SOCIAL NARRATIVE

My Visit to the Montshire Museum of Science

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I am going to the Montshire Museum of Science.

The Montshire has lots of hands-on exhibits that will teach me about science.
When I arrive at the Museum, there is a long walkway that leads to the front doors. There are photos on the walls of different things that visitors can do at the Museum.
When I go through the first set of doors, I will be in a dimly lit area that gets some light from one of the Museum’s exhibits – six tubes that have bubbles moving in them.
When I go through the second set of doors, I will see all the different exhibits at the Museum. I will have to check in at the Admissions Desk before I can enjoy the exhibits.

Sometimes the Museum will have lots of other visitors there, so it will be loud. Sometimes the Museum will not have a lot of visitors, and it will be quiet. Sometimes I might hear a hand dryer from the Bubbles exhibition. Sometimes no one will be using the hand dryer at the Bubbles exhibition.
Sometimes there is a line of people who are also checking in at the Admissions Desk and we will need to wait our turn.

When it is our turn to check in at the Admissions Desk, the Museum employees will tell us what’s happening at the Museum that day, and where we can find the bathroom and coatroom.

They will give us a sticker or a bracelet to wear. They will also give us a visitor guide to help us get around the Museum.
If I created a checklist for my visit, I can use that to decide which exhibits I want to see. I can also use a Museum sensory map so I know which exhibits will be louder or brighter than others.

If I need to borrow something to help me feel more comfortable, I can ask the staff at the Admissions Desk. They can lend me:

- Noise-canceling headphones
- Various fidgets
- Timers
- Stuffies
- Weighted lap pad
- Therapy balls
If I have a coat that I don’t want to wear in the Museum, I can hang it in the coatroom.

All the Museum visitors can hang their coats there, so I will share this space with other people.

Sometimes this area can be a little busy with lots of people hanging their coats. If I am not comfortable when it’s busy, I can leave the coatroom and come back later when it is not busy.
If I need to use the bathroom while I’m at the Museum, I can find two sets of bathrooms on the first floor.
There are also places to take a break and eat a snack. There are tables and chairs where I can sit with my family near the Admissions Desk.

Sometimes the Community Room is open and there are more tables and chairs. I need to keep my food and drinks in these areas to keep the Museum clean.
If I need help with anything during my visit, I can ask the Museum staff wearing red aprons. They are happy to help and can answer any questions I might have.

If I get lost and can’t find my family, I can tell the Museum staff at the Admissions Desk or talk to staff wearing red aprons.

If I need a break, I can ask the Museum staff at the Admissions Desk to help me find a quiet area.
I am so excited to visit the Montshire Museum of Science.

I will learn a lot and have a great time!
Contact the Montshire Museum of Science for information about accessibility, accommodations, and programs for visitors with disabilities.

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