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Soon I will be going to the Parthenon. It is a museum in Centennial Park. It might be fun! There will be a Museum Store and bathrooms near the entrance. I can use the bathroom now and visit the Museum Store later near the end of our visit. I will try to use my indoor voice so that other people can talk and hear, too.

There will be art in a big room with gray tile floors and a smaller room with wood floors. I will try to look at the art only with my eyes and hold my hands at my sides or behind my back. I will see paintings in a narrow space with red carpet. These paintings are very special. I might notice some low ropes to help keep the art safe.

There is also a very large statue of Athena covered in gold. Many people take pictures of this statue.

If I am hungry or need a quiet space, I can tell my family. My family will take a break with me outside in the park. I can tell my family when I am ready to go back inside.

When I am ready to leave the museum, I will return to the area where I entered. I will see the Museum Store and bathrooms again. I might want to visit both before leaving. I might have time to walk around the big Parthenon building before going home.

I might enjoy my trip to the Parthenon! I might want to visit again soon.



Frequently Asked Questions:

When is the best time to visit if someone in our group prefers less museum traffic?

The Parthenon is usually least busy when we open weekdays at 9:00am. You are always welcome to contact the Parthenon to find out if there are any groups scheduled at the date and time you are considering a visit.

Can we bring food or drink inside the Parthenon?

No food or drink is allowed inside the museum; however, there are benches and picnic tables around Centennial Park that offer nice spots to enjoy a break.

Where can I find additional inclusive resources?

The Parthenon website <http://nashvilleparthenon.com> and TRIAD website <https://vkc.vumc.org/vkc/triad/home/> has additional resources for the Parthenon and other participating museums in the All-Access Inclusion Network (AAIN).

Is there a way to provide feedback about this social story or other inclusive resources?

Yes, we would love to hear from you to improve or increase our inclusive resources. If you have feedback or suggestions, please email us with the subject line: Social Story Suggestion.

Who can I contact about inclusive resources at the Parthenon?

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