

I'm Going to the Michigan
Science Center!



Some things I should know before we go...

- I need to always stay with the person who brought me to the Science Center.
- If I can't find the person who brought me, I need to find somebody wearing a WHITE LAB COAT. They can direct me to my adult.
- Sometimes, I have to wait in a long line. I need to be patient and tell my adult if it is becoming difficult for me.
- I am only allowed to walk at the Michigan Science Center. I never run.
- If I need to use the bathroom, I need to tell the adult that I am with. They can show me where the bathrooms are on every floor.
- If I get overwhelmed inside the museum, I can go to a special room that I can rest until I feel better and ready to explore.
- If the museum is too loud for me, I can ask somebody who works here for some ear plugs to make me more comfortable.



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Today, I'm going to the Michigan Science Center!

It is a fun place that I can explore and learn about new things.

I'm going to have a great day at the museum!



When I get to the museum, there will be lots of cool things for me to see.

Before I can go inside, my grown up and I will have to wait in line to buy a ticket. The front desk that we will wait at looks like this:



After we buy our tickets, we can walk into the museum.

One of the first things that I will see is Kidstruction. Kidstruction is a fun place to build things with blocks and other things.

In Kidstruction, I will SEE lots of blocks, legos, and other things I can build with. I may also see lots of other kids.

I will HEAR the sounds of the toys and blocks being moved. I might also hear the sounds from FUN FACTORY, which is right next to Kidstruction.



Fun Factory is also near the entrance. The Fun Factory is a fun place to learn about how factories work.

In Fun Factory, I will SEE lots of moving objects and lots of things that can be touched. I will also see screens with videos of cars and roads.

I will HEAR loud sounds that come from the machines in the factory. These noises are normal and not bad. I will also hear the sounds of cars from the videos.

I will FEEL heat from the walk-through furnace. This will feel different than the air around me. I can also feel pieces of rubber in the tire pit.

I think I will like Fun Factory, but if not, I should tell my adult that we should explore other areas.





Near Fun Factory is the Mini-Mac Bridge. This bridge looks like the one in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

I can walk across the bridge, but I can NOT run across the bridge.



Cosmic Café and Lunar Dining are also on this level. In these areas, I may SMELL food that people are making or eating. These smells may be good, but they may not be smells that I like.

I will also see the Health and Wellness areas. Here, I can learn about interesting ways to eat and be healthy both now and in the future.

In Health and Wellness, I will SEE pretend food that I should NOT try to touch.

I will HEAR quiet music coming from the exhibits.



The Planetarium is somewhere that I have the option of going. In the Planetarium, I get to learn about space, stars, and other out-of-this-world things.

The Planetarium will be very DARK.

In the Planetarium, I will hear a person presenting the show. I may also hear MUSIC.

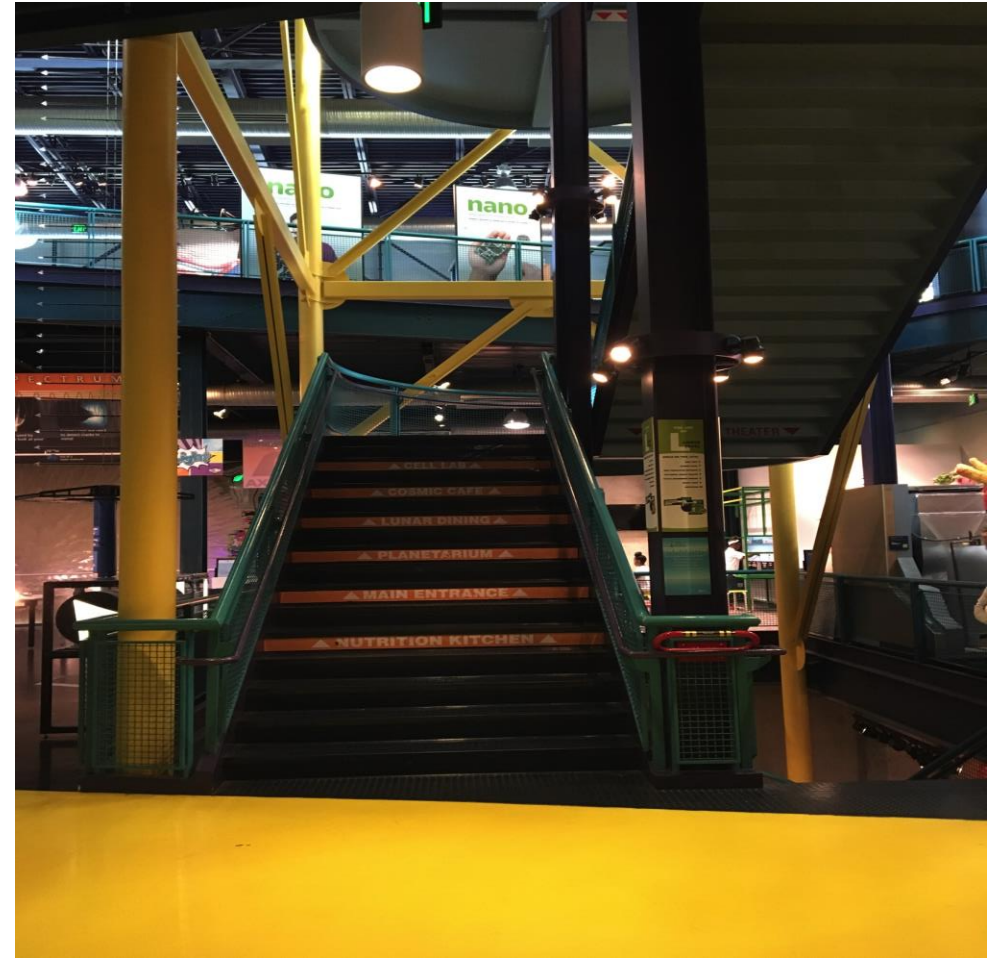
I will SEE lights and stars on the dome. These things may move and change where I should look.

