




Thomas Hart Benton Home State Historic Site Accessibility Information

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You'll find this jewel located in the center of an old subdivision filled with huge trees and beautiful houses. Parking is curbside on a hill with concrete sidewalks and steps leading to the house and studio. Alternatively, those unable to access stairs may take the driveway to the site office located in the back. Staff will open the gate for you. Just let them know you're there; or that you are coming.

The driveway area is paved in rough cobblestone that has a 4.2 percent slope. Some visitors may need assistance.

Historic Site Office

The site office contains pictures, artwork, information and souvenirs on Thomas Hart Benton and is the location for the start of the tour.

Thomas Hart Benton Home

A railed ramp leads to the porch, where entry to the house is easy through the door. The main floor is accessible with wide doorways and plenty of maneuvering room. Inside you'll see wonderful architecture, original furnishings and artwork. A public restroom is available and provides a side-transfer toilet and a lavatory with round handles. The tour continues up railed steps to the second floor. For those not wishing to climb stairs, an audio presentation and photo album are available.

Studio

Last on the tour is Benton's studio, which has been kept unchanged since his death in 1975. There is 25 feet of cobblestone driveway with a 2 percent slope between the house and the studio. A portable ramp will be provided, if needed, for the two steps to the door. The studio is one large, well-lit room with a wood floor.

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