

Visiting the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center



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I am going to the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center. The Museum is a big place with hundreds of cool things for me to see and learn about when we visit! When I go to the Museum I can stay for as long as I would like. The Museum has hundreds of planes for me to see.



When I get to the Museum, it might be a bit loud outside. The Museum is next to the Dulles International Airport. It's pretty cool that I can see planes flying into and leaving the airport from the Museum's parking lot.

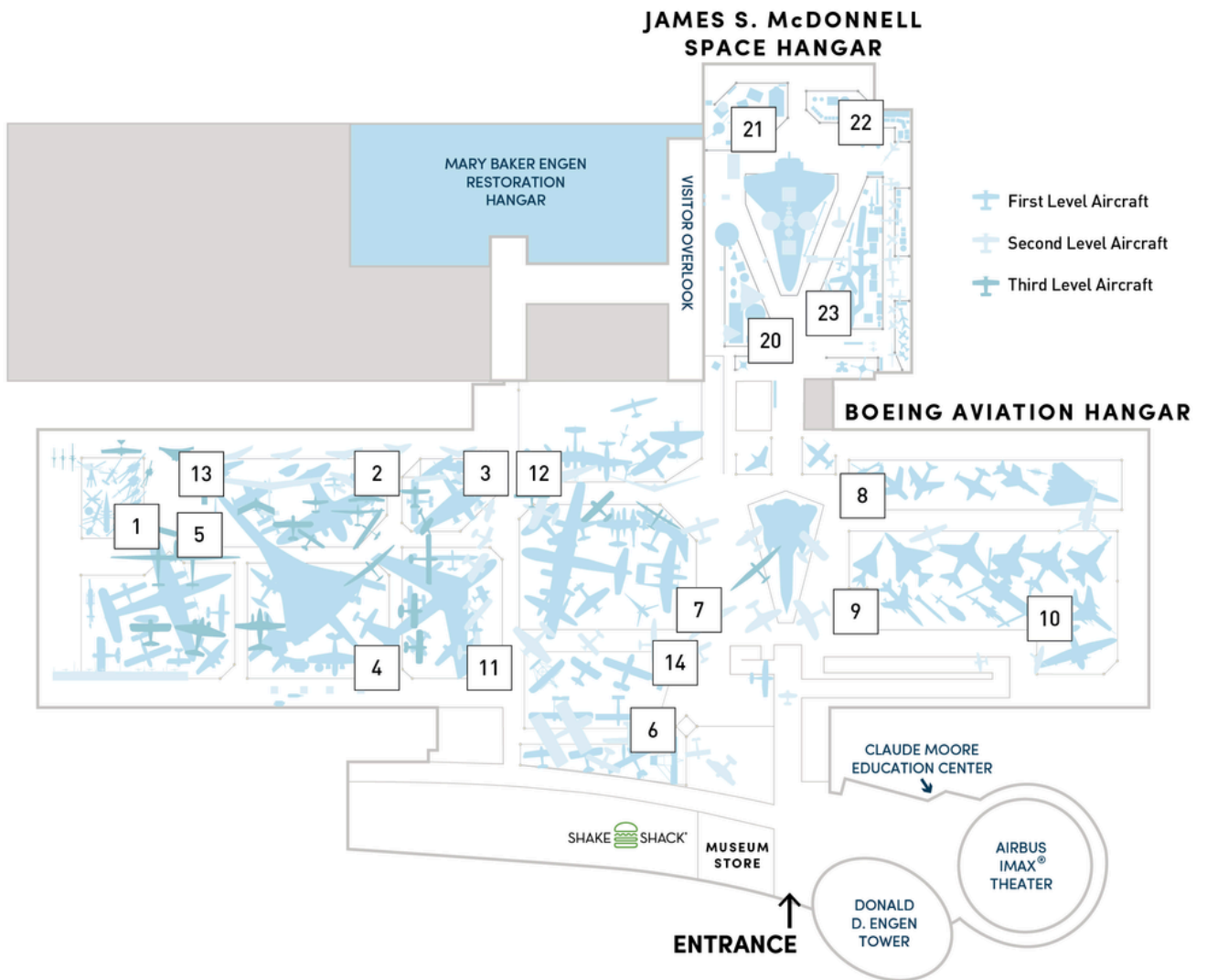


When I enter the Museum, I will have to walk through the Security station. If I set off the machine, they will have to look in my bag.

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



When I enter the Museum after Security, I will see the John L. Plueger Family Welcome Center and people wearing blue vests. These are Volunteers. They are very nice and are here to help me if I have any questions.



The Museum has maps that visitors can use to find what they want to see. I can ask the Volunteers at the Welcome Desk for a map.



The Boeing Aviation Hangar has many airplanes that visitors can explore. Some airplanes are on the floor and some are hanging in the air. The hangar is very large, so visitors have a lot of room to move around.

Sometimes the Museum is crowded. I can find a quiet space or wear headphones if it is too loud.



When I am in the hangar, 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 can also see some big screens in the hangar with people talking on them. These people are also Docents. I can ask them questions about the planes their screen is in front of! It is important to wait my turn to ask questions so I can give everyone a chance to learn.



I may see a Discovery Station. These programs are run by Museum staff called Explainers or Museum volunteers. At the Discovery Station, I will learn about science, aviation, and space and will often get the chance to touch an artifact.



If I get hungry when I'm visiting the Museum, I can go to the Shake Shack to buy food. I have to eat my food in Shake Shack to keep the Museum safe and clean for other guests. I will finish my food in Shake Shack or I will put it away before we leave Shake Shack.



