

## Social Narrative

### Family Visit to the Connecticut Museum of Culture and History



We are going to the Connecticut Museum of Culture and History. Inside the Museum, there are objects that tell stories about the history of Connecticut. Some of the objects are hundreds of years old.



When we first arrive at the Museum, we will walk up a small hill from the parking lot to the front entrance. If I enter through the original entrance, I will need to climb a few steps into the entryway and a few more once inside.





If we need a handicap accessible entrance, we will enter through the auditorium lobby to the left of the original entrance. We will ring a doorbell, and a member of the Connecticut Museum staff will come to open the door for us.

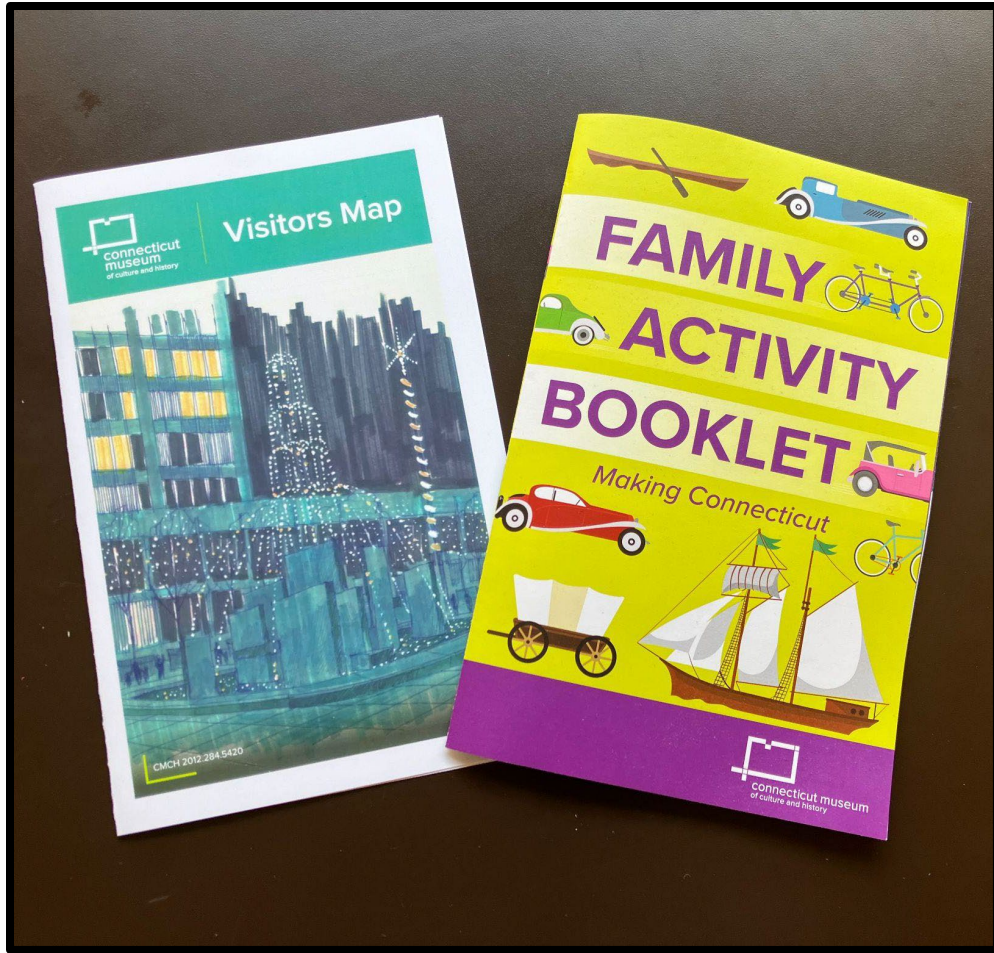


We will have to climb a small set of stairs and walk down a hallway to get to the front desk. We can climb the stairs, or someone can help us use a small elevator.





When we approach the welcome desk, someone will greet us. We will pay admission to enter the Museum.



We can pick up a Visitors Map and Family Activity Booklet at the welcome desk. We can use these to plan where we will go and what we will see.





We can also pick up a sensory bag. These bags contain fidgets, noise-reducing headphones, sunglasses, timers, and this social story.



If we have coats that we don't want to wear in the Museum, we can hang them up in the coat closet. If I have any food or drink with me, I will have to leave it here before going to the Museum's exhibits.





If we want to visit the exhibit on the first floor, I will walk down the hallway behind the welcome desk. This exhibit changes, so it may look different when I visit. I can also find the accessible bathrooms in this hallway.



If we are visiting on the weekend, I can go visit the Inspire Center! It's to the left of the exhibit on the first floor. I can craft, play with toys, or I can just look with my eyes. There is a record player to listen to music, and headphones to use in case it gets too noisy.





If we want to go to the exhibits upstairs, we can use the main staircase or use the elevator, which is on the other side of the hallway from the Inspire Center.



If we want or need to take the elevator, we can follow the signs near the Inspire Center. Once inside we push the 2 button to go up, and when we are done upstairs we push the 1 button to go back down.





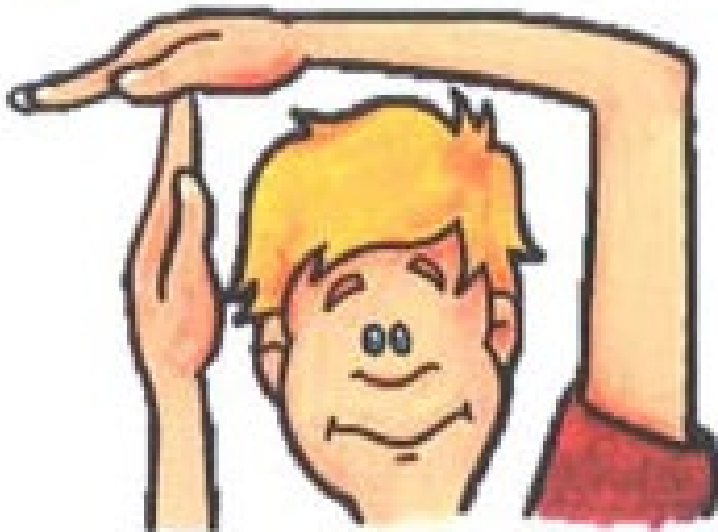
Most of the exhibits have items I can touch and play with. In some places, I can even dress up! If I don't want to complete one of the activities, I can choose not to and just look with my eyes.



If we want to go to the exhibit in the auditorium, we will have to walk down a hallway and down a small set of stairs. We can use the stairs, or someone can help us use a small elevator. This is also the path I can take to get to the bathrooms.



# I need a break



If I need a break or want to leave the Museum, I will tell the adult I am with. We can step outside of the museum or find a quiet space.



When it is time to leave, I will go back to the entrance I used earlier to exit the Museum. If I hung up my coat, I will go back to the coat closet to get it.

I hope I can visit the Museum again soon and learn more history!