My Visit to the Museum of Discovery

Pre-Visit Story



The Museum

I am going to the Museum of Discovery today!

This is a museum where I can play with lots of things and learn about science.

When I am at the museum:

- I will stay with my group or the adult I came with
- I cannot take food, drinks, or sticky things into the museum



Checking In

When I go inside, I will see the front desk where I will get my <u>ticket</u>.

At the front desk, I can ask for a backpack that has headphones, a fidget, and sunglasses inside of it to use inside the museum.



Exhibits

Some of the <u>exhibits</u> here will move or make noises when I use them.

I can touch all of the exhibits. The exhibits also have information and pictures on the signs next to them so I can learn about science.

Some of the exhibits might be crowded.



Staff

Museum <u>staff</u> wear blue shirts. Volunteers wear an orange apron.

I can ask the staff or volunteers about the exhibits or they can help me if I get lost or if I need to find a quiet spot.



Bathrooms

There are bathrooms on the top and bottom floors of the museum.

The bathrooms have toilets that flush by themselves.

There are also hand dryers in the bathroom. The toilets and hand dryers may be loud.









Quiet Areas

If I want to visit a quieter area of the museum I can visit:

Amazing You Exhibit/Imagination Playground
Great Hall
STEAM Studio
Dining Area
Room to Grow



Tornado Alley Theater

The tornado alley theater is found downstairs.

If I go into the tornado theater, the room will look like I am inside a house while a tornado happens outside.

There are sounds like a tornado that can be loud.



Animals

The museum has lots of fun animals.

Sometimes the staff will bring them out so I can see them. If the staff tells me I can touch the animal, I will be gentle and use 2 fingers only.

When the animals are in their cages, I can look at them through the glass. Some of the animals get scared so I will not tap on the glass by their cages.



Whoosh Machine

This is the "Whoosh" machine.

The Whoosh machine uses wind to make objects move through the plastic pipes.

This area is crowded and I may have to wait for a turn. The sound in this area may be loud.



Room to Grow

This is the Room to Grow Exhibit.

This area is for younger children. I must have an adult with me to play here.



Theater

Sometimes there are science shows in the theater at the museum.

I will listen to the staff member's rules during the show.

These shows may be loud or bright.



Leaving

Eventually, I will have to leave the museum.

When we leave, we will pass the Explore Store.

See you next time, Museum of Discovery!

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