MORNING AT THE MUSEUM
National Museum of American History

Tip Sheet

TIME: 9:00am-11:00am


GETTING HERE:

- The museum is located on The National Mall and Constitution Avenue, between 12th and 14th Streets, NW, Washington, DC.
- The museum opens to the public at 10:00 a.m.

METRO:

- The Metro stations closest to the museum are the Smithsonian or Federal Triangle Stations on the Blue/Orange Line, both about one block from the museum. For a Metro map and additional information, visit <http://www.wmata.com/index.cfm?forcedesktop=1>

PARKING:

- The National Museum of American History has no public parking. There are a few metered spaces on the streets adjacent to the museum. There is a pay parking lot at the Ronald Reagan International Trade building on the corner of 14th Street and Pennsylvania, NW, about one block from the Constitution Avenue entrance. For additional information on parking, visit the <website>

TIPS FOR VISITING THE MUSEUM

ENTERING THE MUSEUM:

- All visitors must go through the security process at the entrance, which includes a hand check of bags and walking through a metal detector. If your child has difficulty waiting quietly in line, plan accordingly and bring fidgets, music headphones, or a manipulative toy.
- SOCIAL STORES: Waiting in Line and Museum Security Rules and Routines

ITEMS NOT ALLOWED IN THE MUSEUM:

- Items such as markers, colored pencils, silly putty, play dough, food and drinks are not allowed in the museum.

MUSEUM NOISE:

- If your child is sensitive to sound, consider bringing noise-cancelling headphones or earplugs.
INTERACTIVE COMPUTER AREAS:

- There are computer interactives in the exhibition areas. If the computers distract your child, use the **Sensory Map** to make a note of where these interactives are located so that you may avoid them.

MUSEUM ALARMS:

- For some objects in the museum, an alarm will go off if someone gets too close to the object. We want your child to be able to roam freely through the museum, but please do not cross barriers protecting objects.
- **SOCIAL STORY:** *Keeping People in the Right Place*

CHILD IDENTIFICATION:

- Make sure your child is wearing, or has identification with him/her, including a contact cell phone number.

*Although the Morning at the Museum is limited to two galleries, the museum is quite large. If your child should wander away from the exhibition area, the cell phone number will enable staff to be able to contact you immediately. Please keep the contact’s cell phone ON. Also, you may want to include with the identification information a strategy for what staff can say or do to keep your child calm while we locate you (for example; sing, suggest s/he play with a particular toy, etc.).*

BATHROOMS:

- Bathrooms are located throughout the museum. A Family/Companion Care bathroom is located across the hall from the exit of the exhibition. The electric hand dryers in the bathrooms are very loud.

Relax and have fun with your child in the exhibition. Enjoy your **Morning at the Museum**.