



A SOCIAL STORY FOR VISITING THE LOUISVILLE HISTORICAL MUSEUM



Before My Visit

I can prepare by:

- ▶ Bringing water, snacks, sunglasses, and any fidgets, headphones, or other comfort tools
- ▶ I can ask for a sensory bag to use during my visit. It has a textured seat, weighted lap pad, noise-canceling headphones, and lots of fidgets.

Other information I should know:

- ▶ Eating is not allowed inside the Museum. Food can be eaten in the outdoor courtyard.
- ▶ There is one bathroom that is not wheelchair accessible. There are no changing tables.
- ▶ The Museum is usually pretty quiet. There are no loud exhibits or flashing lights.

Louisville Historical Museum
1001 Main Street, Louisville, CO
(303) 335-4850

Open: 10–3 Tuesday, 1–5 Wed
10–3 Thur-Sat

I am going to the Louisville Historical Museum!



This is the front entrance. There are two steps. On sunny days, the door knob might feel hot. The sign on the top was hand painted!



If I need a ramp to enter, I will turn to the left and go to the back of the building.



This is the back door. I can also enter here!



This is the path to the back door if I do not want to use steps.

If I enter from the front of the building, this is what I will see.



There is a table with a friendly worker. They will say hello. I can ask them for help or to borrow some fidget toys while I am in the buildings.

I can use this bag during my visit.
It has fidgets, a wiggle seat,
headphones, and a weighted lap
pad. These things can help me
feel calm if the museum is too
loud or overwhelming.



The worker will ask my group if we want a tour. It is free!



If I say no, I can look on my own, without much talking. If I say yes, they will tell me some of the cool things they know. They can answer my questions about Louisville.

The things in the Museum are really old. The Museum needs my help to keep them safe.



People should not eat food or drinks inside the Museum.

People should not touch the objects in the Museum.



There are some things people can touch! They will have a sign like this.



I can touch everything in this photo!

The building I am in used to
be a grocery store.

In the mini store, I can
organize cans, weigh play
food, and pretend to cook.





I can touch
this train car.
The magnet
lifts the coal.



This room has a lot things that
coalminers used. I can look at
miners helmets, tools, and photos.
I can ask to take a lunch pail apart!

This is a 100-year-old curtain!
People should not touch it.



I can learn about the
movie theater where the
curtain used to hang,
and I can experiment
with moving images

using this tool, called a zoetrope!



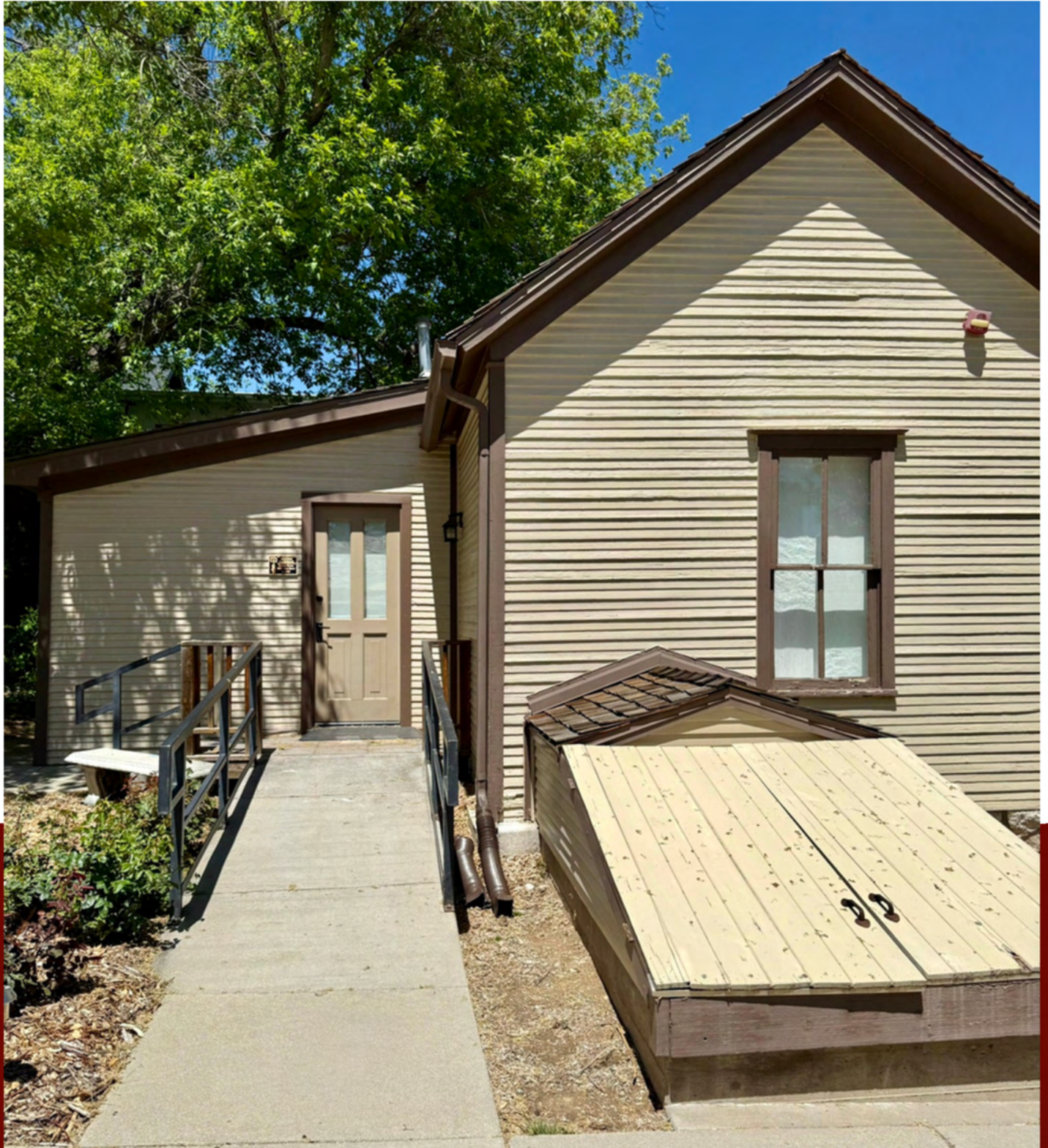
Before I leave this building, I can use the bathroom if I need to.





