



## Meaford Museum History

Built in 1895 by McQuillen and Co., the Meaford Museum was originally the town's Pumping Station. A few years following its construction, a brick chimney was added in an effort to make the facility more efficient. In 1924, an electric pump and auxiliary gas pump were added and eventually, the Public Utilities Departments was relocated to the pumping station and the building was, from then on, referred to as the "Power House" until the 1940's when it was vacated.

The Power House was converted into a museum in 1961, primarily through the efforts of the Kent Women's Institute. The first collections for the museum were donated by the Sing and Godfrey families.

The Meaford Museum quickly became a popular attraction with guests from all around the globe coming to see its unique and one-of-a-kind artifacts. Due to the ever expanding collections and variety of visitors, several upgrades to the building have taken place over the years.

Now owned and operated by the Municipality's Department of Community Services, the museum features four rooms to explore with history of Meaford as well as the Townships of St. Vincent and Sydenham, creating a large and diverse area from which to draw stories and artifacts.

# You won't want to miss these!

## Stop #4 Speaker of the House Chair (Thomas S. Sproule)

This unique treasure is the 'Last Speaker's Chair' from the House of Commons from 1911. In those days, the Speaker of the House was allowed to keep the chair at the end of their term. Notice the engraved initials and date below the arms and the beautiful engravings on the top.



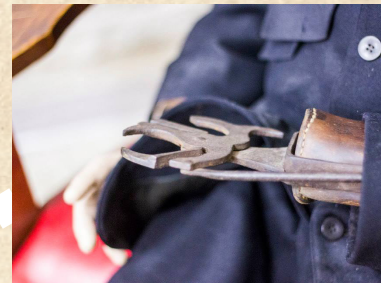
## Stops #1 and #41 Meaford Rock Snake

It is no secret that the COVID-19 pandemic had a devastating effect on the entire world. This exhibit is a wonderful example of the community coming together during difficult times. A simple idea that started with a 7 year old boy that brought joy from all over the world as visitors added to the snake to keep it growing.



## Stop #35 Andrew Gawley: The Man with the Steel Hands

This is an amazing story of a citizen of Meaford who at 16 lost both of his forearms due to a machinery accident. He did not let it stop him and proceeded to become famous worldwide for developing prosthetics that allowed him to write, button his shirt and fix bicycles in his shop.



## MUSEUM GIFT SHOP Meaford merchandise and souvenirs



Purchase local handmade items to remember your trip to Meaford.

A little something for everyone from beach glass jewelry, tshirts, mugs, local honey and much more.



## Self Guided Walking Tour

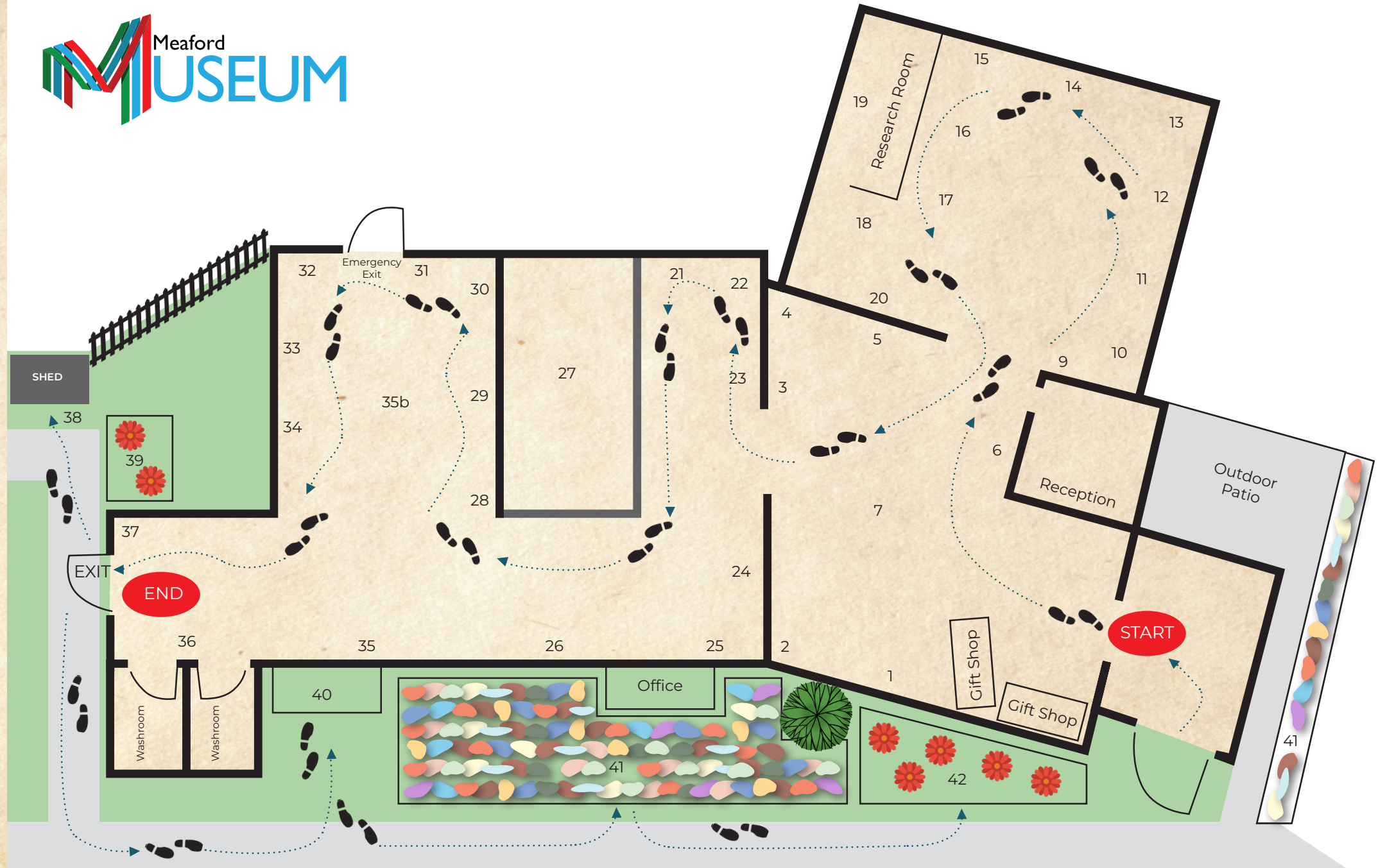


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# EXHIBITS

1. Rock Snake
2. Paul's Hotel
3. Stained Glass Windows
4. Politics
5. Moore Family Loan
6. Train Station
7. Indigenous History
8. Office and Financial History
9. Newspaper and Photography studios
10. Post Office
11. Telephone system
12. Shoe Makers
13. Businesses
14. Our Beginning
15. Medical
16. Fire and Police
17. John Muir
18. Dairy
19. Research and Genealogy Room
20. Maps
21. Marriage
22. Clubs
23. Schools
24. Entertainment
25. Cemeteries
26. Religion
27. Our Home
28. Women in Military - Ruth Ellis
29. Soldiers - Norman Wright
30. Legion Meaford Branch
31. Military
32. Tank Range
33. Astrological Society of Meaford
34. Apple Industry
35. Wall of Fame
36. Fishing
37. Sports
38. Farm Shed: Outdoors
39. Pioneer Garden: Outdoors
40. Barn quilt: Outdoors
41. Rock Snake: Outdoors



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