

Welcome to the Edison Ford Winter Estates!

EDISON
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FORD
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LABORATORY

Museum

Highlights

Scavenger
Hunt

Journey through the museum, discovering all the ways your life has been impacted by Thomas Edison and Henry Ford.

Use the space provided to fill in your answers. Pencil only please—pencils are available in the Welcome Gallery.

Use the Museum Map on the back of this page to find your way through the exhibits .

Welcome Gallery

Introduces Thomas Edison and Henry Ford, and also provides a history of the Edison Ford Winter Estates

Look for the plaque above the timeline

Fort Myers received the estate from Mina Edison for what amount?

Answer: \$1

Into the Wilds

Details the camping trips Thomas Edison, Henry Ford, Harvey Firestone, and John Burroughs took throughout the United States

Look for the Sectional Map of Florida from 1926

What do we believe the map was used for?

Answer: Help in his search for rubber producing plants

Family, Friends, & Fun

Focuses on Edison and Ford families, and the friends that visited

Look for the “Rules for the Guests at Seminole Lodge”

Who wrote the rules for guests?

Answer: Madeline Edison

Music & Movies

Showcases Thomas Edison’s numerous contributions to music and movies

Look for the replica of Edison’s “Black Maria.” It was one of the first movie studios

List one of the design features of the “Black Maria.”

Answer: The entire building rotated on a rail



Edison & Rubber

Highlights the history of the rubber industry, and recounts Thomas Edison’s search for a domestic source of rubber

Look for the large “Is It Made Out Of Rubber” wheel

How many of the items on the wheel are made of rubber?

Answer: 5

Timeline of Innovation

Traces the lives of Thomas Edison and Henry Ford through the use of historic photographs and artifacts

Look for the exhibit case featuring the 1890s

During their first meeting, Thomas Edison and Henry Ford discussed

Answer: Ford’s Quadricycle

Laboratory

Built in 1928, the laboratory was the headquarters for Thomas Edison’s search for natural rubber

Look for the panel titled “Chemical Processing Area”

Edison instructed his staff to perform potentially explosive experiments in

Answer: The Ticket Office

Fanatics!

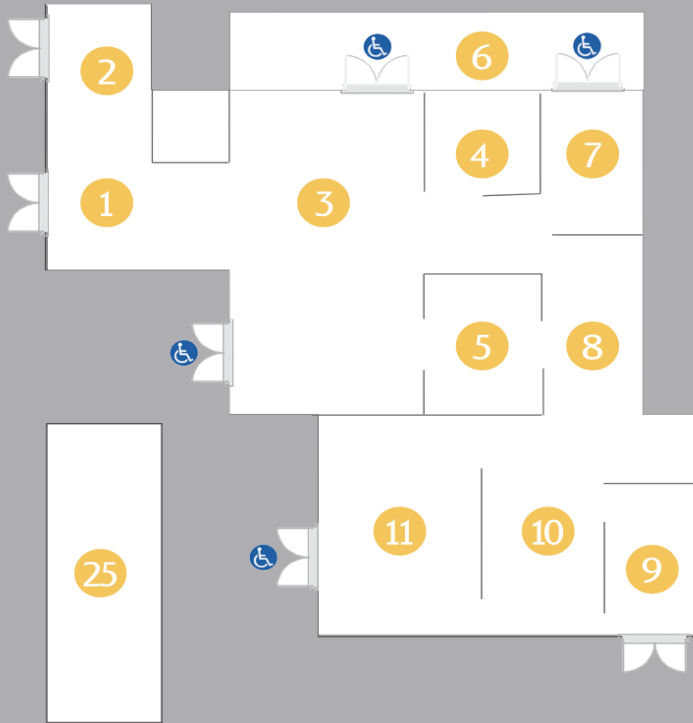
NEW EXHIBIT on Connie Mack, the Philadelphia A’s, and Spring Training in Fort Myers

Look for section titled “After the A’s”

How many baseball teams have played in Fort Myers?

Answer: 6

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