

Visiting the Children's Museum of Richmond

Downtown Location During the Renovation



Information for Grown-Ups To Help Guide Your Visit



Exhibits that are
NOT available:

- Little Farm
- Cow
- Treehouse
- Cave
- Water Table
- Seymour's Cafe



Exhibit elements in a new spot:

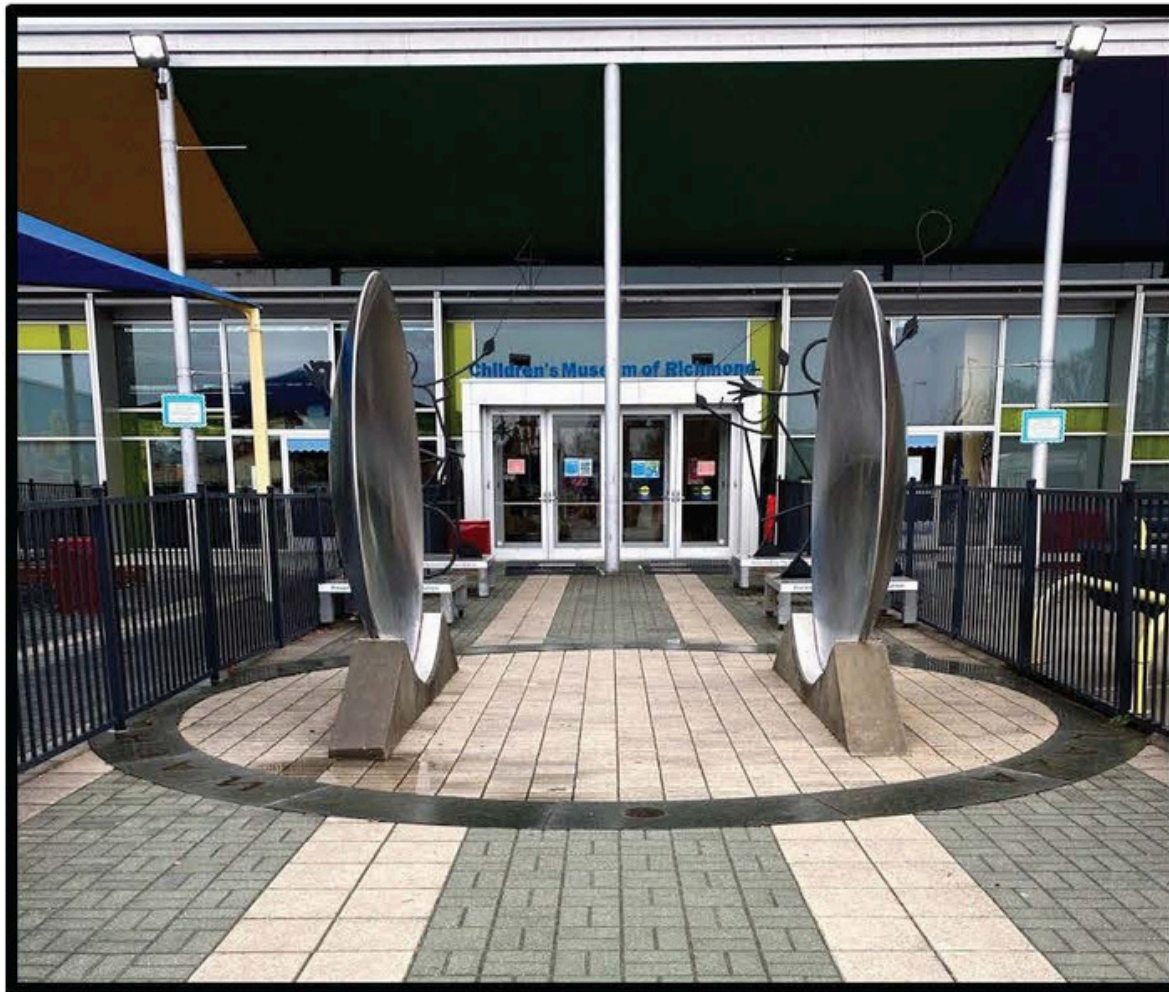
- Apple Tree (Grandis)
- Everbright (Playhouse)
- Light Tables (Playhouse)
- Sun Tubes (Lobby)
- Little Farm Climber (Grandis)
- Little Farm Berry Bush (Grandis)
- Dino Bones (Lobby)
- Draw Alive (Playhouse)
- Art (Pavilion)



I am going to visit the Children's Museum of Richmond. My adult will park in the parking deck.



When I see the front entrance with the blue tent, I will know that I am at CMoR.



We will walk through the two silver discs to get inside. I will hear my voice echo and it might be loud. I can cover my ears or walk around the discs if it is too loud.



When I walk inside, I might have to wait in line while we check-in to the museum. I can take some deep breaths and stand with my adult until it is our turn.



