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# Social Narrative Guide





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# Planning Your Visit

I am going to Shelburne Museum!

The staff at the Museum is happy to provide this guide to help me prepare for my school field trip.

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 over 20 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, the Blacksmith Shop, the Print Shop, and the Carousel!



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# Arriving, Entering, & Exiting

My school bus or other mode of transportation will stop in front of the Admissions Building. I will wait until an adult tells me that it is time to get off the bus or out of my vehicle.

Once I am outside, I will wait for instructions on where to go from the adults I have traveled with or from the Shelburne Museum staff. If my group is here to do the Passport to Learning activities, I may need to listen to a short orientation given by a Shelburne Museum educator.

I will enter the Museum through the East Gate.

At the end of my visit, I will exit through the East Gate with my group.





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# Staff Interactions

I will 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.

I may also spend time with Passport to Learning Educators who will teach me about the Museum and lead me through different activities.

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





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# Exploring the Exhibitions

I can explore gallery spaces and buildings and look at artworks and historical items. I will be careful not to touch the artworks or wall text unless an adult says I may.

If I have a backpack with me, I will leave it near the gallery doors or outside buildings until I am done exploring that space. I will not bring food or drink inside the galleries or buildings and can leave it outside the building or outside the exhibit on the small table next to the doors.





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# Sensory Conditions

There may be a variety of noises, things to see, smells, and groups of people at the Museum. I can bring noise cancelling headphones and fidgets to the Museum when I visit. I can use these if I need to. I can also ask to take a break from an activity or space at any time.





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# Getting Around

I can walk or move around the museum with my group and group leader to visit the buildings and gardens I want to see. My group and I may not be able to visit all of the buildings or see all of the art this trip, and that's ok.

If I wish to sit and rest, I can find many benches along the walkways outside and inside many buildings.





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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 (“Women/Men” on the map) and single-use (“All-Gender” on the map) restrooms are located on the map in the visitor guide.

There are hand driers which make loud noise in the restrooms at the Admissions Building and the Weathervane Café.





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# Food & Drink

I can eat my snack and lunch with my group 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 the weather is rainy, my group leader will take us to an indoor space for lunch.

I can store my lunch in the cubbies by the Weathervane Café.





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## Rest & Activity

If I want a space to rest, I need to let my group leader or another adult with my group know. There are many benches throughout the gallery spaces that I am welcome to sit on. There are picnic tables by the Weathervane Café and comfortable chairs by the Museum Store.

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 Owl Cottage. I can also read books in the Lighthouse.

