

My Trip To **Kohl Children's Museum**



Introduction for Caregivers

This story guide was created to help children prepare for a visit to Kohl Children's Museum. It features all of the exhibits you can expect to see on your visit.

Hours

Sunday and Monday
9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Tuesday – Saturday
9:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Location

2100 Patriot Boulevard, Glenview, IL

Free parking is available at the museum. The entrance to the parking lot is on Patriot Boulevard.

Men's and Women's Restrooms are located near the front desk and Cooperation Station. Family restrooms are located near the front desk and the travelling exhibit gallery. All restrooms have wall-mounted changing stations. The family restroom by the front desk includes a cot which may be used for larger children or those with special needs.

We think it's important that the Museum be equally available to guests with any level of physical, visual, auditory, or cognitive ability. All public areas are 100% ADA-compliant. The facility and all exhibits have been designed using the principles of universal design, which go beyond accessibility with an approach that uses multi-sensory experiences as educational tools. These experiences allow all guests with any level of physical, visual, auditory, and cognitive ability to experience the Museum and its offerings.

I am going to the Kohl Children's Museum!
During my visit, I can
see and do many fun
and interesting things.
I hope I have a great
time!



Welcome!

My grown-up and I might enter the parking lot and find a place to park.

We will walk past the pink cow sculpture and enter the museum through the double doors. I will stay with my grown-up while we enter the museum.



If I have a coat or bag,
I can leave it in the
coat room or take it
with me.



Tickets

We will go to the front desk to get our tickets. Sometimes, the museum is busy. I might have to wait in line to get a ticket.

Once we have our tickets, the front desk worker will give my grown-up a wristband and give me a stamp on my hand. If I don't want a stamp, I can tell my grown-up or the worker at the desk.



Restrooms

I will walk past a restroom at the front of the museum. There are more restrooms at the back of the museum by Cooperation Station.



Sensory Info:

All of the restrooms in the museum have automatic flushing toilets and automatic hand dryers. There are paper towels in all the restrooms, too.



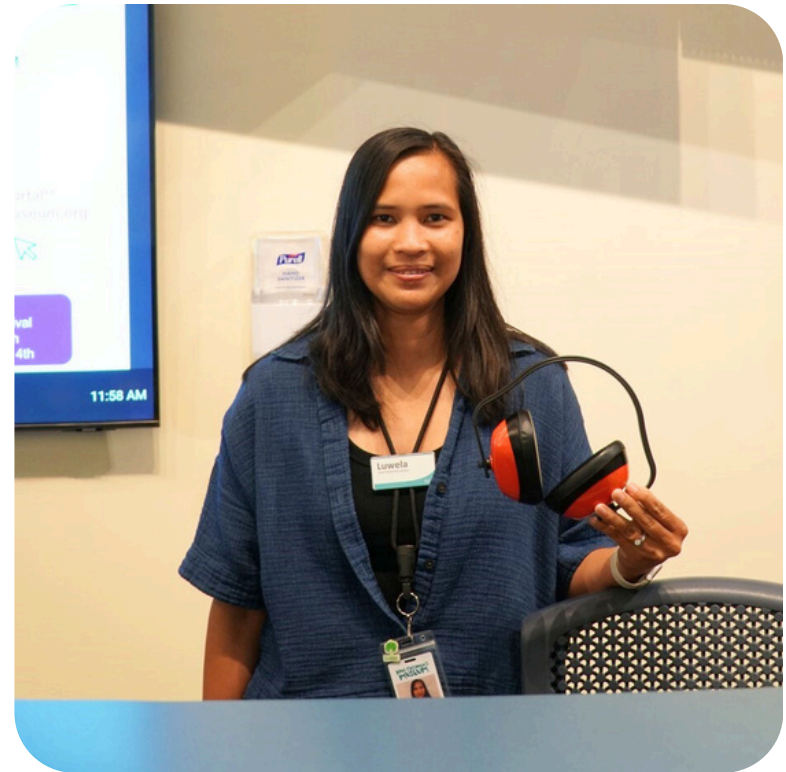
Museum Staff

If I have a question or I need help in the museum, I can ask a museum worker. People who work at the museum wear nametags and colorful smocks, aprons, or T-shirts. All of these people work at the museum!



