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Planning Your Visit

Shelburne Museum welcomes you and is happy to provide this guide to assist in planning your attendance to the Sensory Friendly Friday events.

I can use the following materials to learn more about what to expect during my visit!
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About the Museum

Shelburne Museum is an American art museum with 39 buildings and 22 gardens. The art collection includes beautiful paintings, colorful textiles, sculptures both big and small, and much more.

The museum also features many historical buildings and displays including the steamboat Ticonderoga, the Colchester Reef Lighthouse, a blacksmith shop, a print shop, and a carousel!
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Entering & Exiting

I will enter the museum through the front door of the Admissions Building. I will visit the ticket counter and speak with a staff member to purchase my ticket. I may need to wait in line, and the building may be crowded.

Once I get my ticket, I will be given a sticker to wear on my clothes. I will pick up a visitor guide to support my visit and exit through the rear door of the building.

At the end of my visit, I will also exit through the Admissions Building, by coming through the back doors on the patio.
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Staff Interactions

I may see museum staff, gallery guides, or security guards around the museum. They wear blue shirts or blue lanyards and I will see some carrying radios, some riding golf carts, and others in buildings.

If I have a question or need help, we can ask a staff member!
I can walk or move around the museum to visit the buildings and gardens I want to see. If I wish to sit and rest, I can find many benches along the walkways outside and inside many buildings.

A white shuttle can take me and other visitors where we want to go along the designated shuttle route.

The shuttle route follows the perimeter road and makes about a 15-minute loop to pick-up and drop-off guests at different buildings. I can find the shuttle route on the map!
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Restrooms

If I need to use the restroom, I can find many around the campus. I can find where multiple-use and single-use restrooms are located on the map in the visitor guide.

There are hand dryers which make loud noise in the restrooms at the Admissions Building and the Weathervane Café.
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Food & Drink

If I bring a snack, I can eat anywhere outside! There are benches around the campus, picnic tables outside the Weathervane Café, and seating on the Shaker Shed patio if I want to sit and eat.

If I want to buy food or beverages or sit inside, I can visit the Weathervane Café for prepared food or the Admissions building for snacks!

At the Weathervane Café, I can get a tray and pick up the food items I want to purchase. I will follow the line and then go to the check-out counter to pay for my food. If I have any questions or need help, we can ask Café staff members who will be behind the food and check-out counters and wear black shirts.
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Rest & Activity

If I want a space to rest, there are many benches throughout the gallery spaces that you are welcome to sit on. If I want more privacy, there are comfortable chairs on the 3rd floor of the Ticonderoga at the top of the staircase.

I can find covered outdoor seating at the Shaker Shed patio and I can find shaded space throughout Beach woods.

If I want to play, I can visit the swing set in the garden behind the Schoolhouse, or play with the toys in the Object/s of Play exhibition.
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In Case of Emergency

If I have a question or need help, we can ask a staff member!