

# VISITING THE NEW JERSEY STATE MUSEUM

A SOCIAL GUIDE OF WHAT TO  
EXPECT WHEN VISITING



# ENTERING THE MUSEUM



We are visiting the New Jersey State Museum today. The museum has art, science, and history exhibits.

There are two ways to enter the main building: the front entrance and the planetarium entrances.



# MAIN ENTRANCE



When we enter the museum through the front entrance, we will need to check-in at the visitor desk.

At the desk, there will be security guards. They are here to welcome us to the museum. They also make sure the objects in the museum are protected and everyone is safe.



# PLANETARIUM ENTRANCES



There are two entrances to the planetarium. One door from the parking garage and one door from the parking lot.

Both doors will bring us to the planetarium lobby. There is a visitor desk where we will need to check-in. There will be a security guard there to welcome us.



# ACCESSIBILITY



Each entrance to the museum is accessible with automatic doors.

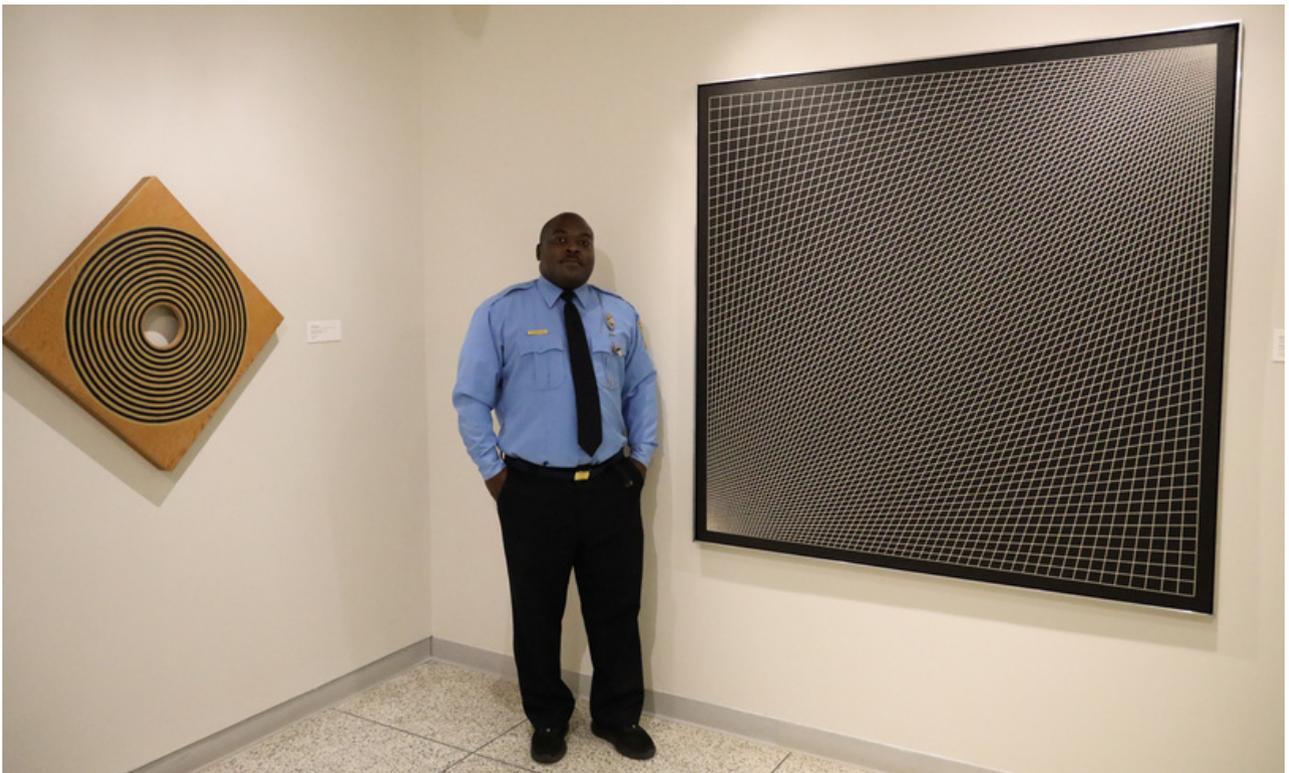
If we need a wheelchair, we can ask the security guard at the visitor desk to get one for us.

# SECURITY GUARDS



There are security guards throughout the museum and in the galleries. If we need help or have any questions, we can ask them.

They may tell us some museum guidelines if we forget.



# MUSEUM GUIDELINES



There are a couple things we have to remember when we are in the museum:

- We will walk slowly.
- We cannot eat or drink in the galleries.
- We will use our inside voices to the best of our abilities.
- If we have a backpack, we will wear it in front of us to protect the objects on display.
- We will stay with our group, friends, or family.