Headphones

Sometimes, the museum is loud! If it is too loud, my grown-up and I can ask for headphones at the front desk, or we can take a break outside. It is OK to take a break!



Exhibits

There are many places I can play in the museum. I can already see Turtle Rock from the front desk!



I can choose what to play with! If I don't like an activity in the museum, I can find a different activity, or ask a grown-up if we can go to a different area.

Art Studio

In the art studio, I can use different materials to make a work of art, or do the monthly art project.

I might get messy while I am making art. When I am done, I can wash my hands in the art room sinks.



I can take my art with me or leave it on the drying rack to pick up later.

Auto Care

In the auto care exhibit, I can play with toy cars, sit in a pretend car, or walk through the car wash.



Sensory Info: The car wash has sounds, flashing lights, and blowing air.

Grocery Store

There are lots of things to do at the grocery store exhibit! I pretend to shop or work at the store. I might need to wait my turn to play with a shopping cart or cash register. I can play with something else until it is my turn.



Baby Nursery

I can take care of a baby doll, or use doctor's tools to give it a check-up.

Sensory Info:

These buttons play songs when I press them!



Books and Crannies

I can find a comfy spot to read a book, or use the stage to put on a performance.

Books and Crannies has stairs to an upper level that I might explore.



Pet Vet

At the pet vet, I can pretend to be a veterinarian or animal groomer and take care of animals. I can even pretend to be an animal!



Play Café

I can pretend to order or serve a meal with play sandwich ingredients.
I can use the cash register, or clean up the café using the mop.



Cooperation Station

Cooperation Station has lots of machines. I can change how the machines move. I can work together with others to make the machines do even more!

Sensory Info: Some of the machines make sounds or have lights that flash. Sometimes, when lots of people are playing in this area, it is very loud. If it is too loud, I can go to another area or ask for headphones.



Hands-On House

I can use different materials to help build the hands-on house! I can add siding, roofing, tile, or carpet.

Behind the house, there are camouflage capes and stuffed birds I can play with, too.

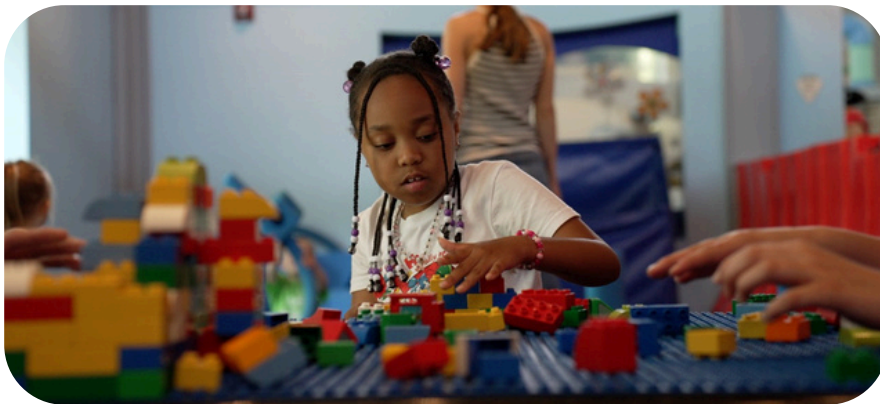


Sensory Info: There is colorful lighting inside the house. This exhibit may be loud.



