



Allentown Art Museum

Social Narrative

A Guide to your Museum Visit

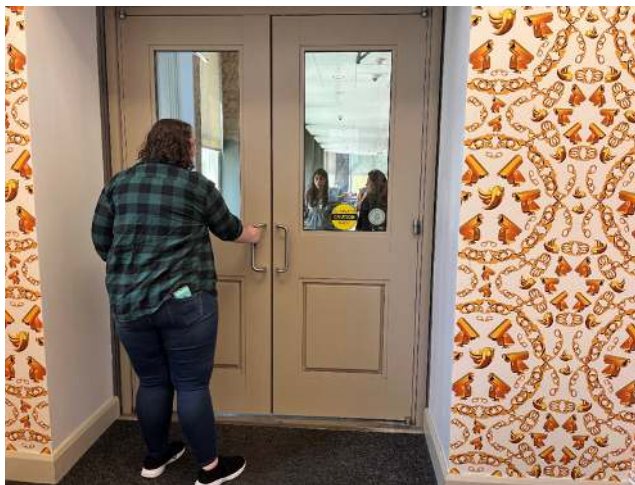


Welcome to the Museum!

In the front of the museum, you will find the main entrance. There are steps and an accessible entrance at the main entrance located at 31 N 5th St, Allentown, PA 18101.



Once you enter the museum, you will be in the museum's vestibule. Inside the vestibule, you will see Ai Weiwei's Golden Age wallpaper. In the museum's vestibule, there are two doors that lead to the Admissions Desk.



You can check-in at the Admissions Desk with our friend Sean. Sometimes you will see other museum staff at the desk, too. Sean or another museum staff will ask you four questions:

- 1. Have you been to the Allentown Art Museum before?**
- 2. Are you a member of the Allentown Art Museum?**
- 3. What is your zip code?**
- 4. What brings you into visit the museum today?**

These questions help us get to know everyone coming into the museum and learn about who visits.

If you have any questions about the museum, staff at the Admissions Desk can answer them for you. You can also get a map of the museum at the Admissions Desk and a Sensory Map on the museum website.



To the left of the Admissions Desk is the museum's store and café. The café is a place where you can take a break during your visit at one of the tables that overlook the Art Park across the street.



There are many friendly museum staff members at the museum store and café, like our Museum Store Manager, Sharon!



To the right of the Admissions desk, you will see the museum lockers. You can store your non-essential items and backpack safely in the lockers during your visit.

Just around the corner from the lockers and Admissions Desk, you will enter Trexler Hall. The Sensory Hour program table is in Trexler Hall. This is where you can borrow a Sensory Kit ([link to kit's description and pics](#)) and learn about sensory hour program information.



There are accessible restrooms at the end of Trexler Hall. There are also accessible restrooms on the second floor in Art Ways. These restrooms contain a sound sculpture by Artist Scott Sherk, so you may hear interesting noises in this space.



On the museum's first floor, there are six galleries: Trexler Hall, Trexler Gallery, Butz Gallery, Goodman Gallery, Kress Gallery, and Payne-Hurd Gallery. There are over a hundred artworks created across time by artists all over the world.

If you need to take a break, you can sit at a bench in one of the galleries. There are benches in the Kress Gallery, the Trexler Gallery, and the Butz Gallery. You can also look at the museum map to find rest areas.



There are security guards throughout the museum. Their job is to help keep visitors and the art safe. If you get lost or need help, you can always tell a security guard. Security guards at the museum usually wear a black shirt with the AAM logo printed on it.



Throughout the museum, there are interactive iPad stations that share information about the artwork. There are interactive iPad stations in the Kress Gallery, Trexler Gallery, Frank Lloyd Wright Library, and Butz Gallery on the first floor. Feel free to touch the iPad, click through the apps, and learn more about art.

To the right of the Trexler Gallery is the Frank Lloyd Wright Library. This room is an interactive architectural space that you can sit in and interact with. This is a quiet space where you can take a break and explore the interactive iPad station.



You will see an elevator and stairs at each end of Trexler Hall. If you would like to visit the second floor, use the elevator or stairs. There are temporary exhibitions on the second floor.



There are three galleries on the second floor: Rodale Gallery, Sheller Gallery, and Fowler Gallery. On the second floor, there are temporary exhibitions that change 2-3 times per year. There's always something new to see at the museum! Check the sensory map to learn more information about temporary exhibitions.



If you need a quiet space or a place to take a break during Sensory Saturdays, you can visit the Rodale Classroom on the second floor. In this room, there are a variety of quiet activities, games, and books. You will hear calming white noise and see a sensory friendly video displayed by a projector.



The Art Ways Interactive Family Gallery is also on the second floor, near the elevator and stairs. Art Ways is open each Saturday and Sunday from 12:30-3:30, and also during the Sensory Saturday program from 10:00- 11:00 on the Second Saturday of each month.

There are many things to see and do in Art Ways! There is a Construction station where you can create sculptures, a Conservation Station where you can learn about art conservation, and a 3D Printer Station where you can make 3D printed sculptures. There are also two more accessible bathrooms in Art Ways.



You can also make art with a museum educator in the Crayola classroom. During Sensory Saturdays, we have sensory friendly art lessons for all ages. Take home kits are also available if you want to make art at home.

You will also see Arty the Turtle in Art Ways!



When you are ready to leave, you can go back to the Admissions Desk near the front entrance. If you checked a backpack or coat, you may have to wait in a short line to get it back.

Thank you for visiting the Allentown Art Museum! Please visit again soon!

Please contact Nicole Mangold, School and Family Programs Manager at Nmangold@allentownartmuseum.org with any questions, comments, or feedback about your visit to the Museum.