

VISITING THE NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM

A SOCIAL NARRATIVE



Smithsonian
National Air and Space Museum

**I am going to visit the
National Air and Space
Museum.**



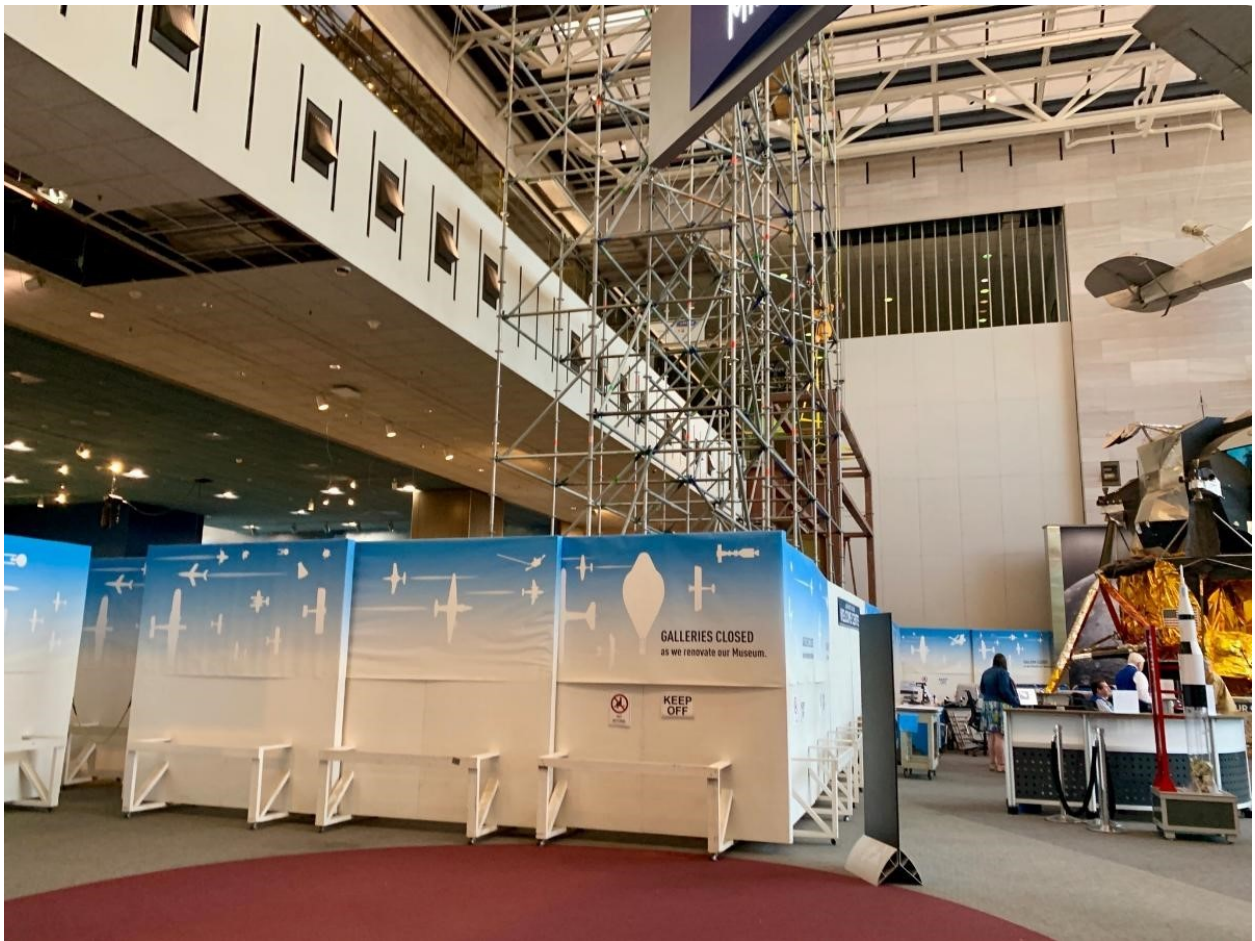


The Air and Space Museum teaches visitors about space travel and airplanes.

I can see many airplanes and I can learn about science in space!

Over the next several years, the museum will be making repairs, so some of the exhibits may be closed.

If an exhibit is closed, visitors can look at other exciting things in the museum!



