

My visit to CuriOdyssey

I am going to visit CuriOdyssey!

I will use this Social Story to prepare for my visit.

This social story has some of the things I might experience while I'm there.



The image shows a white rectangular sign that reads “CuriOdyssey SCIENCE PLAYGROUND & ZOO”. The sign is surrounded by small and large plants.

What do I bring?

I can bring these items to help me feel calm and comfortable.



Noise-reducing
headphones



Fidget toys



Hat

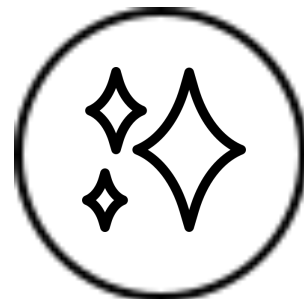


Sunglasses

I will see these symbols in this Social Story.
They will help me prepare for spaces that I might be in.



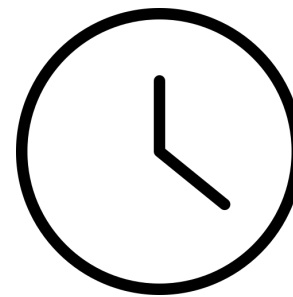
Loud sounds



Bright lights



Crowds

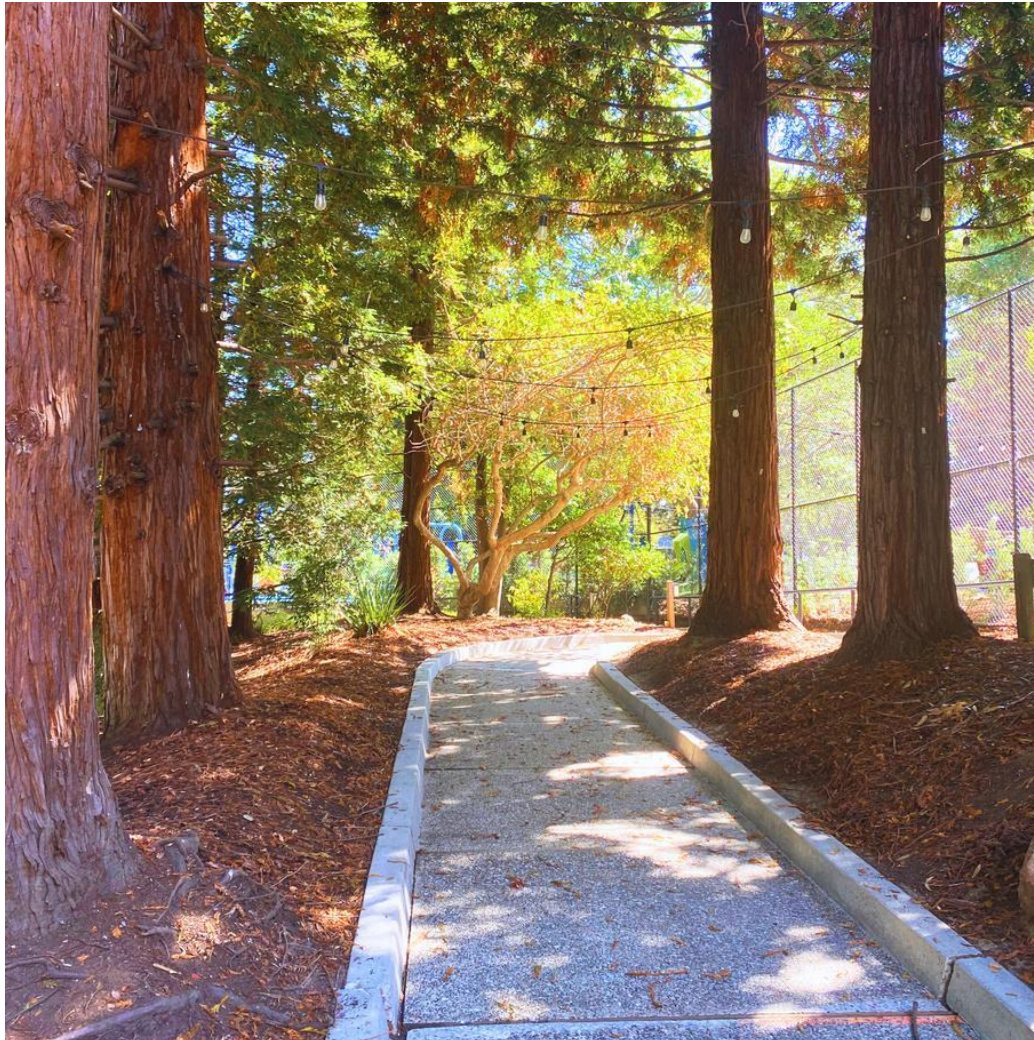