I will see museum staff wearing shirts or red aprons with the logo on it. If I get lost or have a question, they will be able to help me. I may see some people wearing blue aprons, which means they are volunteers who help out at the museum.



I can ask the museum staff for a sensory backpack or just headphones to use during my visit.

The backpack contains fidget toys, a weighted vest, noise canceling headphones, sunglasses, a visor, and a communication card.

If I check out a sensory backpack, I will return it before leaving the museum so another kid can use it when they visit.



There are several BATHROOMS inside the museum. I can look for the bathroom sign or ask an adult for help finding it.



I will see a giant dinosaur in the lobby when I arrive. His name is Stan and he is a T.rex.



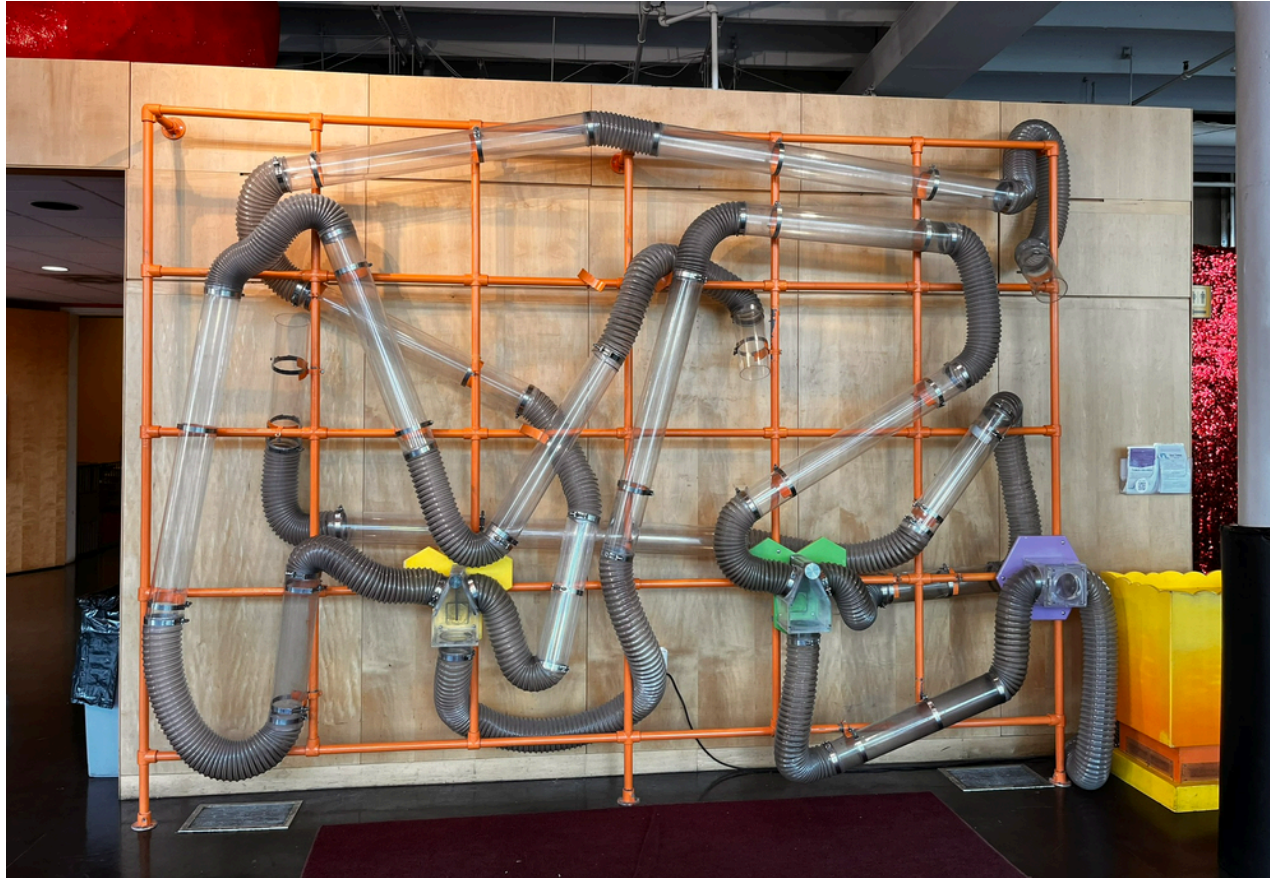
Some things will look different and be in different places while the museum is preparing new exhibits. I can explore and find fun things to do and some of my favorites in new spots.

I can explore FRAMED: Step Into Art. There are lots of different things to try.





I can still create art. Inside FRAMED is a small art studio on the stage with many of the same art materials.



I can put scarves inside the SUN TUBES to watch them move and fly. I can turn the handles to stop the scarves. The tubes are noisy when the air blows through.



My family and I will go in a new way. We can explore the museum, play, and have fun! There will be areas that are blocked while they get new play areas ready.



