

Orphanage Museum



The Minnesota State Public
School Orphanage Museum
invites you to visit the historic
West Hills Complex

They were called
“State Schoolers”

There were 10,635 of them
between 1886 and 1945. Kids
orphaned, abused, or abandoned
and sent to Owatonna, MN,
home of the Minnesota State
Public School for Dependent and
Neglected Children.

For some,
it was a circle of hell;
for others, a safe haven.

Arranged group tours include a presentation by
Harvey Ronglien (Ward of the State 1932-1945)

www.orphanagemuseum.com

Why Visit?

- ...tour the Museum in the Orphanage's former Administration Building, a National Landmark Building
- ...watch videos and hear stories as told by those who lived this history
- ...visit Cottage 11, a restored boys cottage
- ...explore the campus listening to our outside audio tour, open May 1 - November 1
- ...visit the restored Children's Cemetery
- ...view the original root cellar, many other historic buildings and memorials

ORPHANAGE MUSEUM HOURS:

Mon - Fri: 8am - 5PM

Please use front entrance of City Administration

Sat & Sun: 1 - 5PM

Please enter through the Owatonna Arts Center;
(rear of same building)

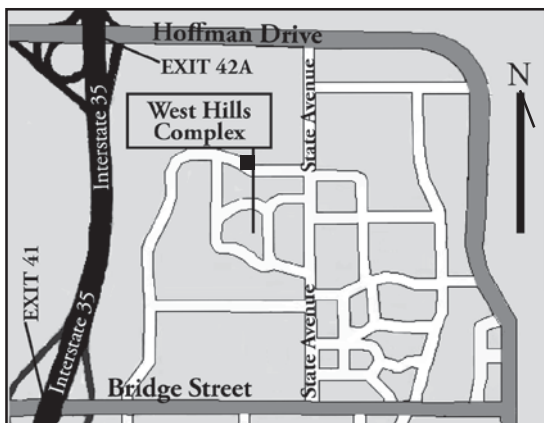
COTTAGE 11 HOURS:

Summer Hours (May 1 - Labor Day)

Tues - Fri 12 - 4PM || Sat & Sun 1 - 4PM

Winter Hours (Labor Day - May 1)

Tuesday - Saturday 1 - 3PM



...two minutes off of Interstate 35 at Exit 41 or 42A

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