Sovereign Hill Outdoor

Museum

Social script for schools







My class is going to Sovereign Hill.

Sovereign Hill is a living museum.

At Sovereign Hill I can learn about how people lived in the 1850's.

Arrival



When I arrive at Sovereign Hill my teacher will us to the front entrance building.

I will walk through a carpark to get to the entrance building, so I need to watch for cars and listen to my teacher's instructions.

There may be other schools arriving at the same time so it is important that I stay with my class.

Arrival – Side Gate



- When I reach the front entrance I will wait while my teacher goes inside to tell the Sovereign Hill staff that we have arrived
- A Sovereign Hill staff member will open the gate to let my class into the museum.
- I will wait until my teacher tells me we can enter.

Entering Sovereign Hill



When I go through the gate I will see a lake and a playground to my right. I will keep walking forward with my group and I will see buildings and roads.

Bag storage



My teacher might ask me to leave my bag in a locker with the rest of my class. My bag will be and safe and I can get my bag back for lunch or when I am leaving.

Going to the toilet



I will tell my teacher if I need to go to the toilet and they will take me to the bathroom. There are lots of bathrooms in the museum.

There might be other people in the bathroom when I arrive, so I may need to wait to use a toilet.

Using the toilet





When it is my turn I will use one of the toilet cubicles.When I have finished using the toilet I will the flush the toilet button.I will wash my hands at the sink. It is important that I wash my hands.

Exploring Sovereign Hill



In the museum I can look at, listen to, touch and explore lots of interesting things.

There are signs that will help me to know where I am.

My teacher will tell me what my class is doing and when at what time.

I will stay with my group.

People at Sovereign Hill





People who work at Sovereign Hill dress in costumes that look like they are living in the olden days. I might see people in costumes in the shops, at the diggings or on the streets. A person in costume might speak to me. I can call the men Sir and the ladies Ma'am. I can say good morning or good afternoon to them if I want to.

People at Sovereign Hill

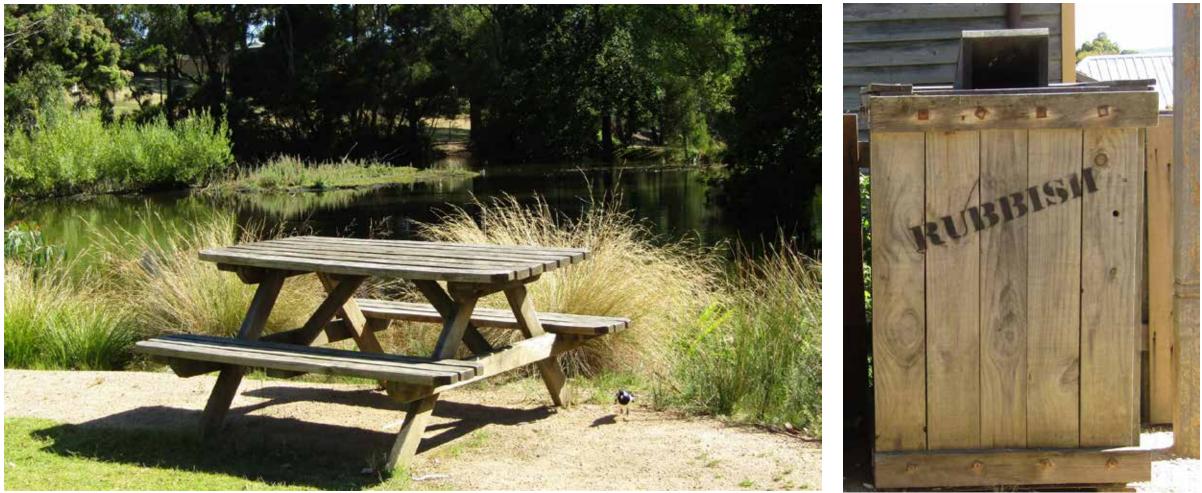


When you are talking to a costumed person they might ask you where you are from and how you got to Sovereign Hill.

Because they are pretending to live in the 1850's they may act like they do not know what a car or bus is.

If I don't want to talk to a person in costume I can politely say 'no thanks'.

Eating



When it is time to eat my lunch I will sit with my class. Some schools eat lunch near the dam.

There might be other students eating lunch too, so I will stay with my group.

My teacher will tell me when to get my lunch from the lockers.

If I am eating my lunch at the lake I will not feed the birds, and I will put my rubbish in the bin.

Horses



I will see coaches being pulled by big horses. They are very strong and are called Clydesdales.

I will look both ways when I cross the road because the coach may be coming.

The coach will get louder as it gets closer to me.

I will not get too closes to the horses or walk directly behind them.

Houses



I can go and look in the houses and see how people lived 170 years ago. I might meet a person in costume who will act like I am visiting their house. I can ask them questions about their house If I want to.

Shops





I can go and look in the shops and see what people sold in the past.

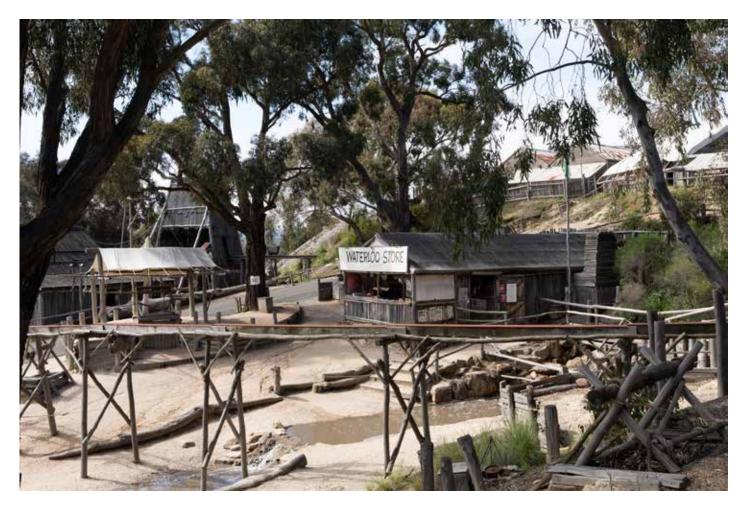
- I can use modern money to buy things.
- I will wait my turn in line to buy things or ask a question.

Diggings



The miners dug very deep holes in the ground looking for gold. These holes are called mine shafts. When I am at the diggings I need to look ahead so that I stop before I get to the mine shaft. The mine shafts have wire in them so that you can't fall inside them. I will make sure that I don't drop anything down the mine shaft.

Panning for Gold



I can pan for gold, the pieces of gold are very small.

I can collect a pan from the Coffee Hut. I can ask a miner to show me how to pan for gold.

I can buy a small bottle for \$1 at the Waterloo Store to take my gold home in.

Panning for Gold







I can pan for gold at the edge of the pond. I need to watch my feet so that I don't slip into the water.

Not everyone will find gold. I will have fun panning for gold, even if I don't find any.

Leaving



When we have finished seeing things in the museum I will go back to school with my class.

- I might need to collect my bag from the locker.
- I will ask my teachers if I can go to the toilet before I leave.

I will follow my teacher to leave Sovereign Hill. I might leave via the side gate or through the front entrance doors.

Important things to remember when I visit Sovereign Hill museum:

- Follow the teacher /adult who is leading my group
- Stay close to my group
- Walk, not run
- Speak with my quiet voice, even though it may be noisy
- Take turns with others
- Wait patiently when I have to line up
- Only touch things I am told that I am allowed to touch
- Look both ways to cross the road



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