I will FEEL like I am moving if I am looking at the dome-this is okay!

I think I will like what I get to see in the Planetarium, but if I don't, I should tell my adult that we should explore other areas.



There are two ways that I can get to the lower level. I can either walk down the stairs, or go down the Glass Elevator. The glass elevator is different because I can look out to the museum as we go up or down.



The Earth Room is near Spark!Lab. The Earth Room is where I should go if I ever feel overwhelmed and like I need a break from the museum.

In the Earth Room, I will SEE some activities that I can do quietly and calmly. I will also see spaces where I can go if I just want to sit and be by myself quietly for a little while.

I will HEAR some quiet music.

I can stay in the Earth Room for as long as I need to until I feel ready to go back into the museum.



When I get downstairs, I will see Spark!Lab. Spark Lab is a place where I can learn about inventing. There are lots of things that I can touch and create.

In Spark!Lab, I will SEE a person wearing a blue apron. I can ask this person to help me invent something. I will also SEE lots of activities that I can choose to do.

There are lots of tiny things in Spark!Lab. I have to leave everything there when I leave.



The Chrysler Science Stage is in the middle of the lower level. This is a space where museum employees do live shows and demonstrations that I can sit and watch.

If I see a show at the Chrysler Science Stage, I can NOT run up onto the stage unless the person doing the show tells me that I can.

On the stage, I will HEAR one or two people talking about the show that I'm seeing. I might hear loud noises or music, but I will be warned if that is going to happen.

I will SEE bright lights and science demonstrations. I may see fire, smoke, or characters. I MUST stay in my seat during the show.

I might SMELL certain things, depending on what show I'm seeing. These are safe smells, but I may not be used to them.

I think I will like what I get to see on the Chrysler Science Stage, but if I don't, I should tell my adult that we should explore other areas.



The DTE Energy Sparks Theatre is another theatre in the museum. Here, I will see a live electricity show.

I will SEE two people working in the theatre. I will also SEE lots of electrical equipment. I should NOT TOUCH ANYTHING unless I'm told that it is safe to do so. During the show, I will see bright lights and even lightning. I MUST follow directions during the show.

I will HEAR some electrical noises. These are safe. At one point in the show, the person doing the show will tell me to cover my ears. I MUST follow these directions.

I will SMELL an unusual smell at the end of the show. This is a normal smell that I will only experience for a short moment.

I MUST remain seated during this entire show.

I think I will like what I get to see in the Sparks Theatre, but if I don't, I should tell my adult that we should explore other areas.



Another theatre that I may see is the Toyota Engineering Theatre. This is a live, 4-D show all about engineering.

In this theatre, I have a choice between sitting in a moving seat or sitting in a non-moving seat.

