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Research Visit at the Connecticut Museum of Culture and History

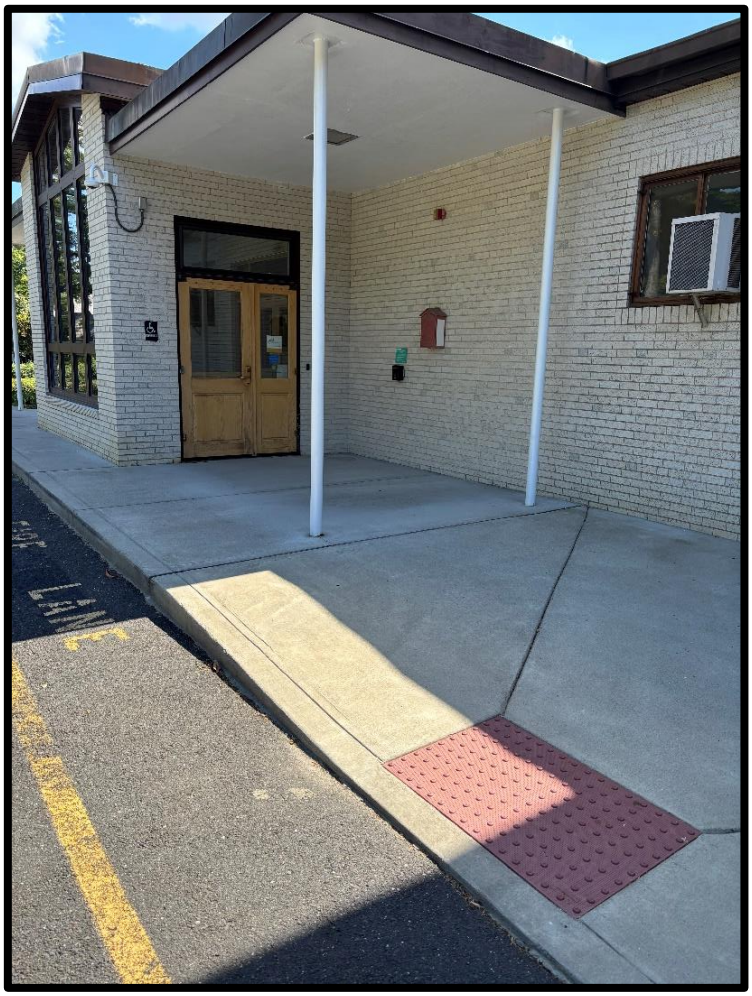


We are going to the Connecticut Museum of Culture and History. Inside the Museum, there are objects that tell stories about the history of Connecticut. Some of the objects are hundreds of years old.

