

Field Trip Guide

1859 Balloon Voyage



Travel back to 1859 Lafayette, Indiana, on the day aeronaut John Wise launched his balloon. Explore the 1859 streetscape and learn about early ballooning.

Activities and Guiding Questions

Magic Lantern

Put a slide into the magic lantern and learn more about John Wise.

- What were some reasons John Wise flew his balloon?
- Why did John Wise choose to start his journey in Lafayette, Indiana?



Female Aeronauts

Read through the book located in the Dry Goods Store to learn about 7 different female aeronauts.

- Who was the 1st British woman to fly in a balloon?
- What were some of Connie Wolf's achievements as a female aeronaut?



Photographic Gallery

Look behind the pictures to learn more about the history of balloons.

- What happened when John Wise flew in his balloon "Atlantic"?
- How were balloons used during the Civil War? Who came up with the idea to use balloons during the war?