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EXPLORE CHARLOTTE'S OLDEST HOMESITE ON APRIL 10

CHARLOTTE, N.C., April 2, 2021 - The Charlotte Museum of History will open its eight-acre grounds on Saturday, April 10, from noon-4 p.m. for visitors to take a self-guided, outdoor tour of Charlotte's oldest homesite. The museum has offered the *Afternoon on the Grounds* outdoor experience monthly since September 2020. The modern museum building remains closed until June 12 while the roof is being replaced.

Guests explore the museum's park-like setting, crossing the rock bridge over Alexander Mill creek to walk through the site's picturesque lawn and gardens and to visit the historic buildings. Visitors can bring a picnic to enjoy on the grounds.

The tour includes a digital guidebook of the 1774 Alexander Rock House homesite that can be printed or downloaded. The guidebook tells the stories of the people who lived and worked at the site and includes videos and resources to dig deeper into Charlotte's past.

The museum will ring the American Freedom Bell at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. The bell is the largest ground-level bell of its kind in the nation and rang for the first time on New Year's Eve 1999.

Future *Afternoon on the Grounds* events are planned for May 8, May 29 and June 12.

HOW TO GO

Saturday, April 10

Noon-4 p.m.



The self-guided outdoor experience is \$10 per private carload. The museum grounds will be open for entry from noon-3 p.m. on Saturday, April 10, and the grounds will close at 4 p.m. To support social distancing, tickets are limited and must be purchased in advance at charlottemuseum.org/events. No cash payments or ticket sales are accepted at the door.

Visitors over the age of five are required to wear a face covering when they may be within six feet of any person not in their group, including museum staff.

The museum continues to offer digital activities for adults and families at charlottemuseum.org/digital.

About The Charlotte Museum of History

The Charlotte Museum of History exists to save and share the Charlotte region's history, helping create a better understanding of the past and inspiring dialogue about the future. The museum is the steward of the 1774 Hezekiah Alexander Rock House and homesite, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is the oldest home in Mecklenburg County. Visit charlottemuseum.org and follow the museum on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#). The museum is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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