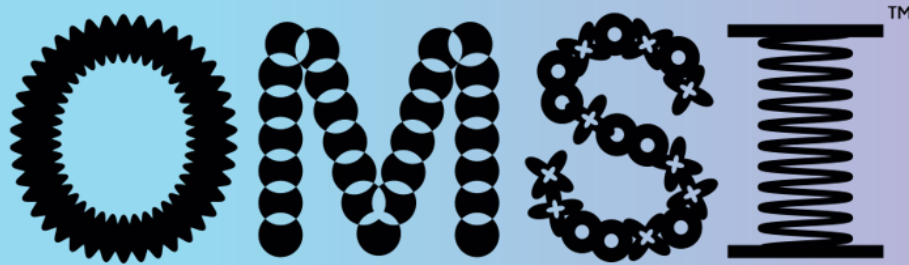


A Sensory Guide to



Oregon Museum of Science and Industry

Welcome to Sensory Night!

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Event Map

Included Areas:

Featured Exhibit

- Jurassic World By Brickman

Natural Sciences Hall

- Zoo in You

Science Playground

- Children's play space
- Storytime at 7:30pm



Main Lobby

What to expect:

As you enter through the glass doors at the front of the building you will see the Front Desk where you can check in for the event.

There will be one line leading to check-in. You will be given a paper wristband after checking in at the counter.

There will be at least 2 OMSI staff members at the front desk who will be able to assist you with check in, obtaining accessibility resources (see page 9–10 for resource information), and general questions.

The nearest gendered restroom can be found down the Empirical hall beyond the Empirical Cafe. The nearest gender-neutral restrooms can be found at the end of the Space Science Hallway.

Need a break?

- There are tables between the escalator and Theory Restaurant. This area is often quieter with seating.
- You can walk outside the building towards the river to access fresh air. There is often traffic noise from nearby bridges.

Sensory Considerations:

- This area can be loud and echoey.
- There is a lot of natural light and depending on the season and time of day it may be bright.
- You do not need to wear the wristband that you are given; however you must keep it with you.

Jurassic World

What to expect:

This area is a large, two story exhibit featuring 6 rooms of Lego displays and interactive Lego building activities that bring you into Jurassic World.

This exhibit features close encounters with Lego dinosaur displays. Throughout the exhibit, there will be sound effects (like dinosaur roars and car sounds), music from the Jurassic World franchise, and the sound of Legos clattering and being built.

The first floor features 4 rooms and a staircase leading to the next section. There is an exit before the staircase that leads to an accessible entrance for the second floor. There is an elevator outside of this exit.

The second floor features 2 rooms and a gift shop for the exhibit. The accessible entrance for this floor is located at the exit of the exhibit, near the gift shop.

Need a break?

- There is a quiet room located in the Science Playground on the second floor. There will be signs guiding your way from the exhibit exit to the quiet room.
- On the ground floor there is an open space between Theory Restaurant and the Main Lobby that is often quieter than the rest of the museum.

Sensory Considerations:

- Overhead lights are bright
- Exhibit component lighting are dimmed
- Exhibit soundtrack volume will be lowered
- Legos are being sorted and played with, making loud noises - around 90 dec.
- **Noise – Reducing Earmuffs are recommended for this space! Hearing protection is available outside exhibit entrance and front desk**

Zoo in You

What to expect:

This area is located on the 2nd floor, between the exit of Jurassic World by Brickman and the entrance to the Science Playground. There is an elevator across from the entrance to the exhibit.

This exhibit provides a deeper look into the microbes that live in us. It includes a variety of hands-on and computer based activities, including projection screens that can interact with your body's motion.

The nearest gendered restrooms are in the hallway around the corner from the Science Playground. All areas are flat.

Need a break?

- There is a **quiet room** in the Science Playground.

Sensory Considerations:

- Pressing the start button on the DNA Puzzle exhibit starts a loud ticking countdown. At the end of the countdown the DNA pieces pop out with a loud noise and fall into a trough. This can be startling.
- Various screens depicting light, motion, and shadows.
- Green screen exhibit includes bright lights.

Science Playground

What to expect:

This area is located on the second floor to the left of the Natural Sciences Hall.

This space includes a variety of interactive play areas for children including a climbing structure, a water play area, an imaginative play area, and plenty of spaces for quiet play.

There is a smaller play area for infants and another for toddlers in the center of the space.

Discovery Lab: For this event, lights will be lower than during regular operating hours.

Activities in the space have been chosen to contribute to a quieter overall experience.

There are two family restrooms and one ADA restroom located within this area, near the Discovery Lab.

Need a break?

- There is a **quiet room** located next to the Discovery Lab.
- There are snack tables between the climber and the water area.

Sensory Considerations:

- Science Playground can be very loud. Noise-cancelling headphones are available to borrow from staff.
- OMSI staff may be able to provide dry clothes depending on available stock.
- The water area has smocks for guests to wear and a cave-like space to experience water play without getting (as) wet.
- The **Discovery Lab** offers a variety of sensory play and hands-on activities that children can engage in independently or with their caregivers
- The **Discovery Lab** tends to be quieter than the rest of the Science Playground.

Accessibility Resources

Checking out resources

Resources are FREE to use! We only need to hold on to a photo ID.

- Sensory Kits and Sound-Reducing Earmuffs available at Front Desk and Science Playground.
- All other resources available for checkout from the Front Desk.
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For questions, please send an email to info@omsi.edu or call us at 503-797-4000

Sensory

- **Quiet Room** in Science Playground
- **Sensory Kits**
 - A guide to quiet rooms
 - Child-sized sound-reducing earmuffs
 - 1-2 fidget toys
 - Small weighted mat for lap or shoulders
 - Child-sized sunglasses
 - Visual timer
 - Full Sensory Guide to OMSI
- **Sound-reducing earmuffs**
- **Sensory Guide**
- **Disposable earplugs**

Accessibility Resources

General

- **Complimentary Companion tickets**
- **Family/Single User restrooms** in Science Playground
- **Complimentary parking for guests with disability placard** displayed in car

Visual

- **Aira** - Video Remote Interpreting

Mobility

- **Wheelchairs**
- **Mobility scooters**
- **Crutches**
- **Strollers**
- **Canes**
- **Elevator access** to Science Playground, Zoo in You, and the Featured Exhibit
- **Seating** available throughout exhibits and halls

Auditory

- **ASL Interpreter** available upon request 72 hours prior to event

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