



Visiting the Hood Museum of Art

A Social Narrative for Going to the Museum

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OF ART**



We are going to the Hood Museum of Art.

The museum is a gray brick building with a large square front window and glass doors.

Once we are inside, we will see many kinds of art.



We will arrive at the museum's main entrance.

Once we go inside, we will be in the atrium. The atrium is a big open space. It has a high ceiling.

The atrium may have people and noises in it. This is okay. They are also there to see the art.



If we have food, drinks, coats, or large bags, someone at the front desk may ask us to put them into a locker.

We can lock the locker with a key while we are in the museum. We will get our items out of the locker before we leave the museum.

If our bags or coats are small, we can keep them with us.



We will be greeted by the visitor services guides at the front desk. Their job is to help us during our visit, if we need it.

If we have questions, we can ask the visitor services guides.

Then we can enter the galleries.

The museum is free. We do not need a ticket.



The visitor services guides at the front desk can answer our questions and give us a sensory bag.

The sensory bag contains paper, pencils, sunglasses, headphones, fidgets, and other items to help us have a fun time in the museum.

We can return the sensory bag to the front desk when we leave the museum.



There will also be visitor services guides throughout the museum. They help people and protect the art.

If we get lost, have a question, or need help, we can ask one of the visitor services guides to assist us.

If we would like to know where quiet and sensory-friendly spaces are located, the visitor services guides can tell us where to find them.



While we are in the museum, we can:

- Explore the galleries in any order and at our own pace.
- Enjoy the art by looking at it from at least three feet away. We will not get too close or touch the art because this is not safe for the art.
- Use pencils to draw on paper or in an activity guide. We will not use pencils to point at the artwork because this is not safe for the art.
- Walk slowly and speak in a quiet voice.
- Sit on a bench, stool, or the floor if we need to rest. We will not lean on the art, display cases, pedestals, or walls because this is not safe for the art.
- Take photos without flash.



Now we will go see some art!

We can choose to take the elevator or walk up either of the two staircases.

There are two floors where we can see art.



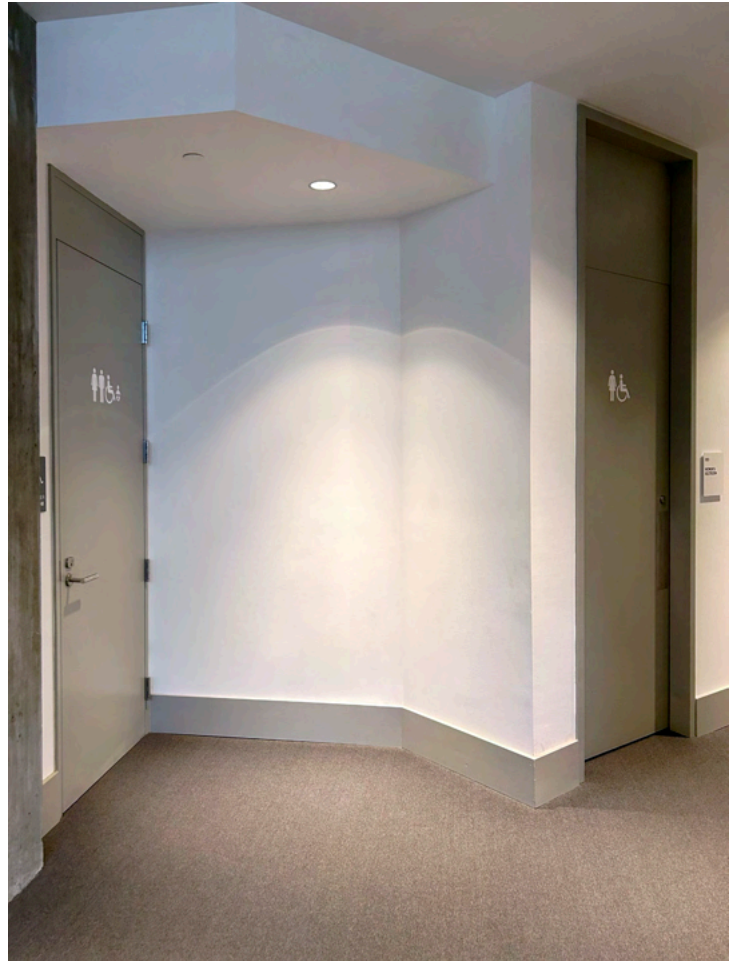
The galleries are different sizes.