# MUSEUM GUIDELINES: TOUCH



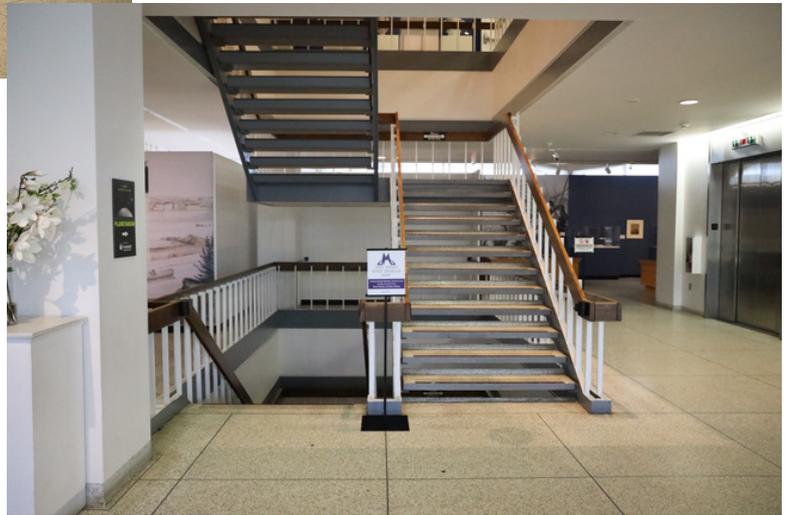
We cannot touch most of the items in the museum. But there are a few things in some galleries that we can feel and touch. We will only touch the objects that have a touch sign next to them.



# GETTING AROUND



We can use the elevators or stairs to get around the museum.



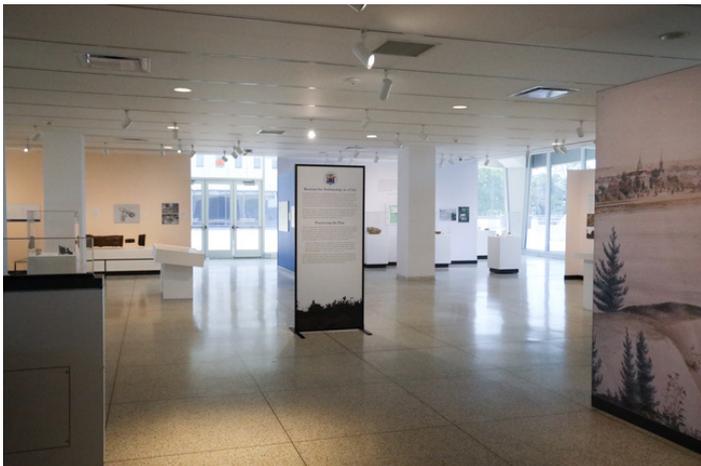
The staircase from the second to the third level is in the back of the Fine Art gallery.

# FIRST LEVEL



The first level of the museum has a temporary exhibit gallery, the Civil War Flag Collection, and the Riverview Court.

We can sit in Riverview Court to eat our lunch or snacks.



# SECOND LEVEL



The second level of the museum has the Natural History gallery: *Written in the Rocks*, the Fine Art gallery: *American Perspectives*, another temporary exhibit gallery and the gift shop.



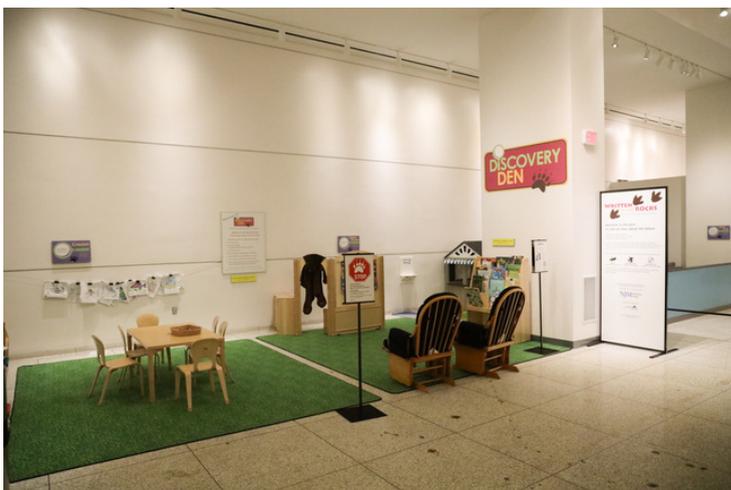
# PALEO LAB & DISCOVERY DEN



The Natural History gallery: *Written in the Rocks*, has a Paleo Lab where we can ask an expert any questions we might have about the exhibit.