Wait time

The images show a black pair of noise-reducing headphones, a yellow fidget spinner, a red beanie hat, and a pair of black sunglasses.

Entering CuriOdyssey

When I arrive at CuriOdyssey, I can enter through a ramp or go up the stairs.



Ramp

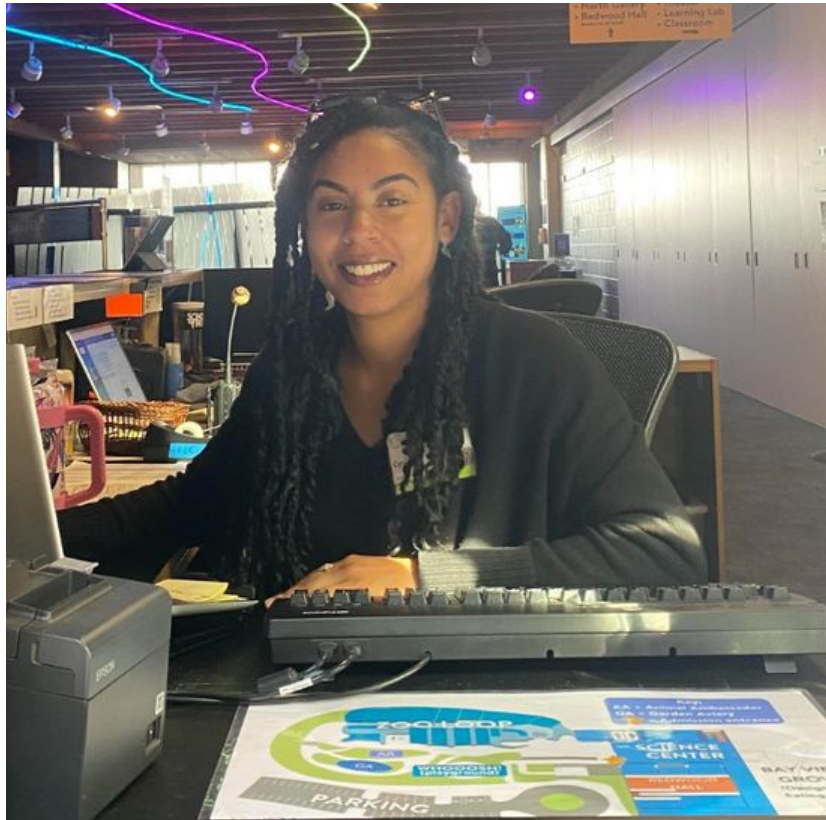
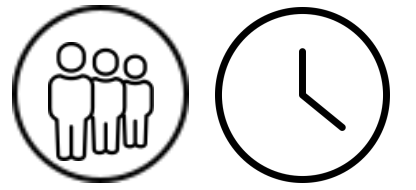


Stairs



Right: Shows a concrete ramp with large pine trees on each side. Middle: Shows a wide concrete staircase leading to a wooden building. A metal handrail is in the middle separating the stairs into two sides. Center: Shows a sign that reads "Entrance and tickets this way!" with an arrow pointing right.

Checking In



When I arrive at CuriOdyssey,

I'll check in with an employee before going inside.

