

# My Visit to Thanksgiving Point's Museum of Natural Curiosity



I am going to The Museum of Natural Curiosity. The museum is a place where I can play and explore many different things.

Before I enter the museum, I need to think about these rules:

I will not bring food into the museum. I can bring a water bottle.

I will stay with my group while at the museum.

I will help keep the museum clean by picking up after myself.

I will be gentle with the toys and exhibits in the museum, so other kids can play with them too.



There are many people who work at the museum:

Guest Services wear blue shirts and help check visitors in at the front desk.



Education Explorers wear red shirts and play with visitors in the Museum. If I need to take a break in a quiet spot, I can ask them for help.



If I get lost or hurt, I can ask any of these people for help.

There are many people who work at the museum:

Security staff wear tan or green shirts. If I get lost or hurt, they can help me. They make sure the museum and visitors are safe.



If I get lost or hurt, I can ask any of these people for help.

Once I am in the museum, I will get a stamp on my hand. Sometimes there is a line so I may have to wait. I will try to be patient.



If I want a sensory backpack I will ask the guest service staff checking us in.

I may get a wristband to wear with my adult's number on it so if I get lost, the museum staff can call them.



There are restrooms by the check in desk.



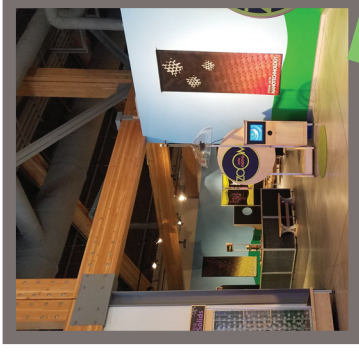
After I get a stamp, I can enter the museum by walking across the bridge. It may look a little scary, but it is safe to cross.



## Traveling Gallery

The exhibits in this space switch out twice a year.

I can come explore what's new in the museum in this gallery.



## Kidopolis

Kidopolis is a small city made for kids.

In this gallery I can do things like put on a show or build with giant legos.



## Waterworks

In this gallery I get to build different things.

I can try to build a tower or survive an earthquake, or build canals for water to run down.



## Discovery Garden

In the Discovery Garden I get to play and explore outside.

I can go down the zipline at the playground or say hi to the fish at the pond.



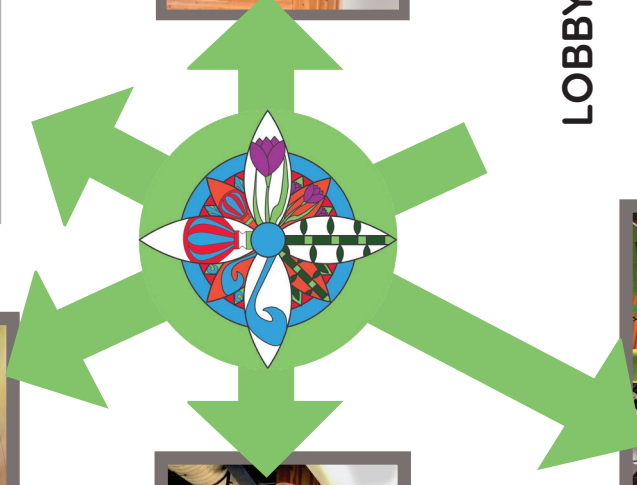
## Rainforest

In the rainforest I can test myself in different ways.

I can explore different rainforest animals and see if I can hang like a sloth, or I can go for a climb in the Temple Climber.



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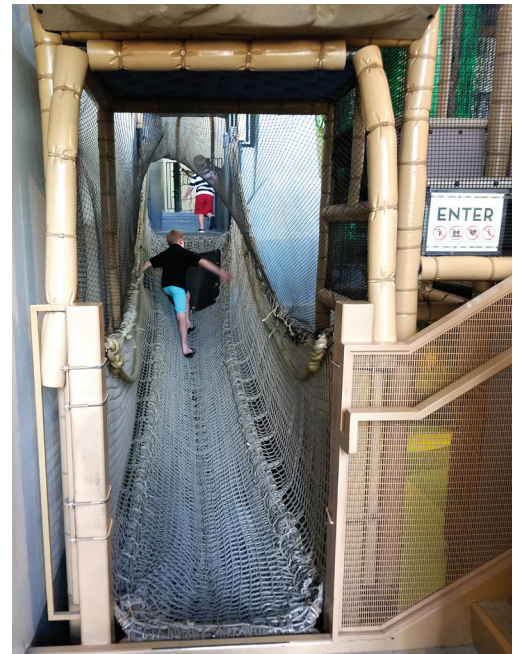
Once I cross the bridge, I will be in the Hub. From here I can pick which gallery I want to play in.

## Rainforest

In this gallery I can compare myself to different rainforest animals. I will try to remember to share and take turns with the other guests.



I can also climb and play in the temple climber. There are rope bridges that are high above the rainforest floor. They look scary, but they are safe to walk on. I will try to remember not to leave the temple climber area without my group.



There are restroom and drinking fountains in the Rainforest. The Rainforest can be crowded and noisy. If I need a break or want to go home I will let my adult know.

## Waterworks

In this gallery I can build mountains in the virtual landscape table or play with the wind tubes.



I can also build canals for water and balls to go down. Or build with pipes on the water plexus. I will try to remember not to splash other guests. There are boots and aprons to wear so I don't get wet.



Waterworks can be crowded and noisy. If I need a break or want to go home I will let my adult know.

## Traveling

This gallery changes every few months. I can go to this gallery to see what's new.



## Kidopolis

This gallery looks like a little city. I can play in the different rooms. I will try to remember not to leave any of the rooms without my adult.

I can put on a show in the theater,



or build with giant legos in the Tinker Shop.



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## Discovery Garden

In the discovery garden I can play on the playground.



I can also go see the fish in the pond. I will try to remember to stay on the sidewalk and not get too close to the water because it is not safe.



I will try to remember not to eat food in the Discovery Garden.

There are restrooms and drinking fountains in the Discovery Garden.

If I need a break or want to go home I will let my adult know.

When I am done playing and want to go home, I can leave by crossing the bridge.

## Tips for Caregivers

1. The museums is least crowded in the evenings between 6:00 and 8:00 pm.
2. Holidays are extremely crowded at the museum.
3. The museum does offer sensory backpacks. You may check them out at the front desk. You will need to give them an id or keys to check out the backpack. Contents include:
  - a. Fidget toys
  - b. Timer
  - c. Sunglasses
  - d. Headphones
  - e. Copy of the Social Story
4. Wristbands are available for your child to wear. There is space to write your phone number on in case your child gets lost.
5. The museum does offer wheelchairs or strollers to rent.
6. All of the restrooms have the automatic flush toilets. We do have family restrooms located in the Rainforest Gallery and in the hallway leading out to the Discovery Garden.
7. All service animals must be checked in at the front desk, prior to entry.
8. Usual quiet spaces include:
  - a. Upstairs in the library in Kidopolis
  - b. Chamber of Wonder in the Rainforest
  - c. Discovery Garden.

For more quiet spaces, please ask a staff member and they can help you find one.

9. For a list of programming, please visit:  
<http://thanksgivingpoint.org/education/families/>