There is also the Discovery Den that is for young learners (ages 0-8) and their caregivers.



# MUSEUM GIFT SHOP



The museum gift shop is on the second level. It has souvenirs for each of the museum collections.



# THIRD LEVEL



The third level of the museum has the Cultural History gallery: *Pretty Big Things*, which tells us the history of New Jersey. This exhibit has a big gallery and a smaller one at the back.



# LOWER LEVEL



The lower level of the museum has the Archaeology and Ethnography galleries and the planetarium where we might see a show.

The Archaeology and Ethnography collection has three exhibits on the lower level: *A Much Moved People*, *Cultures in Competition*, and *New Jersey's Original People*.



# PLANETARIUM

If we are seeing a planetarium show, we may have to wait in line for a few minutes to buy tickets. It might get crowded.



The planetarium show may be loud and have bright lights. It is a high sensory experience. We will be watching the show on the ceiling from seats that lean backward.

# RESTROOMS



There are men's and women's restrooms on the lower level, first level, and third level.



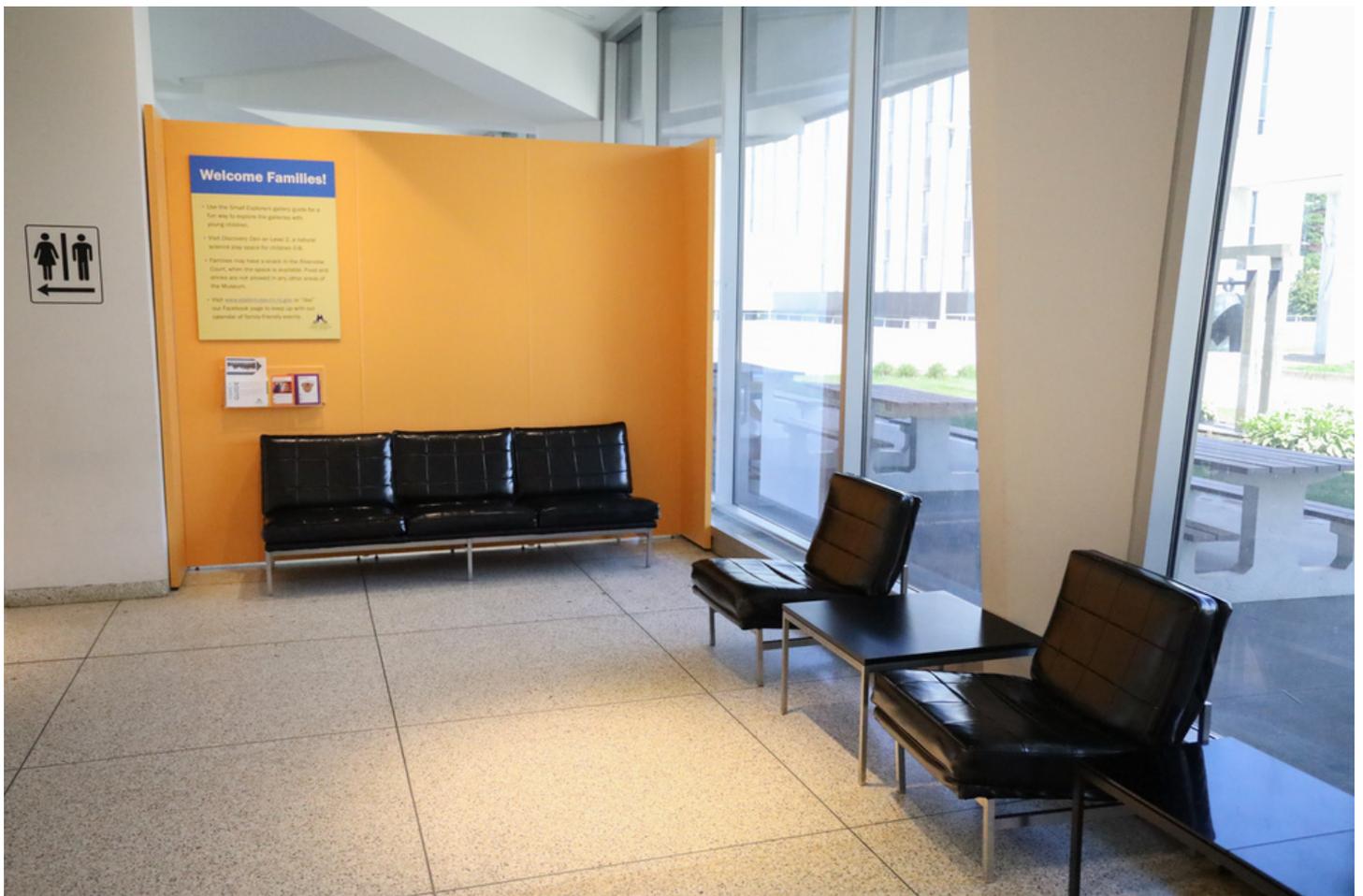
There is a family/all gender restroom on the lower level.



