



WELCOME TO THE NATIONAL BASEBALL HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM

It is our honor to share with you our love of baseball and the magic of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, which since 1939 has served as the spiritual home of the game we love. A nonprofit institution, the Hall of Fame is committed to preserving the history of America's pastime and celebrating the legendary players, managers, umpires and executives who have made baseball a fan favorite for more than 150 years. In this historic moment, as our nation commemorates its 250th anniversary, we proudly reflect on baseball's enduring role in the American story.

Across our three floors of exhibit spaces, you will experience baseball history through artifacts that illuminate unforgettable individual and team achievements on the field as well as the game's profound impact on our society. You will walk among baseball's legends in the Plaque Gallery, where bronze plaques honor legendary careers and celebrate lasting legacies. You will take a journey through time—revisiting bygone eras and perhaps your own childhood—while discovering how baseball's stories have connected generations, reflecting and shaping the American experience along the way.

If you enjoy your visit, please consider joining the Hall of Fame's Membership Program. In doing so, you advance our mission of Preserving History, Honoring Excellence and Connecting Generations.

Thank you for visiting Cooperstown and the Hall of Fame during this special anniversary year. We are privileged to host you.

We suggest beginning your visit on the second floor, moving to the third floor and then returning to the first floor.



GENERATIONS OF THE GAME: WELCOME FILM

This 16-minute film in our state-of-the-art Grandstand Theater sets the stage for your visit.

NEW INDUCTEES

Take an in-depth look at each of the new inductees to the Hall of Fame through artifacts related to their lives and careers.

TAKING THE FIELD: THE 19TH CENTURY

This in-depth look at baseball's beginnings explores the game's evolution, early amateur roots and transition to professional players and teams.

BASEBALL TIMELINE

Travel through history via artifacts and documents that highlight the game's greatest heroes and teams, exploring how baseball has changed throughout the years.

BABE RUTH: HIS LIFE AND LEGEND

Experience the larger-than-life history of George Herman Ruth.

THE SOULS OF THE GAME: VOICES OF BLACK BASEBALL

Celebrate the important stories of Black baseball history and hear from those who have lived the Black baseball experience, from the game's earliest days to today.

DIAMOND DREAMS: WOMEN IN BASEBALL

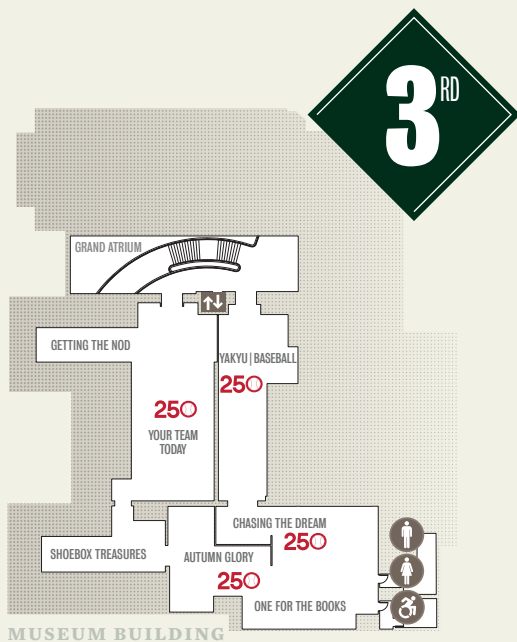
Learn about the important roles women have played at every level of baseball on and off the field, from the 19th century to the modern era.

VIVA BASEBALL!

Celebrate the history of baseball in Latin America and the story of Latino players in the major leagues in this bilingual (English & Spanish) exhibit.

WHOLE NEW BALLGAME

Exploring the last 50 years of the game, relive the great moments, celebrate the superstars and explore baseball's cultural impact.



YAKYU | BASEBALL: THE TRANSPACIFIC EXCHANGE OF THE GAME

Discover the multifaceted impact of the cultural exchange of baseball between Japan and the United States.

CHASING THE DREAM

Explore Hank Aaron's historic baseball career, from his minor league days to his pursuit of the all-time home run record and his vast philanthropic efforts.

ONE FOR THE BOOKS

Celebrate baseball's most cherished records and milestones while delving into the surprising stories behind them.

AUTUMN GLORY: A POSTSEASON CELEBRATION

View artifacts from historic World Series moments, rings from championship teams through the years and highlights from the most recent Fall Classic.

SHOEBOX TREASURES

Baseball cards come to life in an exhibit that tells the story of the joy and camaraderie that so many collectors have found in the hobby.

YOUR TEAM TODAY

Modern game-used artifacts from every major league team are presented in 30 lockers.

GETTING THE NOD

One of baseball's most treasured souvenirs, the beloved bobblehead doll comes to life in the Museum.

