



Getting to Discovery Museum from Boston



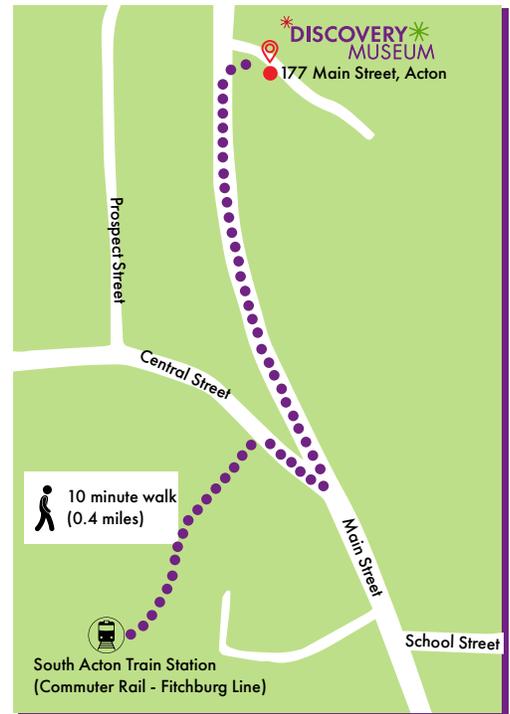
We're thrilled that you're planning a visit to Discovery Museum! Our philosophy starts with the simple belief that kids are capable of incredible things. We aim to nurture that natural ability and support kids' healthy development. Play is how kids learn—here, kids can play in environments full of everyday science, imagination, and local nature.



Take public transportation...

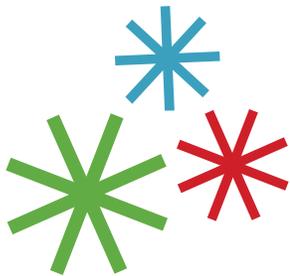
SUBWAY & COMMUTER RAIL

- ▶ Take the **Red subway line to Porter Station** or the **Orange or Green subway line to North Station**. Purchase a paper ticket or use a Charlie Card to board at any stop. Visit www.mbta.com/schedules/subway to plan your trip and for the most-up-to-date schedules and maps.
- ▶ Purchase a roundtrip ticket for the Commuter Rail, then board an **MBTA Fitchburg Line** train. Visit www.mbta.com/schedules/CR-Fitchburg for specific information on the Fitchburg Line, including the most up-to-date subway schedules, maps, and pricing.
- ▶ Get off at the **South Acton train stop**.
- ▶ **Take a short 10-minute walk to the Museum.** Head southeast toward Central Street, turn right onto Central, use the crosswalk to cross the street, then take a sharp left onto Main Street/MA 27. The Museum will be on your right. Use the crosswalk to cross the street.



...or drive to the Museum— parking is free!

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Tips for planning your trip



► For information regarding FREE and reduced MBTA fares for some riders including military personnel and children under 11, visit <https://www.mbta.com/fares/reduced>.



- The Commuter Rail runs less frequently than the subway. It can be helpful to check the schedule and plan your return time as well.
- If you are new to the Commuter Rail, the MBTA has a Beginner's Guide with helpful information at www.mbta.com/guides/commuter-rail-guide.
- Be sure to purchase a round trip ticket for the Commuter Rail if you'll be returning on the train.
- If you're driving, print out directions or load them onto your GPS.

- Be sure to allow yourselves enough time in case of traffic or delays.
- Check your local weather and wear appropriate clothing and comfortable walking shoes so you can visit our outdoor nature playscape, Discovery Woods, to sway in the nest swing, explore the treehouse, climb the cargo net, and more!
- Pack a snack or lunch for your visit. The Museum has a healthy foods vending machine but no cafeteria. There are outdoor tables for eating and a snacking area in the lobby. You can also ask for a map of local restaurants at the Admissions Desk.
- Come ready to play and explore! Discovery Museum has galleries of everyday science and imaginative experiences for all ages, and a special exhibit just for infants and toddlers. All exhibits are hands-on, low-tech, open-ended, and interactive, to encourage play and exploration.

Everyday adventures are learning opportunities!

You don't have to wait until you get to the Museum to have fun and learn! Time together talking, playing, and wondering about transportation and your surroundings is brain building!

- Encourage children to look out the windows and observe the scenery. Use your 5 senses.
- What do you see? Look up at the sky and observe the clouds. What do they look like?
- What do you notice about the trees? Do they have leaves on them? Do the trees look alike?
- Do you see any birds? Can you hear them? What do they sound like? Can you mimic their tweets? How many different types do you see? Can you spot a hawk?
- On the train, you will pass through several towns. Did you see Walden Pond State Reservation? What other landmarks?
- How many train stops are there from Boston to Acton?
- Explore the principle of inertia. How do things in the train or car move as the vehicle slows, stops, and starts? How does your body move? Is it possible to stay still while your vehicle is moving?
- Play games such as I-Spy, License Plate Tag, the Alphabet game, Telephone, or Twenty Questions.



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