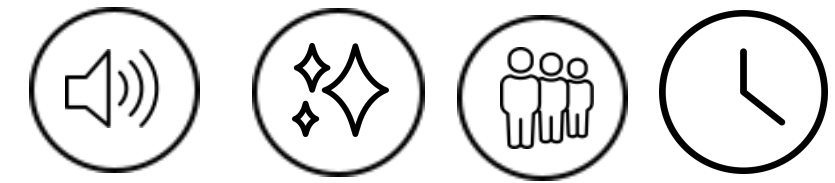
There may be a line to get in.

It's OK if I have to wait my turn to go inside.

I can be patient and calm.

Right: Shows staff person smiling with a keyboard before them. Lights and exhibits can be seen in the background.
Left: Shows a large line of people waiting for their turn on a sunny day.

Playing with exhibits



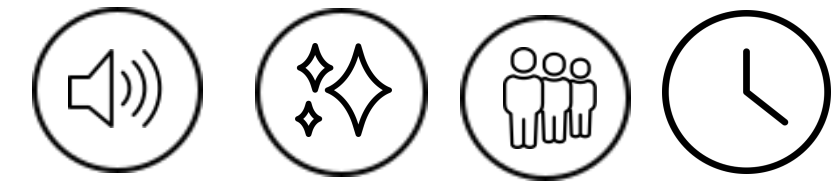
Inside the museum there are lots of exhibits to play with!

I might see exhibits with pieces I can touch and move.

I can play with with others or I can play by myself.

The image shows a small child playing with transparent colorful geometric pieces over a light table. An adult is beside the child holding a yellow square piece.

Playing with exhibits



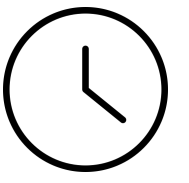
I might see exhibits with a crank or lever.

I can turn the cranks or pull the levers
and see what happens.

If I don't like an exhibit, I can go and try
something else.

The image shows two small children. The child on the left is standing while the other is kneeling on a stool. The children are observing a yellow liquid inside a large disk-like container. Yellow liquids are swirling around. An adult is standing on the right side holding a metal crank while observing the yellow liquid.

Waiting and sharing



Might see other people playing with the exhibits.

I will wait my turn if someone else is using an exhibit I want to play with.

When people leave an exhibit and there is space, I know it's my turn.

I can leave and go to another area if I want to.

The image shows four children and a young adult standing on a large box-like exhibit. There is a large monitor on top displaying a zoomed video of butterfly wings enclosed in a red circle. A small screen beneath the monitor reads "MICRO EYE".

Taking breaks



Sometimes our brains need a break from having so much fun!

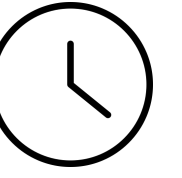
I can take a break when I want.

All I need to do is ask “can I have a break?”

I can take a break by going outside to picnic tables, sitting on a bench in the zoo, or going to a quieter part of the museum

The image shows a person sitting down and poking a push pop silicon fidget toy. The push pop toy is hexagon shaped with red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple bands of color.

Restroom



I can look for signs or ask a staff member if I need help finding the restroom.



Restroom near the entrance



Restroom in the Bay Gallery

Left: Shows a yellow rectangular sign with black letters that reads “Restrooms” with a black arrow pointing left. Another yellow sign with black letters that read “RESTROOM” is on a white door. The sign is circular with traditional women and men icons.
Right: Shows a square bright green sign with a black toilet and black wheelchair accessibility icon. Large black letters read “ALL-GENDER RESTROOMS”, braille appears directly below.

Eating

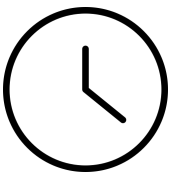
I can eat a snack inside the museum or on a picnic table outside.



Picnic table

Left: Shows an adult and two children sitting on a large fallen tree. The adult feeding food to one child while the other child is eating food independently. Right: Shows a red picnic table. The picnic table is long and rectangular with one bench on each side. There is an open umbrella connected to the center of the table.

The Zoo



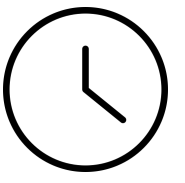
The zoo is the area where animals at CuriOdyssey live.

There will be other kids and adults there too.

If one area is too crowded for me, I can go look at other animals.