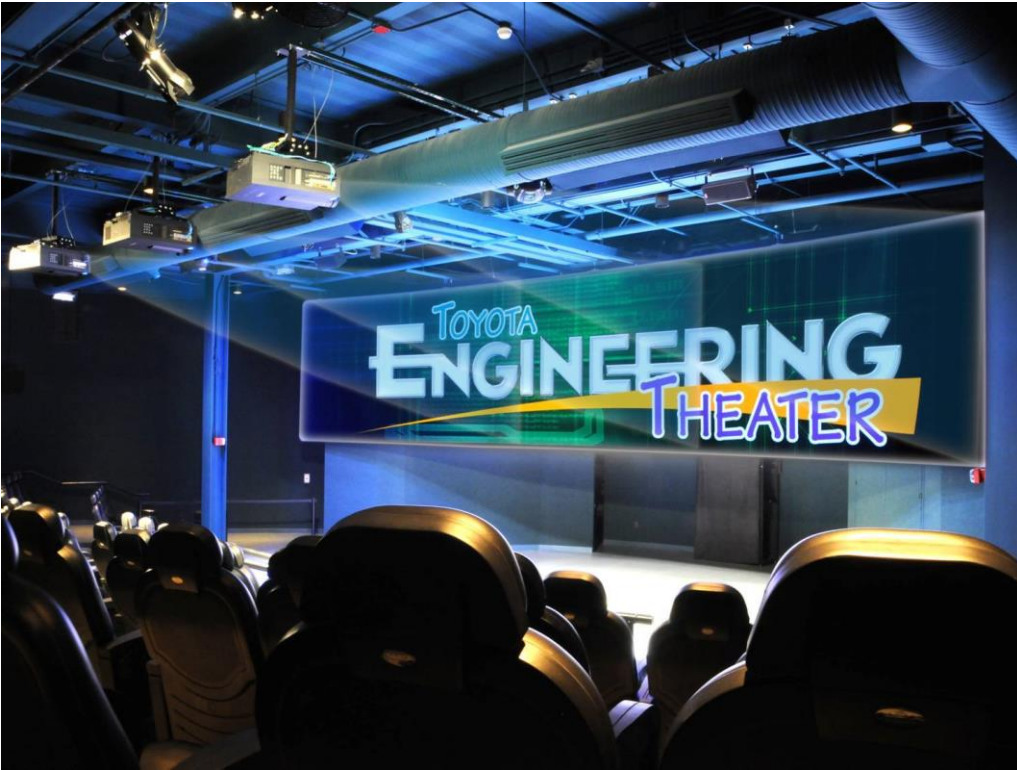
In the moving seats, I will FEEL like I'm getting rocked or moved around.

I will also FEEL the spray that comes from the pipes in front of me. This may be a surprising feeling to me during the show.

I may SEE flashing lights, and the show projected onto the screen.

I will HEAR the presenter and the film talking.

I think I will like what I get to see in the Toyota Engineering Theatre, but if I don't, I should tell my adult that we should explore other areas.



Centennial Lab is an area on the lower level where staff members will do demonstrations. Here, I can watch and do hands-on activities about science.

Here, I will HEAR the staff member talking me through the demonstrations. Depending on what they are showing me, I may HEAR noises that the educator will warn me about.

I will SEE the experiments happen. I may see bright things, or I may see small things.

I may SMELL things that are results of the reactions that are happening. These are safe smells.

If I'm doing a hands-on activity, I will FEEL what the demonstration is, being led by the educator.



Near the theatres is our Space Gallery, where I can learn about rockets and other planets.

In the Space Exhibit, I will SEE many things that I can read, touch, and play with.

I will HEAR the sounds of a rocket launch. This may sound very loud to me.

I may also hear loud sounds from the launching of the bottle rocket.



On the lower level, I can explore the Sound and Motion gallery. Here, I can learn about the way that sound waves and motion work. I CAN NOT run around the Sound and Motion gallery.

I will HEAR other people exploring the exhibits-there may be some music, banging, or voices.

I will SEE lots of things that I can touch and explore. I may see lights and other things that look different than what I normally see. This is all safe to touch.

I will FEEL lots of things with my hands-there are SO many hands-on activities here!



There are two other ways to get to different levels: The Math Mountain and the Rainbow Escalator.

On the math mountain, I can practice my math skills.

The Rainbow Escalator has flashing lights that I can see while I travel upwards. I think I'm going to enjoy my experience on the Rainbow Escalator, but if I don't feel comfortable going on it, I should let my grown-up know.



KidsTown is another fun place I can explore. KidsTown is only for young people who are 5 years old and under.

If I am young enough, I can explore the town!

Here, I will HEAR music playing from the theatre. I will also HEAR the sounds of splashing water. I will SEE many different rooms that I can explore. I will also SEE a great big water fountain-I can play with this!

I will FEEL water splashing when I walk from room to room. This is okay in this place!



The IMAX dome theatre is another theatre that I have the option of going to. Here, I can see movies on a really big screen!

Here, I will HEAR the sounds of the movie. This is louder than movies I am used to hearing. If it is too loud, I can ask for some earplugs to block out some of the noise.

I will SEE bright lights, and a movie on a very large screen. This is larger than I am used to seeing.

I think I will like what I get to see on the IMAX dome theatre, but if I don't, I should tell my adult that we should explore other areas.



The Creatures of Light exhibit is located all the way upstairs. Here, I can learn about light and bioluminescence.

The Creatures of Light exhibit is very DARK.

In the exhibit, I will SEE lots of small lights, some of which may blink.

I will also see some iPads. I am allowed to play on these! I will also see lots of things to look at and learn about.



In the exhibit, I will HEAR the sounds of fireflies, water bubbling, and other very quiet sounds. These are normal sounds.

I will also HEAR the sounds of a short film that is played-I can watch this!

I think that I am going to LOVE the Creatures of Light Exhibit!



I can't wait to come back to the Michigan Science Center!

