



Codman Estate, c.1740
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Lincoln, Mass.
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“The Handsomest Place in America”

Overlooking a prospect of farm and pleasure grounds, this country seat, also known as “The Grange,” was a powerful force in the lives of five generations of the Codman family. Each generation that lived here left their mark, and the estate gradually came to symbolize the family's distinguished past.

In the 1790s, John Codman carried out extensive improvements to the original Georgian house and surrounding grounds. The interiors, richly furnished with portraits, memorabilia, and art works collected in Europe, preserve the decorative schemes of every era, including those of noted early twentieth-century interior designer Ogden Codman, Jr.

The grounds feature a hidden Italianate garden, c. 1900, with perennial beds, statuary, and a reflecting pool filled with water lilies, as well as an English cottage garden, c. 1930. Rebecca Gore, wife of a Massachusetts governor, once called the Codman Estate “the handsomest place in America.”

The Codman Estate Carriage House is available for group gatherings, lunches, and lectures.

SUGGESTED ITINERARIES

A wide variety of restaurants, shops, historic sites, museums and attractions are a short drive from the Codman Estate. Please inquire about area attractions if your group would like more information.

Open June 1 to October 15

Please contact us at CodmanEstate@HistoricNewEngland.org or call **617-994-6690** for more information or to book a group tour. We are happy to help you create a custom group tour experience based on your individual needs and interests.



Codman Estate - General Information for Group Tours

Hours of Operation

- The Codman Estate is open June 1 to October 15, second and fourth Saturdays, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Depending upon staffing availability, group tours may be scheduled on days that the museum is closed to the public.

Length of Tour

- Tours last approximately one hour; please allow one and a half hours for your visit.
- Up to twelve visitors can tour the house with each guide; generally we can accommodate up to thirty-six visitors in the house in one hour. If your group is larger, we have a variety of options; please consult with the site manager.
- Groups that arrive late will receive a tour only for the remaining reserved time.
- Please remember that the Codman Estate is open to the public during standard hours of operation, with tours beginning on the hour.

Fees

- The group tour rate for the Codman Estate is \$5 per person, however, the price may change if the tour is arranged outside of regular hours of operation. Eligible groups consist of eight or more visitors.
- A non-refundable deposit based on your maximum expected number is due upon booking. Failure to submit a deposit means that your tour may not be accommodated.
- For groups with fewer than twenty persons, a deposit of \$25 is required. Groups of more than 20 persons will pay a deposit of 15% of the total group fee, based on the maximum expected number of persons.
- You must call two weeks in advance with the guaranteed number for your group. It is expected that the balance for that number will be paid prior to the beginning of the tour.

Accessibility

A tour of any Historic New England property requires a considerable amount of standing. Folding chairs can be provided for visitors who would like to use them throughout the house. Additionally, it is necessary to climb staircases in order to reach the second and third floors of the house.

Individuals who are unable to climb stairs may participate in the first-floor tour of the house. It is important to note that once the first-floor portion of the house tour is complete, the visitor will have to exit the building. Please let the museum know in advance to make the special arrangements necessary.

Restrooms

The Codman Estate has restrooms available. If members of your group need to use the facilities, please arrive fifteen minutes prior to your scheduled tour time.

We ask respectfully that you remember...

- food and drink are prohibited in the museum
- cameras or recording devices are prohibited in the museum
- pencils must be used to take notes in the museum
- touching, leaning, or sitting on the objects is prohibited
- cell phones should be turned off prior to your tour
- your group will stay with the tour guide for the entire tour

Buses

We kindly request that the bus driver turn the engine off as soon as guests have disembarked. The engine should remain turned off until the group is ready to leave. Bus drivers are welcome to a complimentary tour with the group.