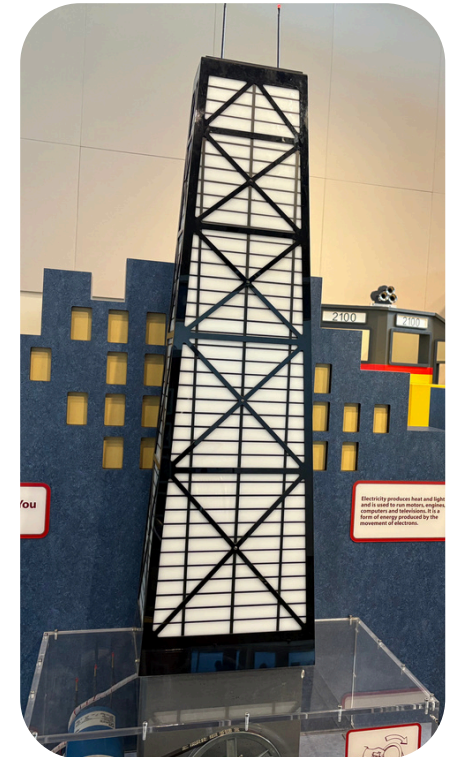
Build It!

I can build with many different kinds of blocks. I will share the blocks with other people in this area.



City On The Move

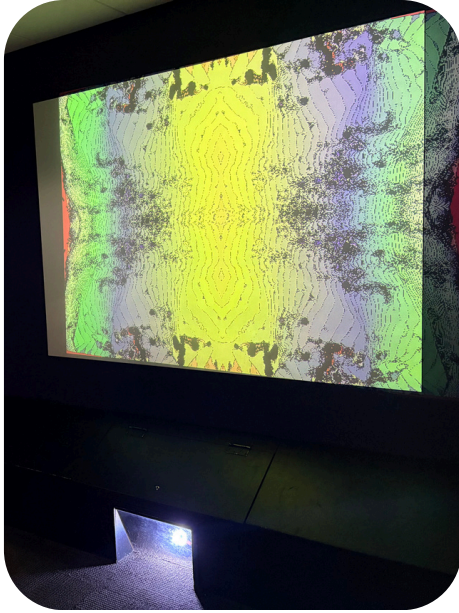
There are many different kinds of buildings, building materials, and vehicles here. I can build or drive a train, and there are lots of different buttons to press!



Sensory Info: The bus stop buttons play loud sounds or announcements when I press them. Some thing in this exhibit light up.

Music Makers

There are lots of musical instruments for me to explore! I can play an instrument, listen to music, or dance in the recollections room.



Sensory Info: I will hear the sounds of instruments. This room might be loud! I can get headphones if I need them.

The recollections room has music playing and a screen with flashing lights.



Water Works

This area has lots of water. I can play with the water and make it move in different ways. I might get wet when I play here!



Sensory Info: The water in this exhibit has a funny smell from the products used to clean it. It might smell like a pool!



Habitat Park

There are lots of things for me to explore outside in Habitat Park! There are things to climb, trikes to ride, and lots of things to touch and see. Habitat Park may be closed if it's raining or too cold.



Sensory Info: There are some water features in Habitat Park. The park is outside, so there might be bugs or road sounds.

Curious George

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I can do many different activities that Curious George does in his stories! I might take a picture with the Curious George statue, climb a rocket ship slide, play miniature golf, or move items through a conveyor belt system.



Sensory Info:

Some parts of this exhibit have bright lights or fans that make wind.

Programs

Sometimes, there are other programs while I am at the museum. I might join an activity in one of the program rooms, or see a storytime or performance in Spotlight Studio.



Sensory Info:

Usually, program rooms are quieter than the rest of the museum, but sometimes the performers use loud voices!



Infant Areas

When I'm in the museum, I might see areas with soft floor that look like this.

These areas are infant play areas, and are only for babies. If I am too old, I should pick somewhere else in the museum to play.