The image shows an adult and one child looking at a tortoise. The tortoise is behind glass and is eating a piece of lettuce.

This is their home



I will see animals behind a glass window.

I will not tap on the glass because I do not want to scare the animal.

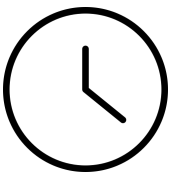
This is their home.

They eat, play, and sleep in their homes.

If I see an animal,
I can wave and speak in a low voice.

The image shows a young child facing the fox's enclosure. The fox is standing close to the glass with its head tilted towards the child.

Where is the animal?



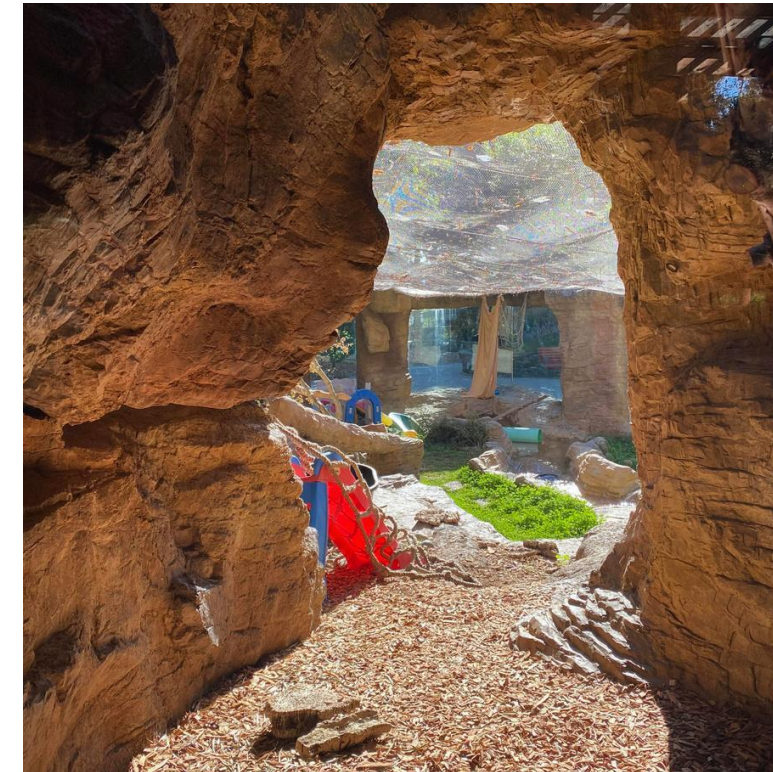
Some animals have more energy during the day.

Some animals have more energy during the night.

If I can't find an animal, that's OK.

They may be playing or sleeping!

I can go see other animals.



Empty racoon exhibit

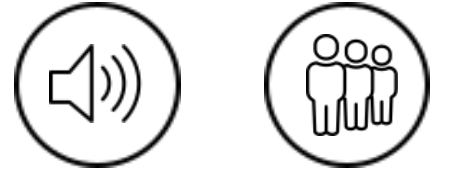


Racoon sleeping

Left: A rocky cave-like view of an exhibit without raccoons.

Right: A raccoon sleeping inside their floating bed. The bed is made of black plastic in the shape of a hallowed ball. The bed is attached to the roof with a metal chain.

Whoosh! Playground



I can go to the playground and have fun!

I can spin, slide and swing!

Other adults and kids will be there having fun too!

I can go inside the retreat hut for some quiet time.



Left: Two people are standing on a circular playground ride with a metal disk in the middle. Another person pushes the ride on the right side.

Right: A small hut made of wooden planks painted different shades of blue.

Leaving CuriOdyssey

When it's time to leave CuriOdyssey, I can exit through the Bay View Grove.

Once I exit from the Bay View Grove, I cannot go back in.

Visiting CuriOdyssey was so much fun and I can come back another day!



Left: A map showing a blue rectangle to the left labeled "SCIENCE CENTER". To the right a green area labeled "BAY VIEW GROVE". A purple line connects the science center leading to the Bay View Grove exit.

Right: A black metal gate with a push bar. There is a cement path with dirt and trees on either side.