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Pre-Visit Stories
Dinosaur Hall Exhibit

LEVEL 2



museum

I am going to the Academy of Natural Sciences where I will see the dinosaur fossils.



front desk

When I get inside the Academy of Natural Sciences, my family will buy tickets to see the exhibits.



button

I will wear a plastic button on my shirt to show I am a museum visitor.



elevators/stairs

I can choose to take the elevators or the stairs to see the exhibits on each floor.



bathroom

I will let my mom or dad know if I have to go to the bathroom.

I can go to the bathroom anytime I need to go.



skeletons

I will see a very large skeleton of *Tyrannosaurus rex* from the Mesozoic era.

The *Tyrannosaurus rex* skeleton measures 42 feet in length and weighs 7.5 tons.

I will see other fossils such as the *Avaceratops*, *Chasmosaurus*, and *Tylosaurus*.



quiet space

Sometimes, Dinosaur Hall will be very loud and noisy from all the people walking through the exhibit.

I can cover my ears if the noise bothers me.

If I need some quiet time, I can ask my mom or dad to take me to a quiet space to take a break.



movie

There is an animated movie that can show dinosaurs and me on the same screen.

The screen is in a small room with a green screen and bright lights.

A camera will take a moving video of me and then place my image against a picture with dinosaurs walking behind me.



movie

I may have to wait my turn to go into the small room if someone is in front of me.

Other people may be in the small room too. I will share the screen with them.



skeletons

There are two dinosaur fossils on the 2nd floor of Dinosaur Hall. These fossils are dinosaur heads and are not alive.

The dinosaur fossils are hard and bumpy. I can also touch the teeth of the dinosaur fossil.



goggles

If I want to pretend to dig for dinosaur fossils, I have to put goggles on my face and around my head. I will feel the pressure of the goggles on my face and head. I can still see everything.



digging

I will take a small round tool to push into the sand and rock to pretend I am digging for fossils.

I will only use the tools for digging and not touch anyone with the tools.

When I am told I am done, I will give the tools back to the museum worker.



fossil prep lab

The fossil lab area in the back of Dinosaur Hall has people working on fossils.

They use machines to prepare the fossils for the dinosaur exhibits. The sounds from the machines can be loud and high pitched.

I can cover my ears if I don't like the sounds.

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