

Explore, Play, Learn!

My visit to the Children's Museum of Houston



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Welcome to Children's Museum of Houston!



This story will tell me what I will see and do at the Children's Museum of Houston. When I walk into the museum, the first thing I will do is stand in line with my grown-up to buy tickets. When I am at the ticket counter, the staff person wearing a blue shirt will give me a small sticker to wear on my shirt.

Information Booth



Once I receive my sticker, I will stop by the information booth to ask the Discovery Guide for a Map. The map will help me choose the exhibits I would like to see.

In the museum, there might be a lot of people and it might be noisy. If the noise bothers me, I can ask for ear muffs at the information booth.

I will need to stay with an adult and use my walking feet at all times when I see the exhibits in the museum.

Junktion Hall



The first thing I will see when I leave the information booth is the Junktion Train. I can play with it if I want to. Down the Junktion Hall I will see tables set up with activities that I can do. Some of the tables have activities where I can play games, draw, cut, or create something fun.

Kidtropolis



The Kidtropolis exhibit looks like a small city. It is a place where I can pretend to be a chef, a veterinarian, a cashier, and even a bank teller.

Power Tower



The Power Tower exhibit is a place where I can choose to climb and crawl inside. My grownup can climb with me. The Power Tower is very tall and I can enter and exit on three different levels. If I choose to climb and crawl through, I will need to be very careful. I will need to watch out for other people who might be smaller than me or bigger than me.

Power Play

The Power Play exhibit is a place where I can learn about being healthy. I can do exercises. In the Power Play Upper, I can dance! I can also do activities to learn about making healthy choices!



On the Power Play Lower, I can climb a rock wall or crawl through an obstacle course! I need to be very careful and watch out for other kids who might be smaller than me or bigger than me.



Cyberchase



The Cyberchase exhibit is a place where I can do fun Math activities! I can make patterns using shapes and numbers. I can create shapes with puzzle pieces and solve math mysteries!

If the lights and sound at the entry portal bother me, I can let my grownup know and we can walk around it.

Invention Convention



The Invention Convention exhibit is a place where I can create, take stuff apart, and test my design. I can make paper rockets and airplanes and then test them in the Launch Cage. If something does not work, I can try again!

It might be a little noisy in this place. If the noise bothers me, I can tell a grownup and we can go somewhere else or I can wear my ear muffs.

Flow Works



The Flow Works exhibit is a place that has lots of water! I can build boats to play with in the water.

I can try to shoot water into the big bowl. I wonder how much water I can get up there. It is OK to get a little wet.

Ecostation

The Ecostation exhibit is a place where I can learn about plants, animals, and insects. I can also learn about solar power.



I can walk around the garden. I can look for turtles or butterflies. I can put on a show at the Tree Stump Amphitheatre or join others if I want to.



Matter Factory



The Matter Factory exhibit is a place where I can learn all about matter. I can touch the letters on this sign if I want to. The letters on this sign have different textures. Some are smooth and others are rough.



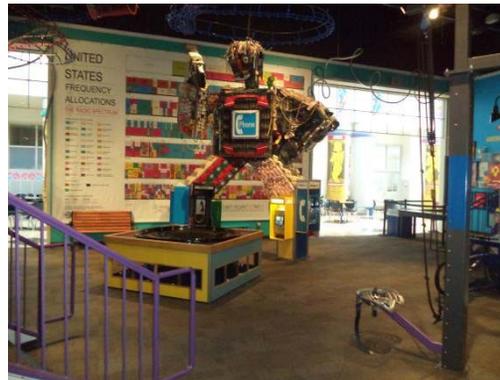
I can learn about the 3 different types of matter – solids, liquids, and gas.



I can also learn about molecules in the matter lab. I can wear a lab coat and goggles and pretend to be a scientist if I want.

How Does It Work

The How Does It Work? exhibit is a place where I can learn how things work. I can learn how sound travels and how telephones work. I will see Telephone Man, a tall statue made of telephones.



I can visit the science station and learn about science. I will need to be very careful and listen with my ears to follow instructions. I will keep my hands in my lap unless the Discovery Guide tells me I can touch something. The activities in science station might be different each time I visit.

Tot Spot



The Tot Spot exhibit is a safe place where babies and small children can explore and play. The floor in Tot Spot is very soft.

My family and I must wear protective foot covers over our shoes when visiting Tot Spot. If I visit Tot Spot, I will stay with my grown up and use my walking feet at all times. I will share with other children. I will watch out for children who are smaller than me.

Cultural Exhibit

The Cultural Exhibit is a place where I can learn about what it is like to be a kid growing up in a different country.

It might be a little noisy in this place. If the noise bothers me, I can tell a grownup and we can go somewhere else or I can wear my ear muffs.



Parent Resource Library

The Parent Resource Library is a quiet place I can visit. I can sit with a grownup and read stories. The library has fun Flip kits with books and activities I can do. I can ask my grownup if I can check out a Flip kit or a book to take home. Sometimes they will say “yes” and other times they will say “no.”



The Brown Foundation Auditorium



The **Brown Foundation Auditorium** is a place where I can watch a show or participate in an activity if I want too.

The show may change each time I come to the Museum. It may be a magician or a musical performance.

The auditorium might be dark. If I do not like the dark, I can ask my grownup to go outside. If I do not like the noise, I can wear my earmuffs.



I have learned many things about the Children's Museum of Houston. Most importantly, I will remember to follow the rules at the museum when I visit.

I will ask a grownup to come with me when I need to use the bathroom.

I will stay with my grownup and use my walking feet at all times. I will use a quiet voice and I will take turns with other children.

If I do not see my grownup or if I have a question, I can ask for help from a friendly staff person wearing a blue shirt.

I will have lots of fun at the museum!