If I want to take a break, I can rest in the Museum Courtyard. This is where I can eat or drink if I brought snacks or drinks.

Now I am ready to visit the Tomeo House. This house was built in 1904 by a coal miner.





This house is full of cool things from the 1920s and 1930s. Because they are so old, people should not touch them!



**Please do
not touch**

**Por favor,
no toques**

I can ask the worker to hear the Victrola play music. It is not very loud. I can ask not to hear it, or use headphones to block the noise if it bothers me.



It is ok for workers to touch things. They use gloves to keep old things safe!

**Now it is time to see the last house!
This is the Jordinelli House.**



This house was moved here on the back of a truck! I can see a photo inside of when they moved it. There are four steps to the front door.

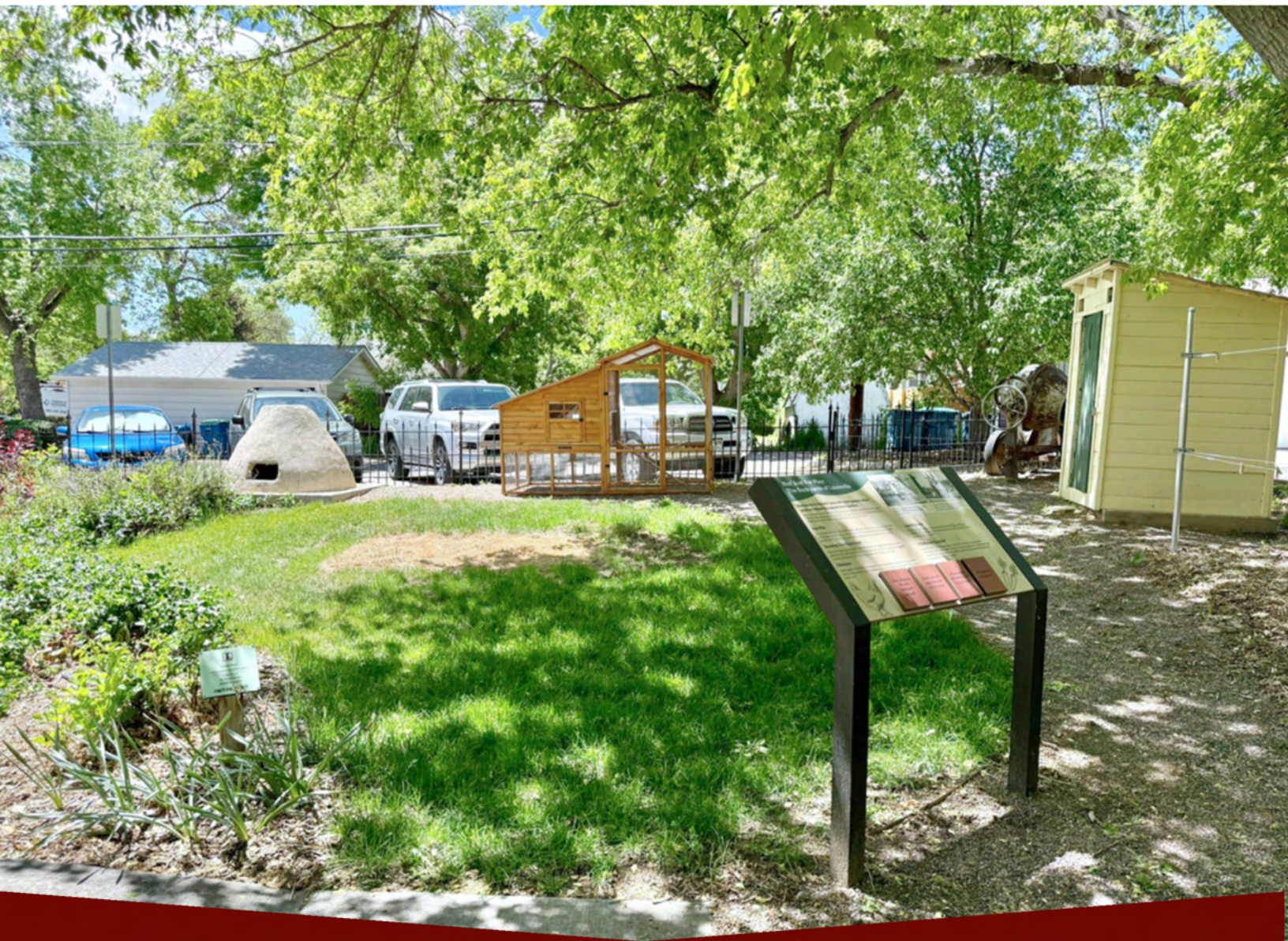
I can come in the back door if I do not want to come up the stairs.



The Jordinelli House has a model of Louisville! I can see a model train and find buildings that are still downtown today.



Behind the Jordinelli House, I can learn about Louisville backyards. I can see a coal ash pit, a chicken coop, and an outhouse. Outhouses were the only bathrooms until 1954!





There are not real chickens at the Museum, but I can ask to find pretend eggs. When I have found them, I can hide them again for the next visitor!

I had a lot of fun at the
**Louisville Historical
Museum!**



I can come back another time!