U.S. Engineer Office. Meet the engineers and riverboat crews whose efforts kept the Mississippi River open for navigation and commerce.

Prohibition. Follow the exploits of infamous gangsters and the officials who brought them to justice in this building.

Wartime. See how judges, attorneys, draft boards, military recruiters, and others dealt with issues and problems raised by World War I.

Courts. Learn about the federal judges who presided in this building and the cases they heard. Audio experiences in the third- and fourth-floor courtrooms recreate some of the most dramatic moments in the building’s history.

Citizenship. Hear the stories of immigrants who became U.S. citizens in this building and listen as they take the oath of citizenship.

New Deal. Discover the people who worked in the New Deal’s “alphabet agencies”—WPA, PWA, FERA, and others—during the 1930s and 40s, from artists to number-crunchers.

Customhouse. Find out how one of the building’s first tenants raised federal funds before the advent of income taxes by assessing tariffs on goods arriving at the inland port of St. Paul.

Enjoy a building created by and for the American people.

*Visitors may not be able to access the courtrooms when private events are taking place.

For more than 60 years, the U.S. government in St. Paul made its home in the Federal Building, creating a symbol of national power and authority and a simple workplace for citizens doing the nation’s business.

Uncle Sam Worked Here tells the story of the people and their building, from its construction in 1902 to its role today as Landmark Center, a civic and cultural icon. Exhibits begin with an introduction on the first floor and continue on the upper floors, focusing on these themes and topics:
FOURTH FLOOR

Uncle Sam Worked Here
Exhibit Introduction and Display Area

Post Office
Audio Experience

THIRD FLOOR

New Deal
Exhibit Area

Customhouse
Exhibit Area

U.S. Engineer Office
Exhibit Area

SECOND FLOOR

Prohibition
Exhibit Area

Courts
Exhibit Area

Prohibition
Exhibit Area

FIRST FLOOR

U.S. Engineer Office
Exhibit Area

Stairs
Elevators

WATERFRONT

RICE PARK

SIXTH STREET

Wartime
Sedition Trial
Audio Experience
Courtroom 408

Wartime
Exhibit Areas

FOURTH FLOOR

New Deal
Exhibit Area

Citizenship
Citizenship Ceremony
Audio Experience
Courtroom 430

Elevators
Stairs

SIXTH STREET

RICE PARK