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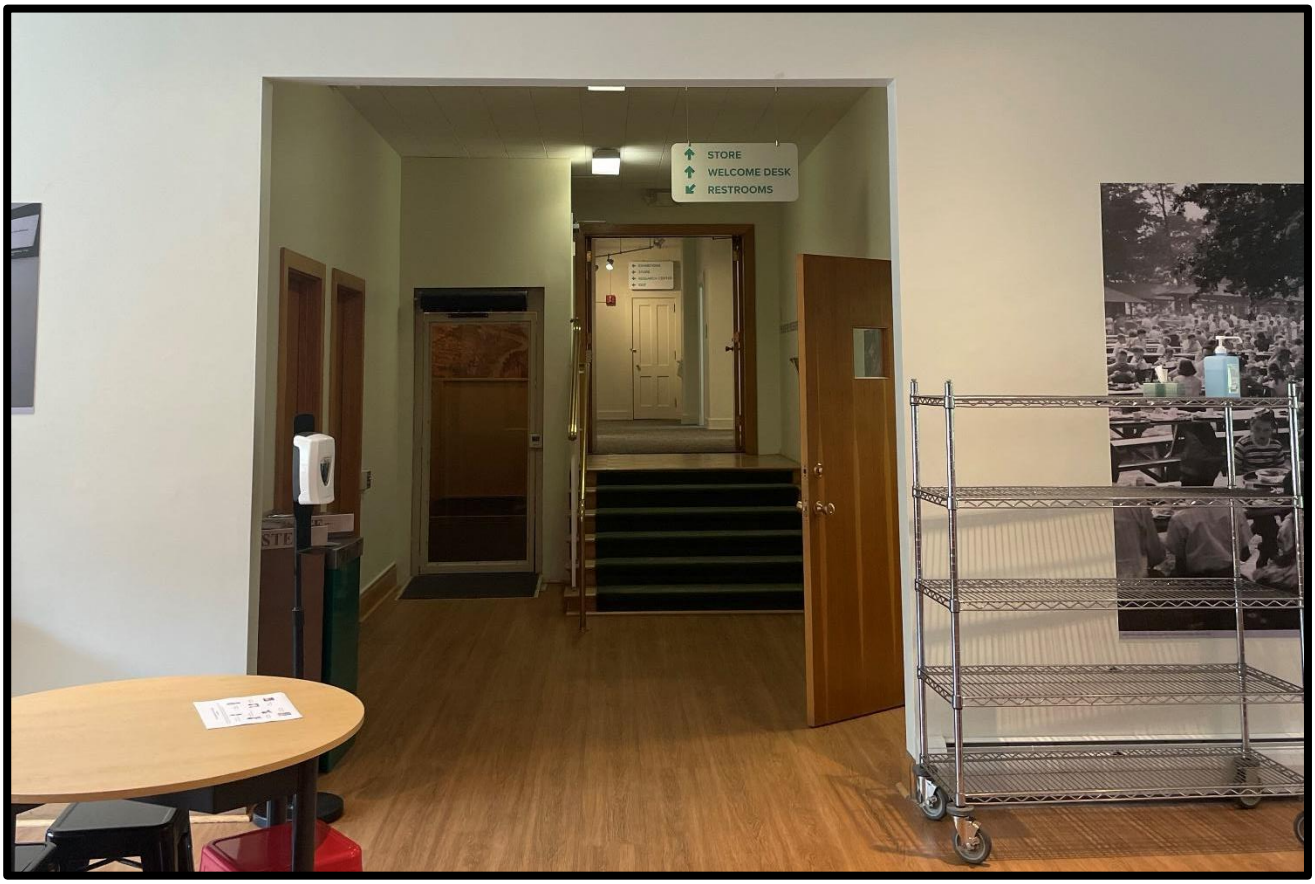
When I first arrive at the Museum, I will walk up a small hill from the parking lot to the front entrance. If I need accessible parking, I can park right in front of the building. If I enter through the original entrance, I will need to climb a few steps into the entryway and a few more once inside.





If I need a handicap accessible entrance, I will enter through the auditorium lobby to the left of the original entrance. I will press a button on the callbox and talk to someone through a speaker. I will tell them I need someone to open the door, and a member of the Connecticut Museum staff will come to let me inside.

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



When I approach the welcome desk, staff will greet me. I will provide my name to the person at the welcome desk, so they can check me in for my appointment. If I have not already paid for my visit, I will pay admission to enter the Museum. If I am a member, my museum membership will be noted in their system.

