My Visit to the Discovery Museum

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Bessie the Dinosaur

When I visit the Discovery Museum I can see Bessie, the friendly dinosaur sculpture.

I can wave “Hi” to her.
Check-in & Admission Sticker

The Admissions desk may be the first stop on my visit to the Discovery Museum.

I will check in and get a sticker for my visit!
Helpful Materials

The Discovery Museum has materials that can help me feel comfortable during my visit.

At the Admissions desk, my grown-up can ask to borrow these materials for me to use.

- Wheelchair
- Noise-reducing headphones
- Fidget spinner/cube?
- Portable step stool
- Sensory-friendly Spaces Guide
Masks

Some people at the Museum may be wearing face masks.

When someone wears a mask, I won’t be able to see their nose and mouth, but they can still talk to me.

They might even be smiling under their mask.
Museum Staff

People who work at the Discovery Museum are here to help me.

They may wear a name tag, a purple apron, or a blue jacket.

They may say “Hi” to me and can also answer questions.
Things To Remember

There will be different rooms to explore. It will be fun to try new things.

I can play in each room. I may meet new friends.

It is important for me to stay with my adult.

There will be other children playing, too!
Light & Color Gallery

The Light and Color Gallery is near the Admissions desk.

It may be dark in the room so that I can see all the different colors.
Water Gallery

I can play in the Water Gallery. It is okay to get wet!

I can wear a smock to help keep my clothes dry.

I can also bring a change of clothes or roll up my sleeves.
Sound Gallery & AirPlay

In the Sound Gallery and AirPlay area it may be loud.

I can tell my adult if it is too loud.

I can ask for headphones at the Admissions desk.

Headphones can help me feel okay with the sound.

In the Sound Gallery, I can make music with different instruments and explore how sound works.

In AirPlay, I can watch objects fly through large tubes. It will be fun to catch the scarves and balls.
The Community Gallery

The Community Gallery is a special place where the exhibits sometimes change.

I wonder what will be there when I visit?

Sometimes there will be blocks to play with.

Other times there will be different exhibits.
Brain Building Together

Brain Building Together is a play space at the Museum for families with children up to age 3.
Yes, It’s Math!

In the Yes, It’s Math Gallery, I can build with magnetic shapes, dance in patterns, and use a harmonograph to make a pendulum drawing.
Bessie’s House

In Bessie’s House, I can play in the Train Room, Bessie’s Diner, Backyard at Night, and Ship Room.
In the da Vinci Workshop, I can create art or an invention to bring home.

Nearby, in the Simple Machines Gallery,
on the floor I can build with wooden planks, screws and rope, and
on the wall I can make a track for balls using tubes and ramps.
Discovery Woods

Outside the Museum building there is so much to do! I can explore in a huge treehouse, play on a slide, climb and bounce on a cargo net, and swing with friends.
Fairyborough and more

Fairyborough has a path I can follow. Along this path I can make music with unusual instruments and look for living things around the trees and under stones!

I can also take a nature walk in the nearby Conservation Land, play on a giant lever, and pose for a photo with the Vitruvian Man sculpture!
Quiet Spots

Discovery Woods may get loud and busy if there are lots of people playing.

If I need a break, I can let my grown up know, and we can go to a quieter spot.

Quieter places may be:

- Rain Garden
- Treehouse
- Woodland Nook
- Adirondack Chairs
Time to Leave

After I play in Discovery Woods, I may:

- visit the Museum building
- go home with my grown up

I can come back again another time and visit.

I will have fun today!
Sensory Maps

These maps can help me plan my visit to the Discovery Museum.
DISCOVERY WOODS

Discovery Woods is open year-round and closes at dusk.

KEY

- Loud
- Low Light
- Wet
- Hideaway Spot
- Break Space
- Outdoor Movement

Welcome Deck

Adventure Path

Bridge

Community Swing

Gravel Pit

Tree House

Cargo Net

Adventure Hill

Rain Garden

to Great Hill Conservation Land

to Discovery Museum

Woodland Nook

Log Steps

Discovery Museum