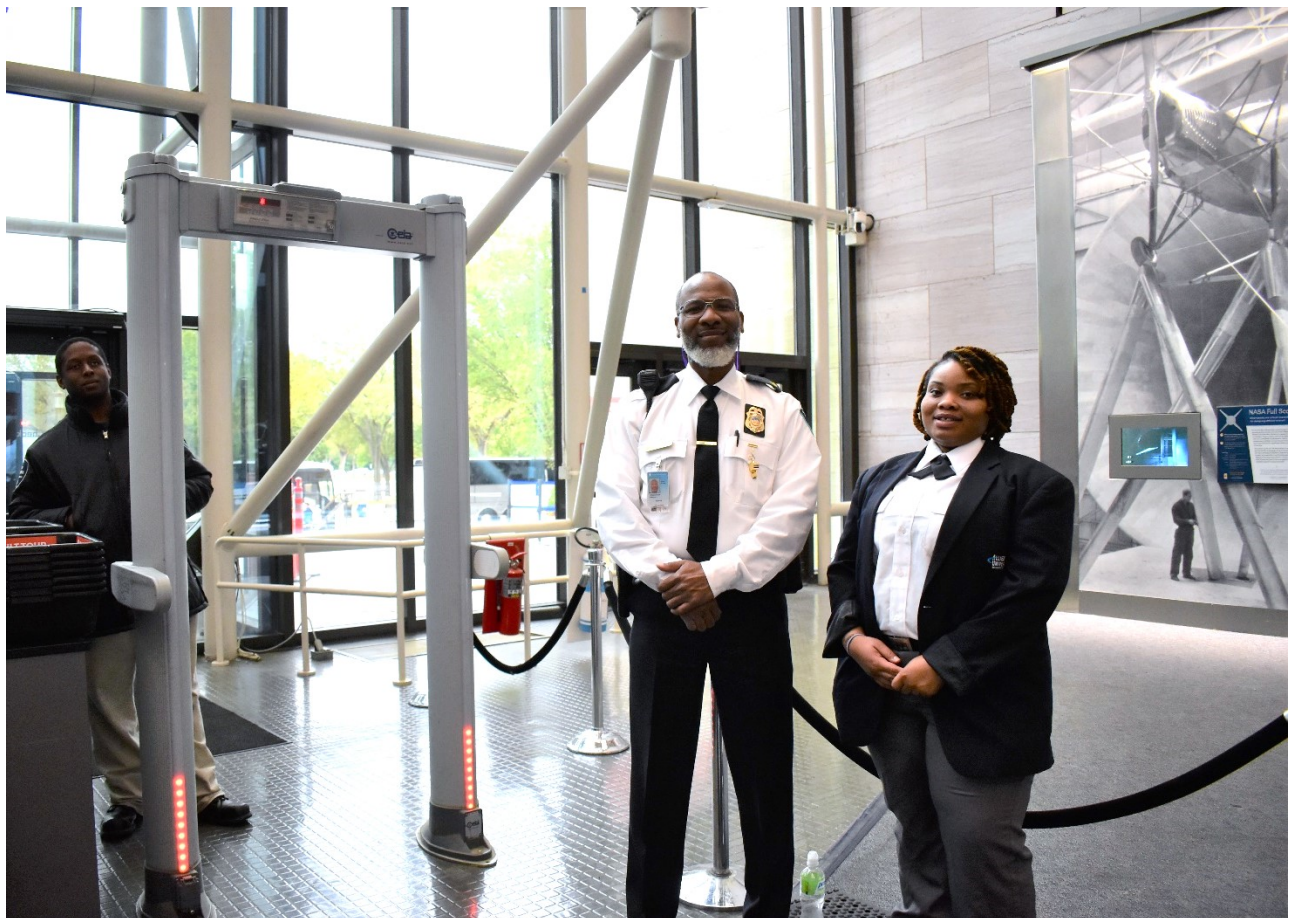


**Sometimes the museum is busy,
and I may have to wait in line.**

**This is ok. It is good to wait my turn
so everyone can enjoy the museum
and see the artifacts.**

When I enter the museum, a security officer may ask me to walk through a metal detector, and they will look in my bag.

This is ok. They are here to keep everyone inside the museum safe.



Once I enter the building, I may notice many people inside and it may be noisy.

Others are excited to be here too!



If it gets too loud, I can go to a quieter area of the museum or wear my headphones.

One of the most important jobs of a museum is taking care of artifacts.

Artifacts are important items that may be very old. They can teach us about the past.



Some people with special training are called conservators, and they take care of artifacts.



I may look, but it is important to keep my hands away from the artifacts.

The things on display can be fragile, and I don't want to break them!

There are two floors in the museum.



I may take escalators, elevators or stairs.

It is important to stand still on the escalator so I can keep myself and the others around me safe.

I may see the Welcome Desk and people wearing blue vests.



These are volunteers and they are happy to help me if I have questions or if I am lost.

I may see a docent. A docent gives tours to teach people about the museum.

If I take a docent tour, it is important to wait my turn to ask questions so I can give everyone a chance to learn.



I may see an Explainer.

This is someone in a red shirt who will teach me about science and show me what I can touch.





I can choose what I want to do while I am visiting the museum.

I may go into one of the museum galleries, take a tour, participate in an activity or watch a movie.



There are some things I can touch in the museum. The moon rock is a special artifact that everyone can touch, including me.

How exciting!

In the “How Things Fly” gallery, I can gently play with many things. These can teach me about the forces of flight.

If I want, I can participate in a science show!





I may visit the Skylab Orbital Workshop. I can walk through Skylab to see how astronauts lived in space.

The room can feel small. If I become uncomfortable, I can tell my adult that I want to leave at any time.

I may decide to watch a film in the IMAX movie theater. The theater has a very large screen!



If I find that the movie is too loud, I can put on my headphones or tell my adult and we can leave the theater at any time.

Thank you for visiting!