Photography and Video

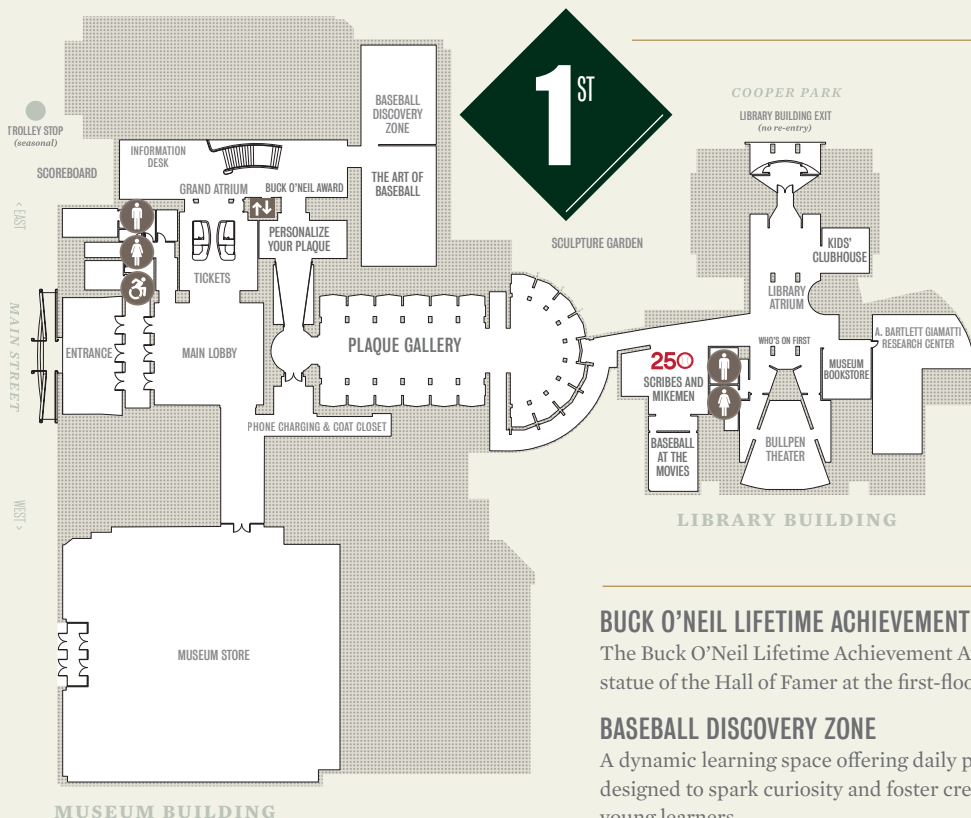
Flash photography and video recording are encouraged throughout the Museum.

Returning to the Museum

Come and go as frequently as you'd like during your visit. Just be sure you have your wristband before exiting the Museum.

Restrooms

Accessible facilities are located in the Main Lobby of the Museum (including a family restroom) and on the third floor. Additional facilities are located in the Library building and on the Museum's second floor. If you need special restroom accommodations, please see any member of our staff.



THE ART OF BASEBALL

Original works of art—paintings, sculptures and renderings—celebrate the game.

PERSONALIZE YOUR PLAQUE INTERACTIVE

Stop by on the way to the Plaque Gallery and create your own digital likeness in bronze.

PLAQUE GALLERY

Bronze plaques of baseball's greatest players, managers, umpires and executives line the majestic oak walls of this hallowed hall—the heart of the museum that honors the legendary figures of the game.

SCRIBES AND MIKEMEN

Celebrate the legendary storytellers, broadcasters and writers who bring baseball into our lives.

BASEBALL AT THE MOVIES

Enjoy the combination of these two American passions.

GIAMATTI RESEARCH CENTER

Museum visitors can access a treasure trove of information through the Giamatti Research Center. Open 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Monday–Friday

SANDLOT KIDS' CLUBHOUSE

Kids ages 4–10 can take part in fun, unique activities.

BUCK O'NEIL LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Buck O'Neil Lifetime Achievement Award features a statue of the Hall of Famer at the first-floor staircase lobby.

BASEBALL DISCOVERY ZONE

A dynamic learning space offering daily programs designed to spark curiosity and foster creativity in young learners.

VISIT OUR MUSEUM STORE AND BOOKSTORE AND TAKE HOME A PIECE OF BASEBALL HISTORY



Our Museum Store and Bookstore feature a variety of Hall of Fame merchandise, as well as apparel and collectibles from your favorite team or Hall of Famer.

The newly expanded Museum Store can be found to the right of the museum's main lobby, or may be accessed directly from Main Street. Our Bookstore is located behind the Hall of Fame Plaque Gallery in the Library Atrium.

Shop from home by visiting the official Hall of Fame online store at

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This year marks the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Commemorating this moment allows us to reflect on the ideals expressed in 1776 and on their continued resonance in American life. Throughout 2026, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum explores how ideals such as liberty, equality, perseverance and unity are reflected through the lens of baseball. To discover these connections, follow the America 250 Trail, marked by logos throughout the Museum.

Unity

1. The Rules of Base Ball
Taking the Field

Perseverance

2. Mordecai Brown's Watch Fob
Baseball Timeline

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3. Negro National League Scorecard
The Souls of the Game

Courage

4. Lou Gehrig's Jersey
Baseball Timeline

Pursuit of Happiness

5. Kelsie Whitmore's Batting Gloves
Diamond Dreams

Sacrifice

6. Ted Williams' 500th Home Run Bat
Baseball Timeline

Equality

7. White House Memo
Whole New Ballgame

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8. TradeWeb Baseball
Whole New Ballgame

Identity

9. Gila River Home Plate
Yakyu | Baseball

Perseverance

10. Hank Aaron's 714th Home Run Bat
Chasing the Dream

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11. 1903 World Series Baseball
Autumn Glory

Reflection

12. Adam Jones' Cleats
Your Team Today

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13. Baseball Writers Unite
Scribes and Mikemen

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