LEARN AT HOME

Visit the Home Educators’ page of the Monticello Digital Classroom for lesson plans and other post-visit resources.

Join us for livestreams with Thomas Jefferson, Monticello scholars, and special guests.
MOUNTAINTOP TOURS & TIMED ACTIVITIES

SELF-GUIDED HOUSE TOUR
Meet on the East Walk, near the Shuttle drop off, 10 minutes before your ticket time
Explore the first floor of Thomas Jefferson’s iconic home at your own pace, using your smart phone to access a mobile House tour.

GUIDED GARDENS & GROUNDS TOURS
11 a.m., 1 p.m., & 2 p.m. / Meet on the north side of the West Lawn
Explore the restored flower and vegetable gardens and grove. 45 min. tour, no reservations required. This tour is great for middle and high school age learners.

GUIDED SLAVERY AT MONTICELLO TOURS
11 a.m., 12, 1, & 2 p.m. / Meet at the Hemmings Cabin on east end of Mulberry Row
Learn about the experiences of the enslaved people who lived and labored on the Monticello plantation. 45 min. tour, no reservations required. This tour is great for middle and high school age learners.

MEET THOMAS JEFFERSON
11 a.m., 2, & 3 p.m. / West Lawn, near Fish Pond
Meet Thomas Jefferson, our third President and author of the Declaration of Independence.

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE
12 p.m. / West Lawn
Do you remember the words to the Declaration of Independence? Come test your knowledge with this group activity led by Thomas Jefferson!

AFRICAN AMERICAN STORYTELLING AND MUSIC
11:30 a.m., 1:30, & 2:30 p.m. / Mulberry Row
This tour is great for middle and high school age learners.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES, 10 A.M. - 4 P.M.

LIVING HISTORY DEMONSTRATIONS
Mulberry Row
Join costumed interpreters along Mulberry Row to learn about the lives of African American people enslaved at Monticello. Includes open fire cooking and basketmaking.

VEGETABLE BINGO
Vegetable Garden
Play vegetable bingo and discover the many varieties of plants Jefferson grew in his experimental garden.

GETTING WORD ORAL HISTORY STATION
10 a.m. - 3 p.m. / Kitchen Yard
Join Getting Word Oral History Project staff to learn how descendants of Monticello’s enslaved community passed down their stories.

MOUNTAINTOP ACTIVITY CENTER
North Wing Yard
Write with a quill pen, crack a code with a wheel cipher, peer into a camera obscura, and explore mystery objects.

BUTTERFLIES & MOTHS
West Lawn near North Terrace
Wander and explore the flower garden in search of specific species of butterflies and moths.

WEST LAWN ACTIVITY ZONE

ARCHAEOLOGY STATION
West Lawn
Learn about archaeological discoveries across the Monticello plantation and follow up with fun activities onsite and at home.

RESTORATION STATION
West Lawn
Get a feel for some of the cool objects used in the construction of Monticello, and learn about how the house has changed over time.

CURATORIAL STATION
West Lawn
Learn about caring for museum objects. Check out tools of the trade and get some hands-on experience!

DOCUMENT DISCOVERY
West Lawn
Talk with historians about how you can use primary documents to help history come alive. This station is great for middle and high school age learners.

CIVICS RESPONSE SPACE
West Lawn
Students of all ages can respond with their thoughts about how civics impacts them and how the information they learned today can be used in everyday life.

HISTORIC GAMES
West Lawn
Roll hoops and enjoy other popular historic games.

AT THE DAVID M. RUBENSTEIN VISITOR CENTER

Enjoy the introductory film and exhibits in our museum galleries.

Become an archaeologist and channel your inner architect at the Griffin Discovery Room, a hands-on room for kids.

Shop for souvenirs, books, and other learning materials at the Shop at Monticello.

Purchase lunch from our café, Monticello Farm Table, and enjoy at our outdoor tables.

Get close to nature as you hike the boardwalks of the Saunders-Monticello Trail.

WELCOME TO HOME EDUCATORS’ DAY AT MONTICELLO!