Some are small and quiet. Others have high ceilings and can be a little loud. This is okay.



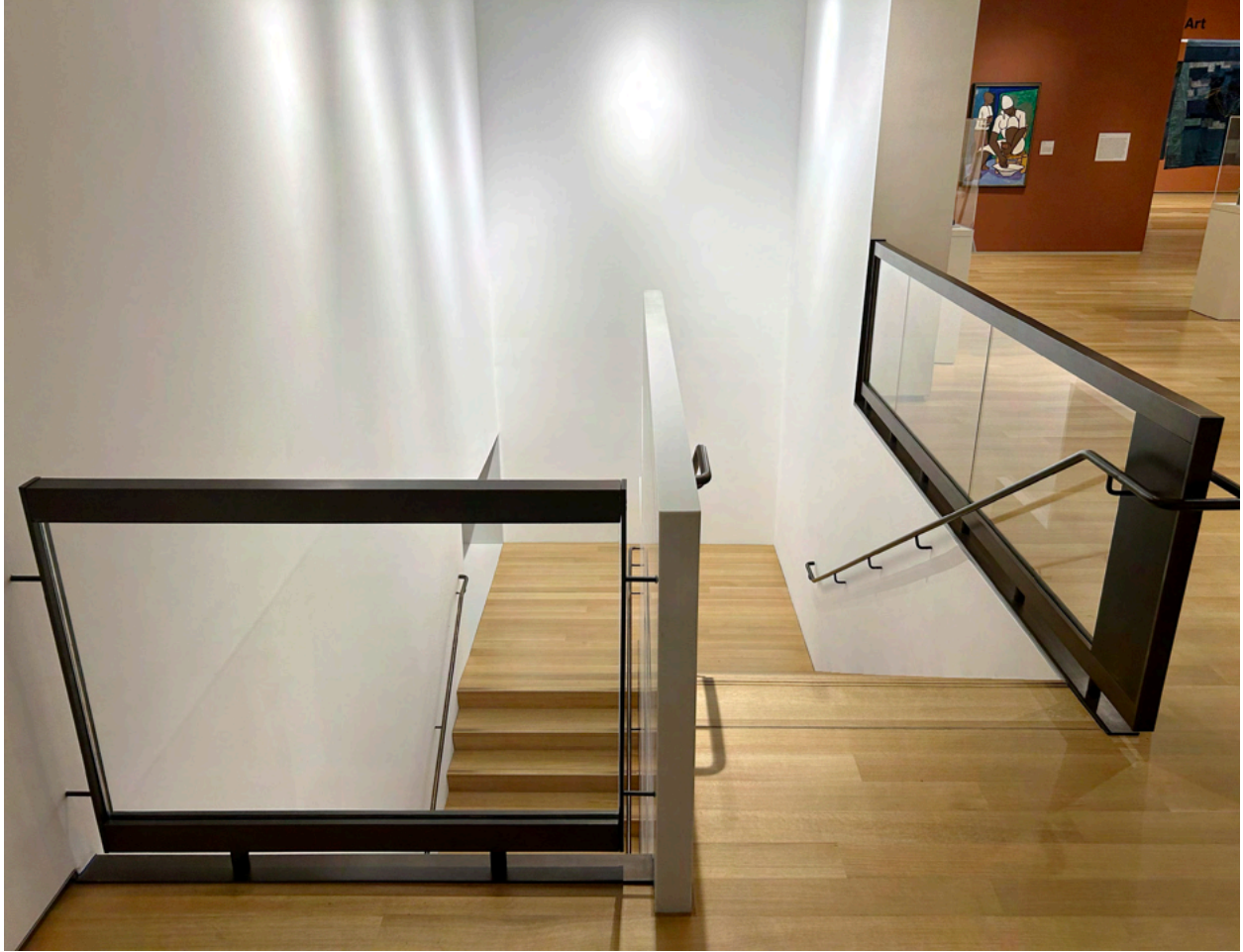
If we need a break, there are benches throughout the museum.

We can sit on these benches until we feel ready to continue our visit.



If we need to use the bathroom, we can ask a visitor services guide how to find it.

There are bathrooms on the lower level and second floor of the museum.



When we are ready to leave, we will take the elevator or the stairs to go back to the first floor.



We will leave the museum through the same door we used to enter and walk past the welcome desk again.



Before leaving, we will retrieve our belongings from the lockers.



I hope we can visit the museum again soon and see more art!

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