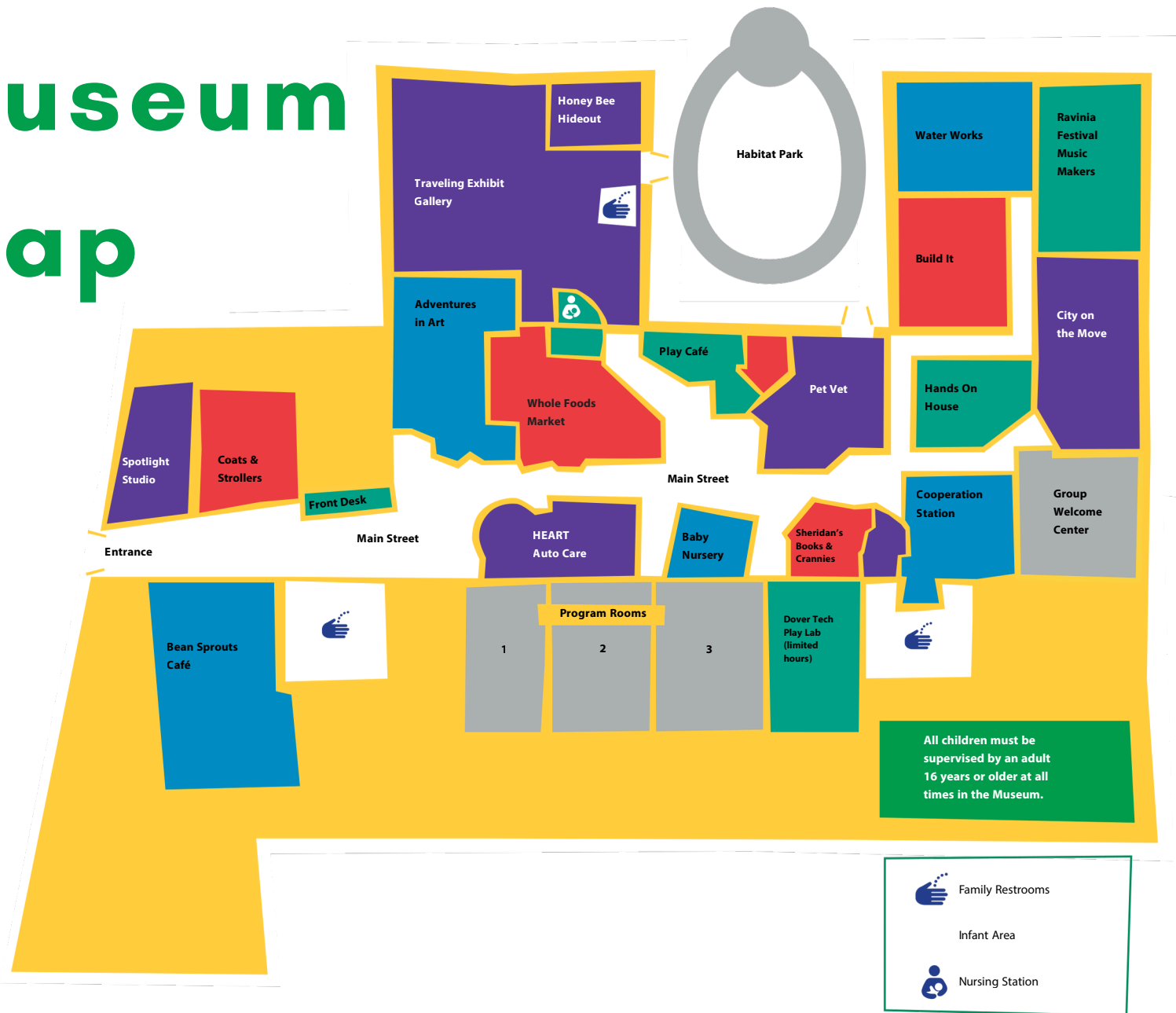


Eating at the Museum

I can eat a snack or meal in Beansprouts Café. There is seating inside, and seating outside. We might sit outside if the weather is nice.



Museum Map



The museum is big! I might not get to see everything today. That is OK.

Leaving the Museum

When it is time to go, I will leave the museum toys where they belong. I will walk to the front of the museum.

We walk past the desk and can get our things from the coat room. We will leave through the front door.



Good Bye Kohl Children's Museum!



