

Welcome to the Emerens Institute Museum of Viking History.

Once you have scanned your ticket, continue past the admissions desk to the left. If you have need of the restrooms, please pause this recording and turn down the hallway on your left.

We will continue to the Armory, where you will find artifacts such as swords, axes, helmets, and body armor. A little known fact is that, despite common depictions, Vikings did not wear horned helmets. Painters seem to have fabricated this notion, perhaps inspired by depictions of Northern Europeans during ancient times. To hear more about any object you see in front of you, please enter the plaque number on the keypad at any time.

Continue to your right and proceed to the next room. Here we get a glance at everyday items like tools and clothing, as well as valuables, money, and jewelry.

Taking another right we will arrive at our art collection, with a range of paintings and sculptures depicting Vikings and figures from Norse mythology. The stairs at the end of the room will take you to the second floor gallery with the rest of the collection.

Next we will make a left to the Nautical Hall, and you can learn about the sea routes taken by the Vikings, and see a replica of a vessel that was normally used for funeral ceremonies.

Follow the vessel around to your right and proceed into the next gallery, where you can examine some of the few surviving documents from the Viking era, and the evolution of the runic alphabet.

As we now turn to our final hall and our collection of runestones and image stones, be sure to look in the corner immediately to your right as you enter, so as not to miss the museum's newest acquisition. This box was found buried beneath the runestone displayed to its left, but scholars have yet to determine its origin or historical significance. For now, it is but another mystery left to the ages.

As you make your way out, please be sure to visit our souvenir shop. Thank you for visiting the Museum of Viking History, and have a wonderful day.