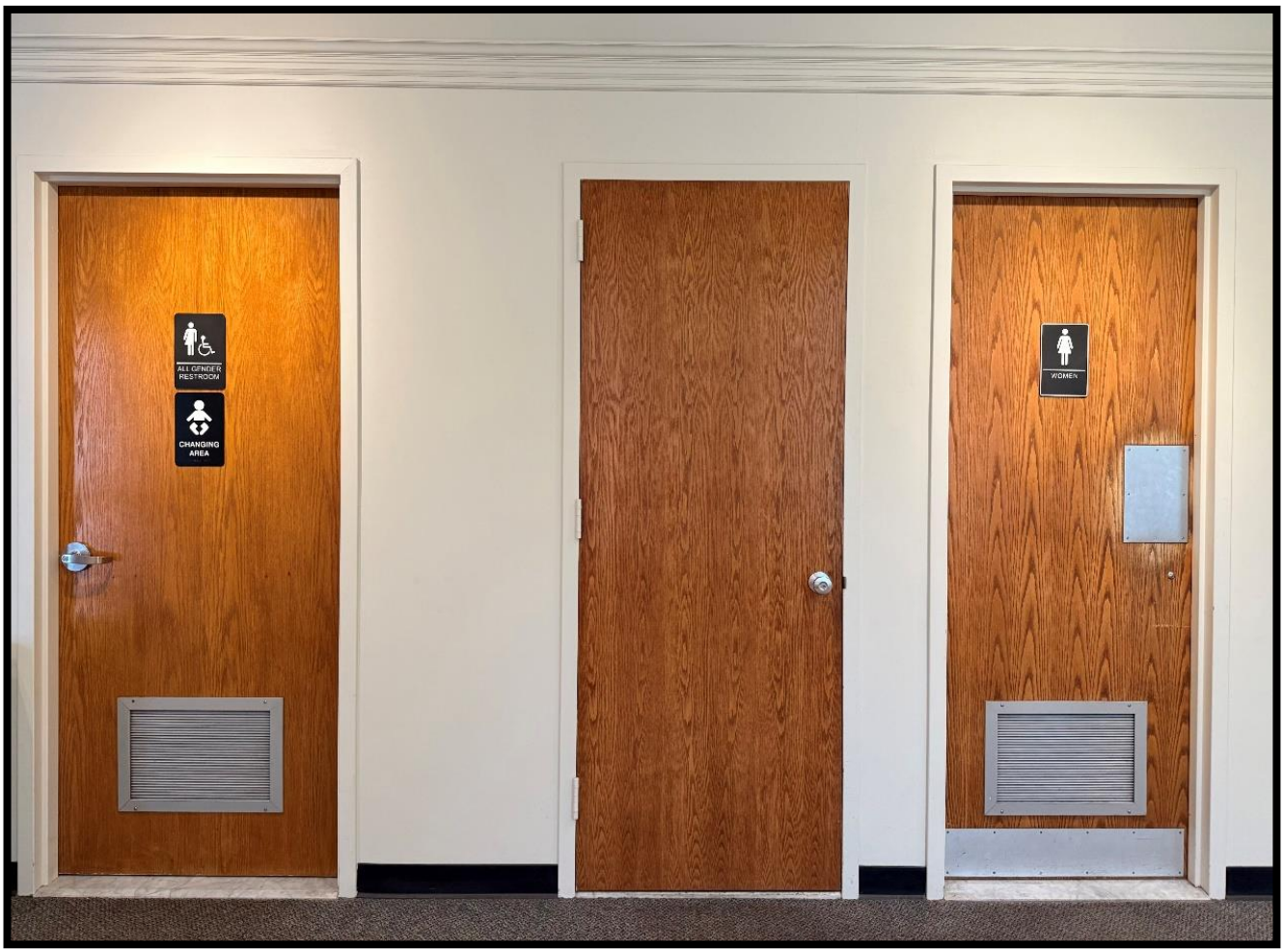
There may be other visitors or groups walking around – the galleries open earlier than the Research Center.