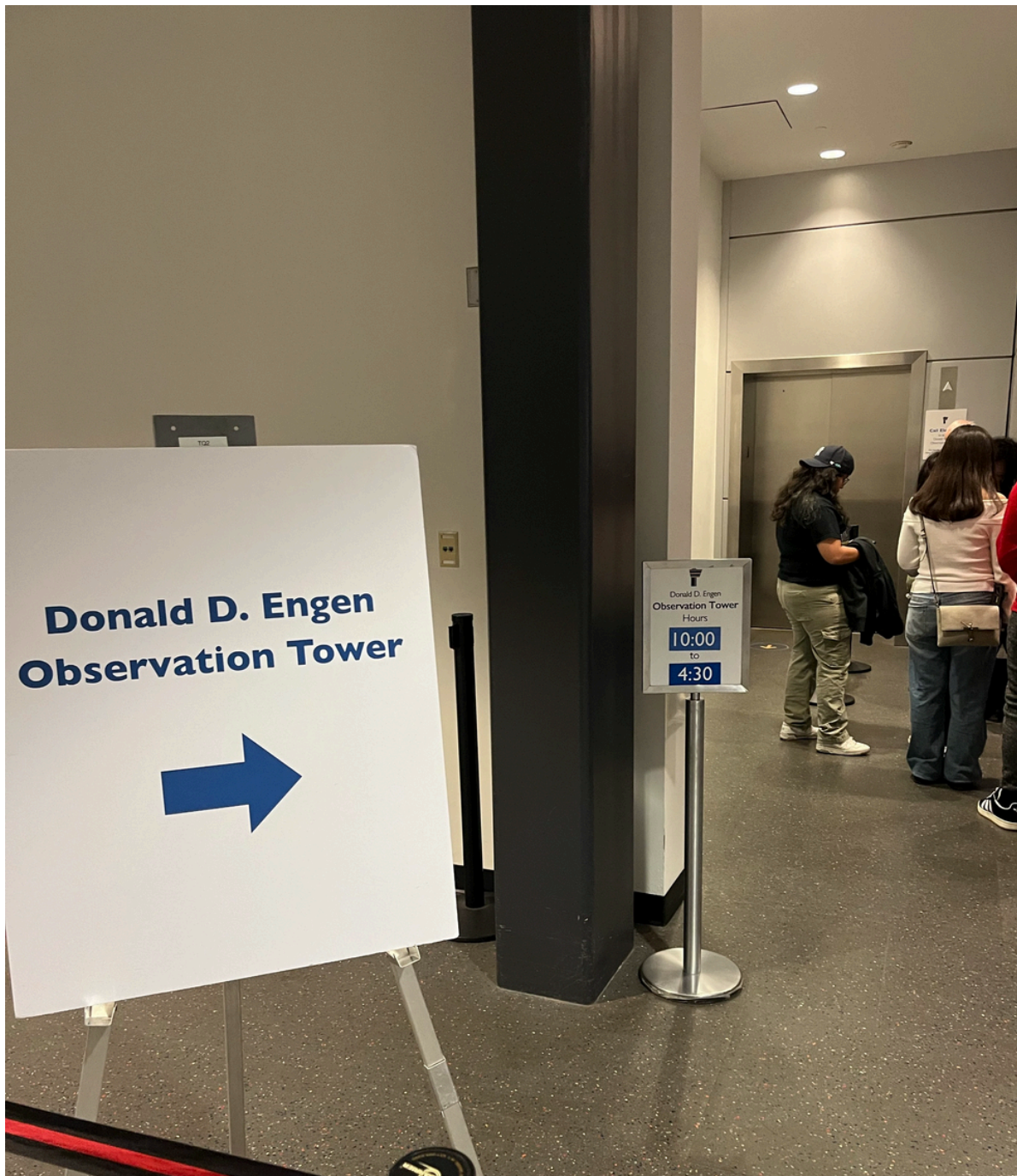
While visiting the Museum, I can choose what I want to do. I may go walk around, take a tour, learn from an Explainer, or watch a movie at the IMAX Theater.



The James S. McDonnell Space Hangar has the Discovery Space Shuttle. The Space Hangar is where I can see artifacts related to human spaceflight, satellites, and other artifacts that help us learn about space.



The Mary Baker Engen Restoration Hangar is a large space where the Museum's staff and Volunteers restore aircraft. From a glassed-in mezzanine, I can view restoration projects in progress.



The Donald D. Engen Observation Tower provides a 360-degree bird's eye view of Washington Dulles International Airport and the surrounding area. From here, I can watch planes land and take off from the nearby airport. I will need to take an elevator to the Tower, it is 7 stories up!



I will need to stay with my adult while we are inside the Museum. I will make sure that I can always see them as we explore the Museum. We can use the map of the Museum to figure out how to get to where we are interested in seeing.



The Airbus IMAX Theater at the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center shows many movies about air and space. The Airbus IMAX Theater has a very large screen and is very loud. If the movie gets to be too much for me, I can put my headphones on or tell my adult and we can leave the Theater at any time.



If I need to use the bathroom during my visit, I can look for the colored tiles on the wall. The colored tiles let me know that there is a bathroom there. I can use the bathroom at any time during my visit. There are bathrooms on every floor of the Museum. Some bathrooms have a few stalls and others have a door and just one toilet.

In the bathrooms, there are automatic hand dryers. They can be loud. If it gets to be too much, I can put on my headphones or let my adult know to go to a quieter space.



When I am ready, to leave I will go back to the Lobby to exit the Museum. I will try not to be upset if I did not see everything at the Museum before I leave. I can always come back another time!