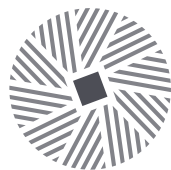


WHAT TO EXPECT
WHEN VISITING THE
BRANDYWINE RIVER
MUSEUM OF ART



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ENTERING THE BUILDING

I am going to the Brandywine River Museum of Art. When I arrive at the Museum, I will enter through a courtyard. It has cobblestones on the ground that will feel bumpy and uneven beneath my feet. To enter the Museum I will use a few steps or a wooden ramp to reach the door.



SECURITY GUARDS

When I enter the building, I will see a security guard. Security guards help keep the paintings and the people in the museum safe. If I have a question or need help, I can ask a security guard. They can also get a wheelchair for me if I need one.



CHECKING IN

My family and I will purchase admission tickets at the Visitor Services desk on the first floor. If we already purchased our tickets online, we can show our tickets at this desk. We can ask for a map of the Museum.



GETTING AROUND THE MUSEUM

The museum has three floors and I may move between them using an elevator or stairs.



IN THE GALLERIES

In the galleries I will see many paintings on the wall. I like to use my eyes and my mind to look at each painting. With my eyes I can see colors, shapes, animals, objects, buildings, and people. With my mind I can make up a story about what I see. It's fun!

This is how I will look at a painting:

- ▶ I will walk up to the painting and stop two steps away from it.
- ▶ If I am too close, I will take two steps backwards from painting.
- ▶ I will use my eyes, but not my hands, to look at the painting.
- ▶ I can fold my hands, cross my arms, or hold my hands behind my back while looking at a painting.



TAKING A BREAK

I might need a break from walking around. If I need a break, my family and I can rest in the seating area on the third floor. I can go back to the galleries when I am ready.



I can find restrooms and a water fountain down the hallway on the second floor.

If my family decides to eat while we are at the museum, we may visit the Millstone Café between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. The café is located on the first floor, at the back of the gift shop.



SENSORY-FRIENDLY FAMILY PACKS

Sometimes visiting a museum can feel overwhelming. If I'd like, I can borrow a Sensory-Friendly Museum Pack from the Visitor Services desk on the first floor. Inside, I can find noise-canceling headphones, fidgets to hold, sunglasses, as well as a sheet that can give me ideas of things to look for in paintings. When I'm finished using the bag, I will return it to the Visitor Services desk.