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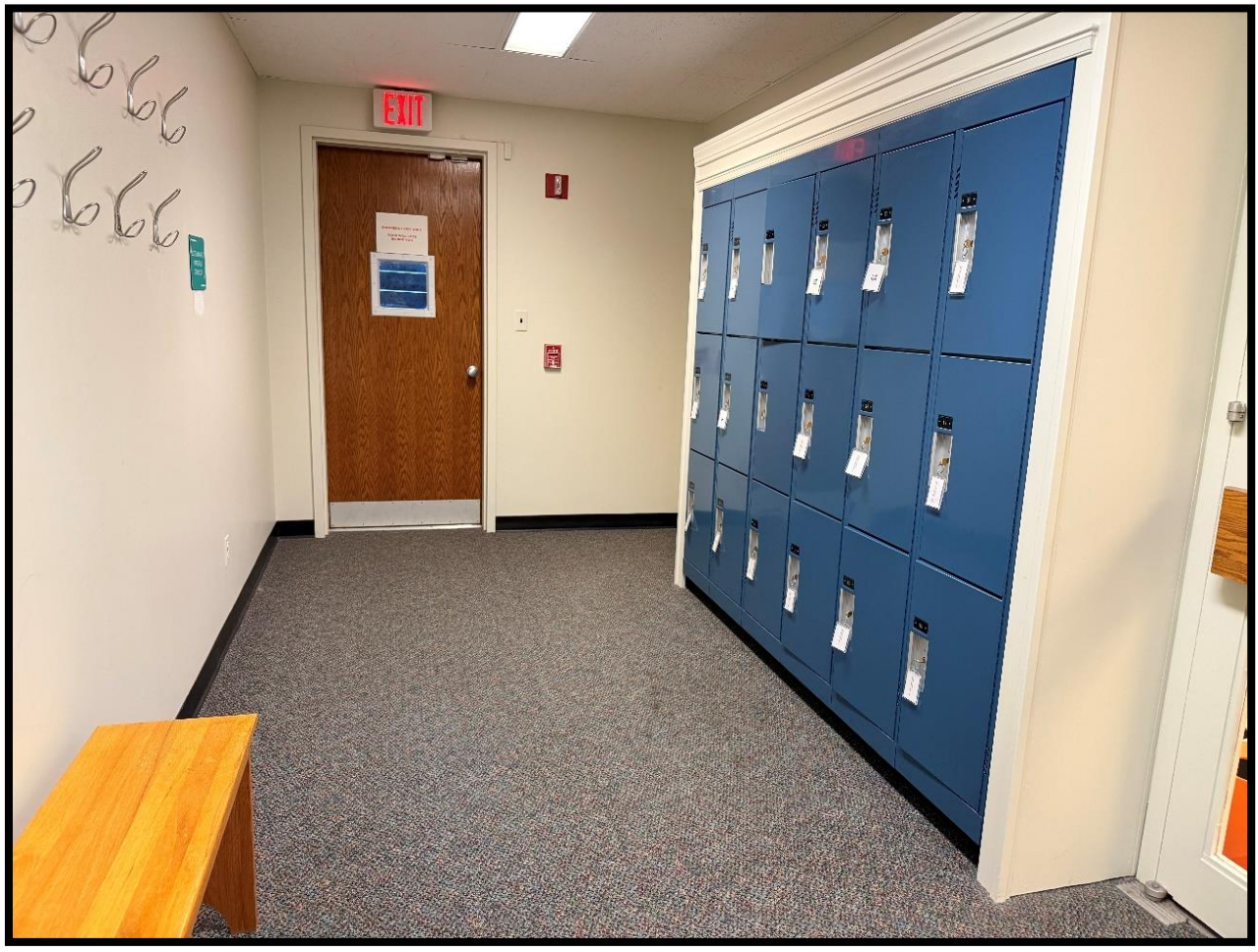
Guests that are with me can pick up a sensory bag. These bags contain fidgets, noise reducing headphones, sunglasses, timers, and another social story for a general visit to the museum galleries.

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I will need to wash my hands in the nearby bathrooms before going to the Research Center. The bathrooms, including an accessible one, are in the hallway behind the welcome desk.

