



Ella Sharp Museum

Social Story

Thank you for your interest in visiting the Ella Sharp Museum!

This Social Story is a preview guide for individuals with Sensory Processing and Autism Spectrum differences and their parents and caregivers to assist in preparation for their visit.

Tips for a Great Visit:

Please feel free to bring what you need to have a successful visit, including:

- Communication tools, boards, or devices
- Mobility devices, including wheelchairs, strollers, or wagons
- Sensory accessories, equipment, headphones, and fidgets
- Snacks/drinks (but please consume these in the lobby or outdoors)
- Please ask staff for suggestions on lower noise areas that may be suitable for breaks if necessary

Please be mindful that:

- We understand that you are the expert when it comes to your child, and best know how to address their needs. We expect that a caregiver will accompany their loved one through their visit.

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MUSEUM

My Visit to the Ella Sharp Museum



To get to the Museum, we will drive through the Ella Sharp Park until we get to the Ella Sharp Museum sign.



Then, we will park our car in the parking lot in front of the museum and walk to the entrance.



Walking up to the museum, I see two benches outside. I can sit here if I need a break. I can use my outside voice while resting on these benches.



Inside, I see more benches where I can take a break. Since these are inside, I will need to use my quiet voice when resting here.

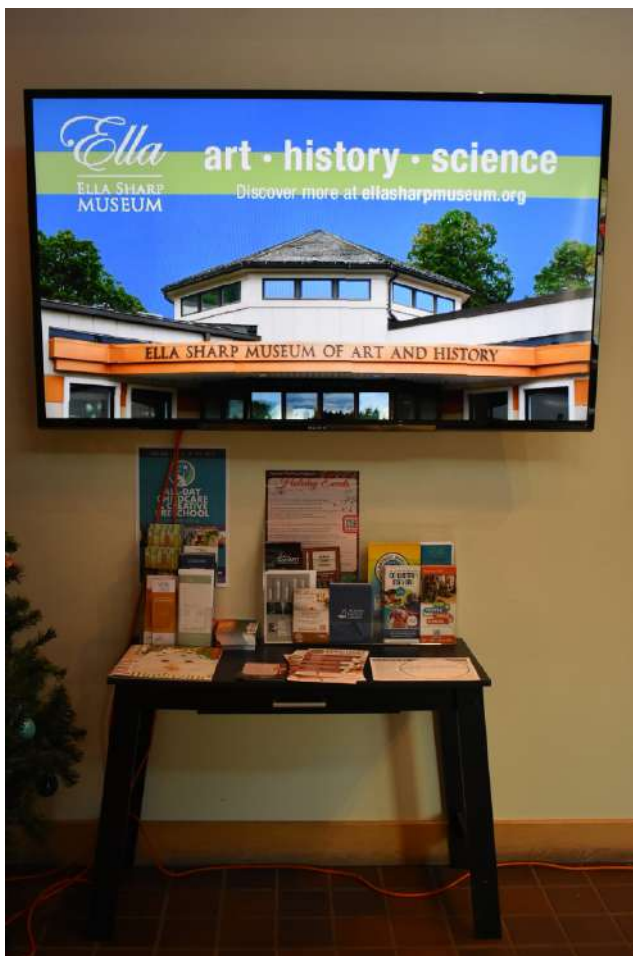


To get our museum tickets, we will stop at the Front Desk and talk to the person there. We can ask this person any questions we have about the museum.

To the right of the Front Desk, I see a hallway with a sign to the bathrooms. If I need to go, I can ask my adult and they will take me down the hallway, around the corner to the bathrooms.



In the Lobby, I might see special decorations or displays depending on the season

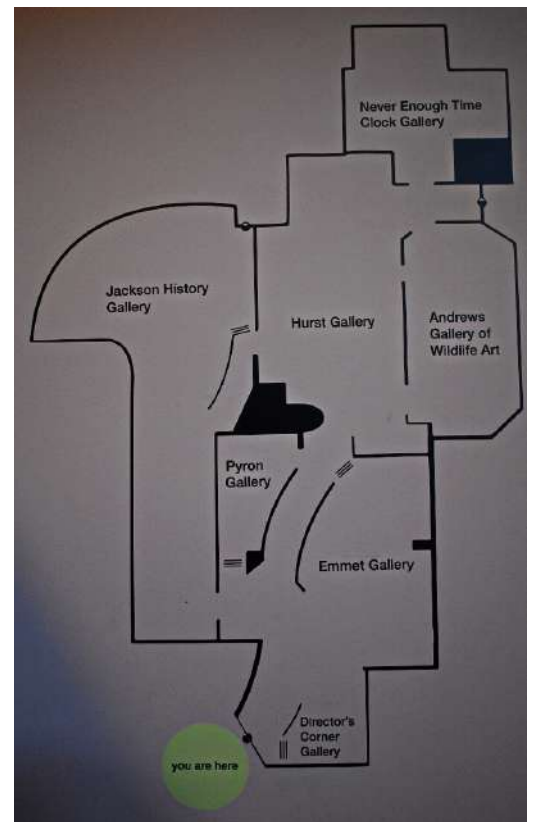


In the Lobby, I see a TV showing upcoming events at the Ella and a table with information and flyers I can take home for both the Ella Sharp Museum and other organizations around Jackson.



When I'm all ready, I go to the museum galleries entrance.

Next to the doors, I see a map of all the different galleries



While in the galleries, I need to follow these rules to make sure everyone at the museum has a good visit

1 - I will use my quiet, inside voice.



2 - I will walk while inside the museum, not run.



3 - I will not touch any objects or paintings on display.



4 - I will stay with my family/group.





In the galleries, I see a lot of different things behind glass. I look at each object and discover what it is and why it's in the museum. I read the signs next to each item to learn more.



I see big, open areas with art displayed on the wall. I remember to stay with my group, walk, and not touch any of the displays in the galleries. There are benches where I can take a rest.



In the Andrews Gallery, I see different wildlife art. I see sculptures made out of metal and some made out of wood. I see paintings of birds on the wall and real birds that have been preserved and mounted through a process called taxidermy.



In the Never Enough Time Gallery, I see many, many clocks. I see clocks behind glass, clocks on the wall, and some being repaired in Al's Clock & Watch Shop. I remember not to touch any of the clocks on display. At certain times, the clocks will chime and it will be loud in this gallery.



After I'm done exploring the galleries, I can go outside with my group and play outside in the surrounding Ella Sharp Park. There are different outdoor statues to see all around the Park.



I can visit the Hurst Planetarium and see a show about Space, located just across the parking lot from the Ella Sharp Museum.