

WA Shipwrecks Museum

Social Story

Families with older children





What is the WA Shipwrecks Museum?

The WA Shipwrecks Museum has many kinds of objects and experiences for me. I might see boats, machines, pretend animals, and pretend people. These things will tell us about old ships that sank near Western Australia.

I can look, listen and learn at the Museum.



This Museum is a heritage building. 'Heritage' means it is very old. It is different to modern buildings. Inside are lots of glass boxes with wonderful objects in them. It is dark inside to protect the objects.



There are some very large special objects that need lots of darkness. They are safely put together and will not fall apart. There are some screens around the Museum that play videos and sounds. I will be able to hear them as a walk around. I don't have to watch them if I don't want to.



Getting to the Museum

When I visit the Museum I may travel by car, bus, or train. I will look for this white and brown building made of rock.



Going into the Museum

I have arrived at the entrance to the Museum when I see the automatic sliding doors. They will open for us when we walk close to them.



When I go into the Museum I will be in a big space with lots of objects. There will be a brown front desk with Museum staff standing behind it.

I do not have to wait in line. An adult can give a donation and then we can start our visit.



There are two levels in the Museum. I can use the stairs or I can use the lift to move to each level.



The lift goes quickly to the level I want and I don't have to be inside it for long. It has mirrors on the walls that are fun to look at!



The second level has a lot of things in it. It can feel a bit crowded.
Some areas of the Museum I will enjoy more than others and that is okay.



In the *Batavia* Gallery there is a skeleton. This person passed away a long time ago. I do not have to go near the skeleton if I don't want to.



Toilets at the Museum

The bathrooms at the Museum are at the end of a hallway. There might be other people in the bathroom too. When I am finished using the toilet, I will wash my hands.



Food and eating at the Museum

When I want to eat, I can go to a café nearby or eat in the park outside. I do not eat in the exhibition galleries.



Staff at the Museum

Many people visit the Museum and many people work there too.
If I get lost, a Museum staff member can help me.



What can I touch?

At the Museum there will be lots of interesting things. I am allowed to touch and play with some of these things. There are other things that I should not touch because they are fragile and rare. I will just look at these things. I will be told which ones I can touch and which ones to just look at. If I am not sure whether I can touch something I will ask an adult.



Spaces in the Museum

The Museum is a special building. It looks and feels different to home or school. If I feel uncomfortable, I can tell an adult and we will find a comfortable place where I feel safe.



Some important things to remember at the Museum

When I explore the WA Shipwrecks Museum I will remember to:

- Stay close to / with my adult
- Walk and not run
- Speak with my quiet voice, even though it may be noisy
- Take turns with other children
- Ask an adult before touching objects to make sure I am allowed to.



Visiting the Museum will be fun!