# QUIET SPACES & SEATING

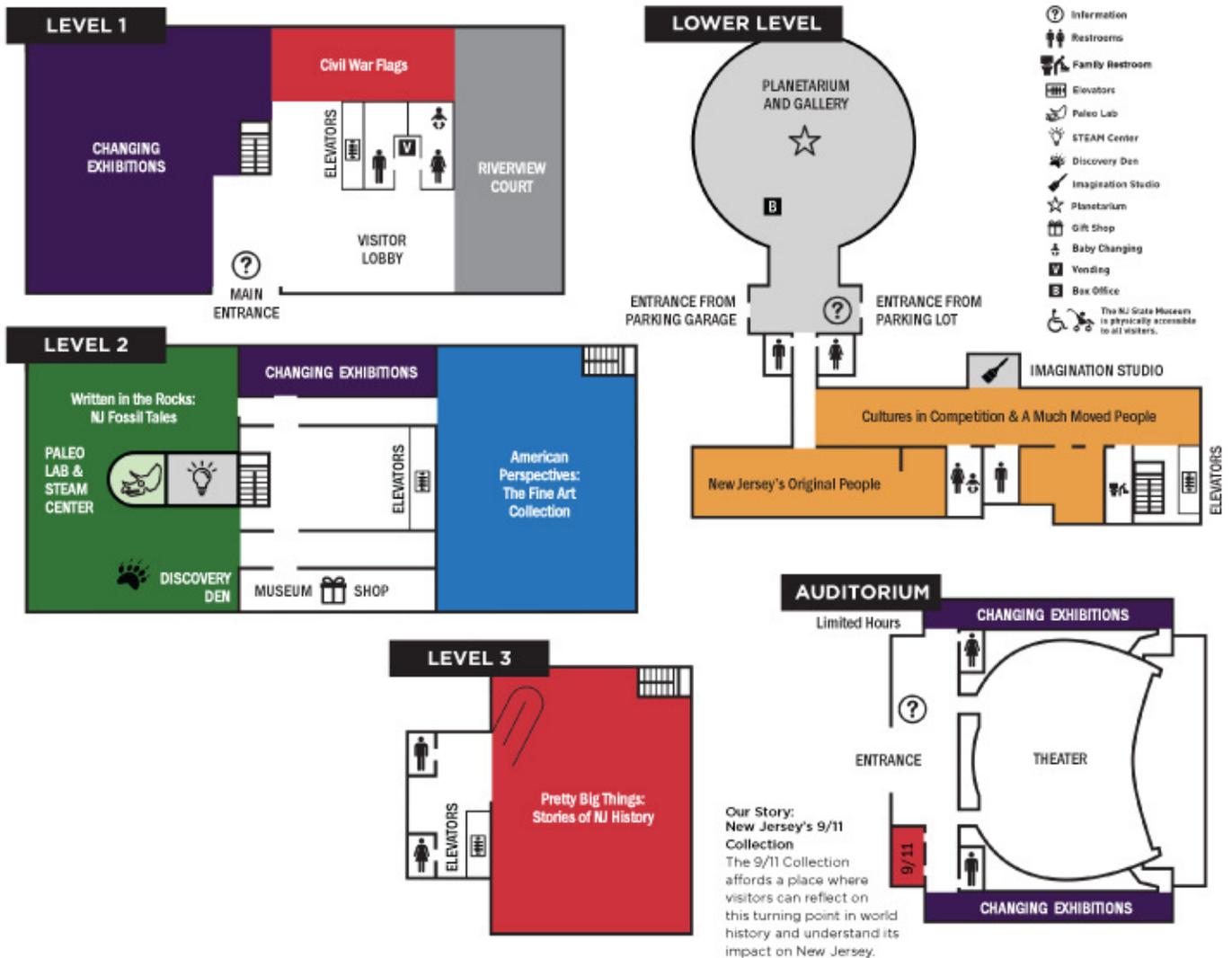


If we need a break, there are places to sit throughout the galleries and in some of the hallways. There are also picnic tables outside where we can eat. We can use these spaces until we are ready to continue our visit.



# MUSEUM FLOOR PLAN

We can look at the museum map to see where we want to go. There are visitor guides available at the visitor desks.



# EXITING THE MUSEUM



When we are ready to leave the museum, we can exit from any of the entrances we came in: the first level main entrance or the lower level planetarium entrances.