The play zone for children ages 0-3 is in Grandis. If I am bigger than three, I will play with the Apple Tree, located right beside it.



I will find the big APPLE TREE in Grandis. I can pick apples from the holes and gather them in a basket to put in the hopper.



I will have to ask my adult to buy a ticket to ride the CAROUSEL. On the carousel, I can choose an animal to ride. The carousel will go around several times, and I will hold on tight. If I don't want to go alone, my adult can stand next to me.



In the PLAYHOUSE, there are lots of things to explore, like Draw Alive, Everbright wall, and a stage to perform on.



In the HOSPITAL, I can pretend to be a doctor, nurse, or patient. There might be other kids inside, but I can wait for my turn.



I can explore all of the places around TOWN SQUARE*! This area might be loud and busy, but I can do my best to share and be kind to others.

*Spots to explore include: cafe, grocery store, train, bank, news studio, car service station



If the weather is nice, I can play outside. There is a playground where I can climb, balance, and slide. I can also ride tricycles and use percussion instruments. I can get there by going around from the front.



If it is summertime and the weather is nice, I can bring a bathing suit and play outside in the SPLASHMOR splash pad. I will get wet, but that's okay. I will dry off and put my regular clothes back on before going to play in the other exhibits.



I might walk by the GIFT SHOP. I can look at the toys, but I won't touch them without permission. I have to ask my adult about buying a toy or game. It's okay if they do not buy anything from the gift shop.



When I am in the museum, it might get loud with all the other kids playing around me.

If I feel overwhelmed, I can take a break in the quiet zone in the back hallway (just past the Playhouse).

There I can sit quietly, take deep breaths, or read until I am ready to play again.



When I am ready to leave, I can leave through the front doors with my adult. I can wave goodbye to the museum. I had such a fun time at the Children's Museum of Richmond. I can't wait to come back!

Adult Tip Sheet

1

Quiet Room in the Museum

We have designated potential quiet zones throughout the museum. To note, the noise level of these zones is dependent on visitation and groups. You can view our quiet zone map on our website or ask a museum staff member for recommendations:

www.childrensmuseumofrichmond.org/accessibility-inclusivity

2

Sensory Backpacks

Ask the front desk to check-out a free sensory backpack for the duration of your visit. Inside, you will find a variety of sensory tools (fidget toys, weighted vest, noise canceling headphones, sunglasses, a visor, and a communication card) to meet your child's needs. Please return the backpack at the end of your visit.

3

Create a Plan with Visual Schedules

Pair this social story with our free printable visual schedule, found on our website. You can work with your child to set a plan for your museum visit. For more information, visit:

<https://www.childrensmuseumofrichmond.org/accessibility-inclusivity/>

4

Carousel Rides

Rides cost \$3 and tickets can be purchased online or at the front desk. There is an ADA Accessible seat, ask the attendant for assistance. Adults can stand for free with a child!

5

Snack Spots

Snack spaces indoors and outdoors. Snacks are available for purchase at the front desk.

6

What to Wear

Museum play can sometimes be messy. Please wear clothing that you feel comfortable getting dirty/wet or plan accordingly! In the summertime, our SplashMoR splash pad is open and bathing suits are encouraged. Shirts and shoes must be worn in all indoor exhibits.

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Additional Exhibit Information

A full list of our exhibits with detailed descriptions can be found online at:

<https://www.childrensmuseumofrichmond.org/plan-your-visit/exhibits/>

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Photograph Policy

Please be aware that with admission to the museum, you give permission to the museum to take photos and videos of you and your children for promotional, educational, advertising, or other reasons. Notify the front desk staff if you do not consent to this policy.

For more information, please visit:

www.CMoRVA.org/about-us/museum-policy/

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Visit our Website

For resources or information on accessibility and inclusivity, please visit:

<https://www.childrensmuseumofrichmond.org/accessibility-inclusivity/>. To speak with a staff member, please call (804) 474-7000 or email education@cmorva.org.

MUSEUM MANNERS

MODALES EN EL MUSEO

1

Stay close to your child at all times—supervised play is the best kind of play!

Permanezca cerca de su hijo en todo momento—¡el juego supervisado es el mejor juego!



2

Remind your child to use walking feet and indoor voices.

Recuerde a su hijo caminar en el museo y hablar en voz baja.



3

Ensure your child keeps their shoes on (except when playing outside at SplashMoR).

Asegúrese de que su hijo mantenga sus zapatos puestos (excepto cuando juegue afuera en SplashMoR).



4

Snacks are allowed in designated areas only—let's keep the exhibits clean and ready for play.

Se permiten meriendas únicamente en áreas designadas; mantengamos las exhibiciones limpias y listas para jugar.



5

Encourage your child to share and take turns to keep play fun for everyone.

Anime a su hijo a compartir y a tomar turnos para que el juego sea divertido para todos.



Be an active participant—PLAY together, CONNECT, and CREATE special memories with your child!