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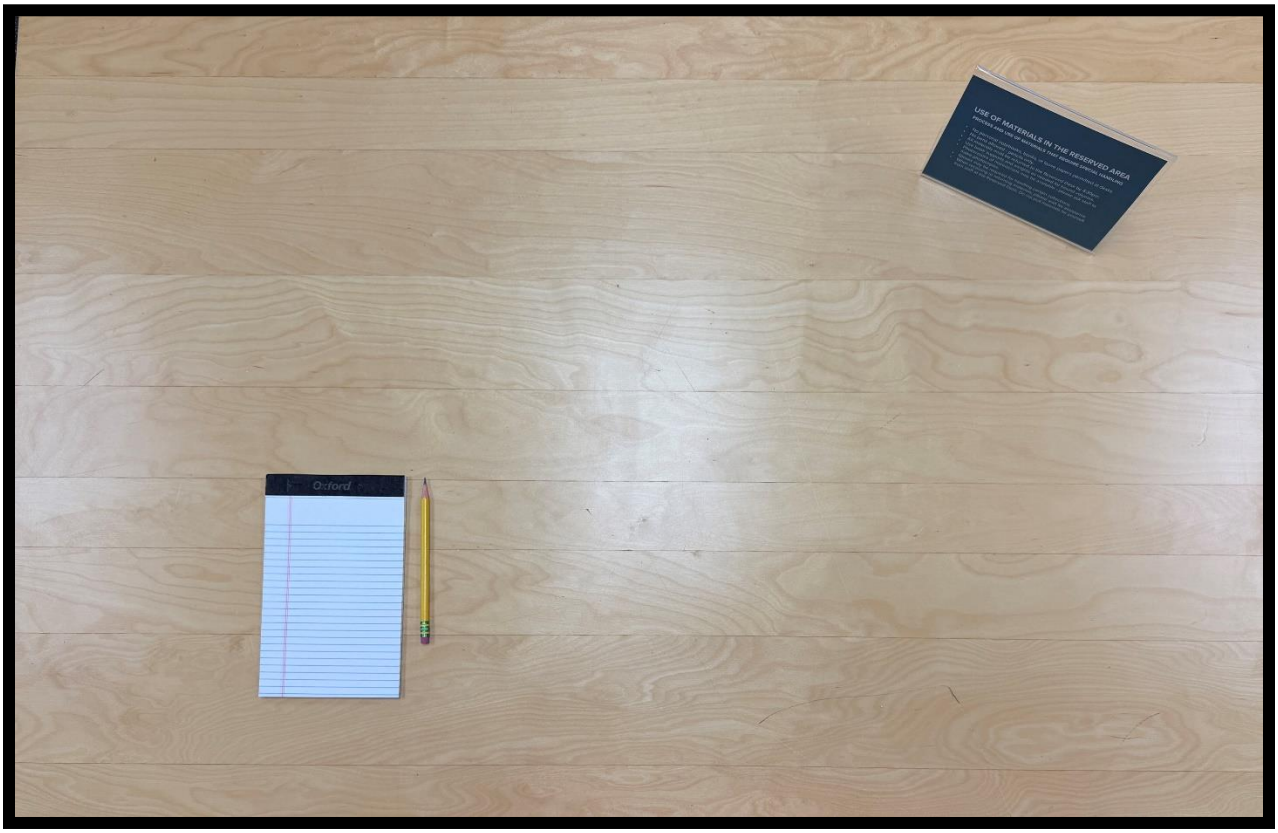


I will also need to lock up my coat, bags, food and drink in the Research Center lockers. I can bring in my laptop, cellphone, digital camera, and notes as needed. If I communicated other accommodation needs, staff will have prepared for them ahead of time.



When I enter the Research Center, staff will greet me. I will provide my name to the person at the Reference Desk, so they can check me in for the afternoon. They will confirm that all appropriate items have been stored in a locker and direct me to my designated research station.

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I may be directed to another staff member in a separate area, who will also greet me and present the collection items pulled for my visit.

I will be provided with a pencil and small notepad to take notes on. I may not be able to use my personal notes at the research table but can refer to them in a separate area when needed.

I can leave to use the bathrooms or take breaks – I just need to inform the staff.



I will be guided by the staff on how to safely handle collection items during my research visit. I may also be given book supports, magnifiers and other equipment as needed.

I will be reminded by staff about the Research Center's closing time approximately 30 minutes prior.

When it is time to leave, I will confirm with staff if I plan to return and what items can be returned to their shelves or will be needed for future visits.

