the site where the Wood Museum of History now stands. Whistler's father was a railroad engineer. In 1839 when his father became chief engineer for the Boston & Albany Railroad, the family built a mansion in Springfield, Massachusetts, where the Wood Museum of History now stands. They lived in Springfield until they left the United States for Russia in late 1842.

3 pm – Depart for Springfield with an estimated return by 5:30 pm.

What to bring: water and snacks for the bus; Wear layers as temperatures vary on the bus and at the sites. Water is provided on the return home.

Cost: \$149, Members, \$175, nonmembers; includes admissions, lunch, bus travel and driver tip.

Cancellation Policy: A \$15 fee is deducted for all cancellations. No refunds for cancellations received fewer than 2 weeks prior to April 15, unless you find a replacement. **Call 413-314-6482** if you need additional information.