

Worcester Art Museum's Guide to Museum Photos and Selfies!

As an art museum, we champion creativity. We promote art making and believe in the awesome power of the gallery experience. Many of our visitors come and look at the artworks on display; others come and draw or participate in a drop-in activity or studio class offering.

Some visitors enjoy taking photographs while visiting, finding unique and creative expressions for capturing the artworks on view. Other visitors enjoy taking photographs of themselves, or photos of themselves with their friends and families. These "selfie photos" are a fun and creative way to capture one's experience. In doing so, these visitors are documenting that they were here, and have participated in this experience. Sharing this photograph (or any photograph) from your experience at the Museum is both appreciated and encouraged.

While visiting, please consider these helpful tips before photographing at the Museum:

1. Look Before you Photograph

Make sure to enjoy the art first. Take in the experience and really remember it! Once you see a photograph you want to take, check out your surroundings. What's behind you, next to you, and in front of you? Be careful; your safety and the safety of the artwork is more important than the photograph.

2. Be Courteous to our Other Visitors

Please wait until others have finished viewing the art before posing.

3. Don't Just Snap Away!

What makes for a good photograph? Think about your composition: foreground, background, and contrast in lightness and darkness all matter. You're not just taking a photo; you're making a work of art!

4. It's About the Art, Right?

It's about the art, right? So, make sure your image has the artwork in it.

5. Looking for Inspiration?

Not sure what to photograph? That's OK. Try pretending you're a statue, or a figure in a painting you've discovered. See what happens when you become the work of art.

6. Rules are O.K.

While visiting, please follow WAM's instructions.

- Remember our guards are here to help you with your visit. Ask one if you have a question about photography.
- We ask you to not touch the artworks. Even the slightest touch can cause damage.
- As a reminder we ask you not use selfie sticks and tripods while visiting the Museum.

7. Tag & Share

Please tag your photos and share them with us, we'd love to see them!



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Thank you for visiting, and good luck photographing!