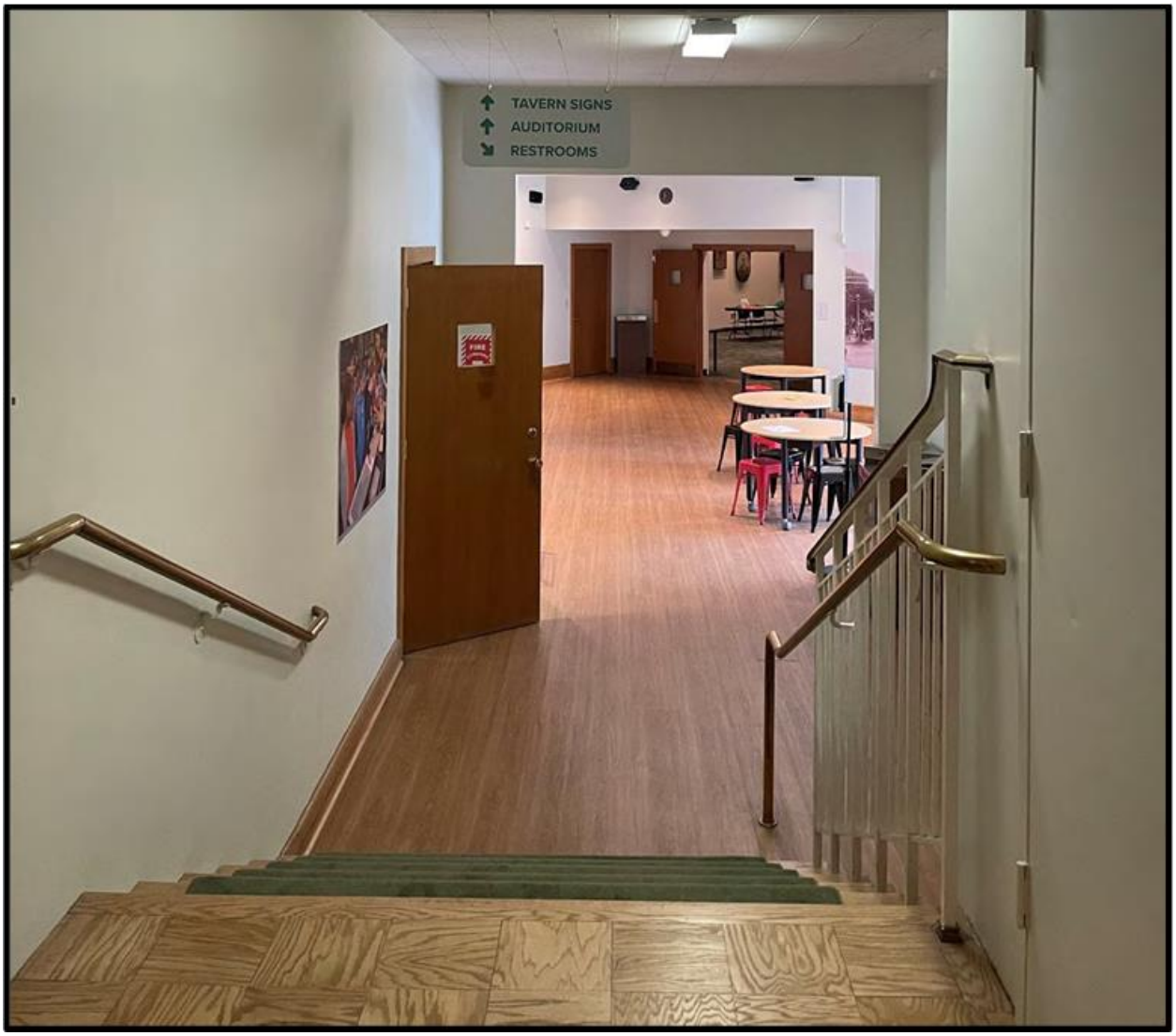


If I need to take the elevator, it is located to the right of the Research Center. To visit the exhibits, I will push the button for the second floor.



If I want to go to the exhibit in the auditorium, I will have to walk down a hallway near the welcome desk and gift shop.

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I can walk down a small set of stairs, or someone can help me use a small elevator. This is also the path I can take to get to additional bathrooms or to exit through the accessible entrance.



If I do not need the accessible entrance, I can leave the museum by using the main entrance by the Welcome Desk.