# HISTORY & CULTURE

SOCIAL STORY

## Today I am going to the Virginia Museum of History & Culture



After driving to the museum, we will park in the parking lot and walk inside.



#### Rules of the museum

I will follow the museum rules during my visit. These rules help keep me safe and have fun.

#### I will...

- Stay with my group.
- Be kind to others.
- Use my inside voice.
- Use my walking feet.
- Use my looking eyes.
- Use my listening ears.
- Only eat and drink in snack areas.

#### Starting my museum visit

First, we will wait in line at the ticketing desk.
We will get our tickets and then explore the museum exhibitions.





I can see the gift shop from the desk, but I will stay with my adult while we wait. We may be able to explore it later.

#### Before we explore the galleries

I can go to the restroom or get water before visiting the exhibitions upstairs.

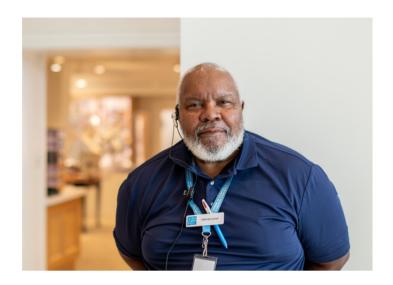


There is also a restroom and water fountain upstairs in the galleries. I will need to go down a small hallway to get there.



#### People inside the museum

There are adults in the museum who can help.



The security guards are here to keep me safe during my visit.

There may be docents to answer my questions and help me with activities in the exhibition galleries.



#### If I need a break

I can take a break in the seating areas downstairs in the Commonwealth Hall or upstairs at the Boulevard Entrance.



I can also have a drink or snack here.



#### Visiting the exhibitions upstairs

The main museum exhibitions are upstairs. I can get there using the stairs or the elevator.





Once I get to the second floor, I can enter the theater to watch a 17-minute movie called "Imagine Virginia."



This film has bright lights, loud noises & music, and the video plays on the screen and on the floor. We can leave the theater if we need to during the movie.





Once I get to the museum's second floor, I will go through a glass sliding door. Then, I can explore Treasures of Virginia and History Matters.





I can learn what Virginia looks like in Landscapes of Virginia exhibition.



The biggest exhibit is The Story of Virginia. It has three rooms for me to explore!







I can go look at objects from different parts of Virginia in Our Commonwealth.

This exhibition has places where I can touch things. It also has bright areas & sound.



There is music and some sound effects (like a ship's bell or birds chirping) in this gallery to make me feel like I'm in that part of the state!

I will see five regions of Virginia: Tidewater, Northern, Shenandoah, Southwest, and Central. They each have their own area.











There are large screens in each section that show moving pictures of the region.

I can learn more about my community and learn about museums in Commonwealth Explorers.



There's a lot to learn and play with inside this area, so it can sometimes get a little loud!



I can learn about the Civil War and the Lost Cause in the Mural Gallery.



There are also two smaller galleries I can explore in this part of the building.





#### Other Rooms I Can Visit

I can sit in the library that has a lot of books and materials called manuscripts. I can ask the librarians if I have any questions.



It is important I stay quiet so other people can concentrate on what they are learning!



#### Other Rooms I Can Visit

I can visit a cafe on the first floor with drinks and snacks. I can ask the adult I'm with for something and we can order it with the friendly cafe staff!



I may also be able to visit the museum gift shop.



#### Leaving the Museum

When it is time to leave, I will go back downstairs. I will leave the building with my adult and say goodbye to the museum.





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