

A Visit to the Harn Museum of Art for Adult Individuals and Families on the Autism Spectrum or Who Are Neurodivergent

You are going to the Harn Museum of Art at the University of Florida. The Harn Museum features special traveling exhibitions and art from the Harn's five main collections: African, Asian, modern, contemporary, and photography. There is also a collection of Florida-themed art. Exhibitions rotate frequently, providing opportunities to see new works upon every visit.

Although this document is created for individuals on the Autism Spectrum/Neurodivergent, anyone may find this information helpful when navigating the Harn Museum of Art.

This document is a Social Story. Social Stories give clarity on rules and expectations in spaces. We have broken the information into segments for an easier user experience. Please utilize this tool to help enhance your visit! If you use a computer, you can click to navigate to the section relevant to you.

You are also welcome to call the Visitor Services Desk at (352) 294-7025 to assist you with any questions regarding any accommodation needs before your visit. They are happy to answer any questions. You can also email your questions and concerns to accessibility@harn.ufl.edu.

Construction

Starting in the Summer of 2025, multiple construction projects will be in and around the museum. One is a project for the Florida Museum of Natural History near the Harn Museum's front entrance, and the other is within our museum. This will not limit your ability to access the exhibits. If you have any questions regarding this construction, please call the Visitor Services Desk at (352) 294-7025 to assist you. They are happy to answer any questions. You can also email your questions and concerns to accessibility@harn.ufl.edu.

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Arriving and Parking at the Museum



Museum Parking Kiosk

If you wish to use the visitor parking lot, drive to the kiosk with a gate to pay for parking. Visitor parking is \$4 (credit card only) on weekdays. If you have a handicapped parking permit, there are free handicap spots to the left of the kiosk in front of the museum. If you have a UF Decal, you can park in the larger lot for free. Parking in the evenings and at weekends is also free.

Front of Museum



View of the Museum from the Visitor Parking Lot

After you park, you will walk towards the front of the museum. Depending on the current exhibition, there may be different pictures on the museum's glass.

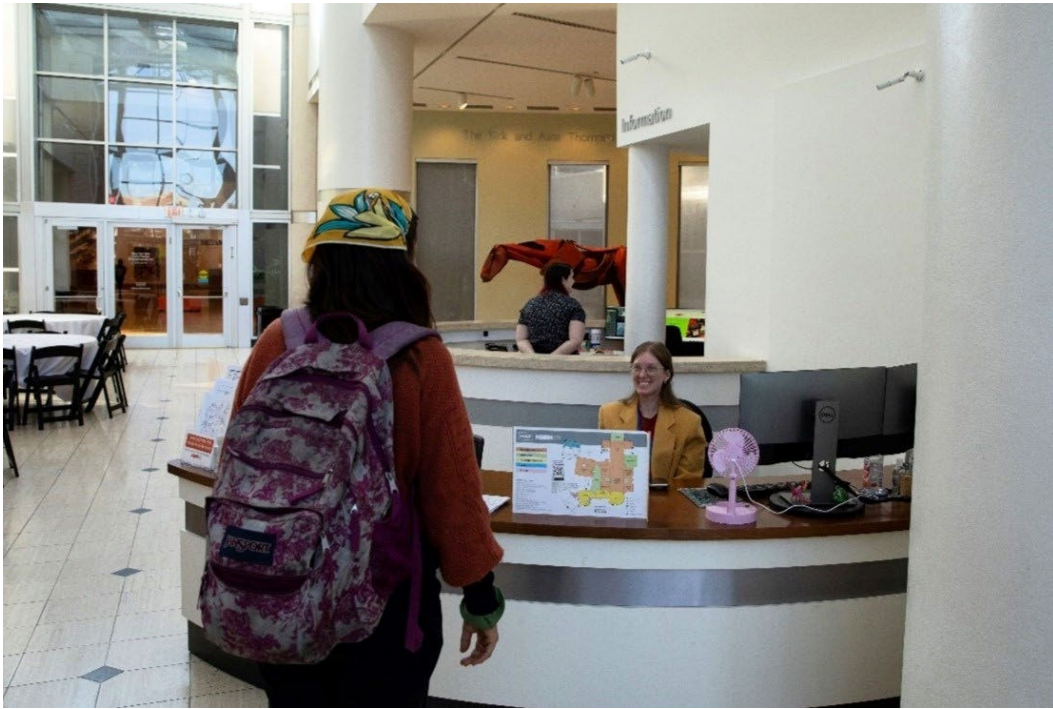
Front Entrance



Front Entrance

Walking toward the front entrance, there will be a fountain with running water, plants, and large sculptures.

Front Desk



Visitor Engagement Desk

When you enter through the museum's front doors and into the Galleria, you will be greeted by Visitor Engagement Staff Members. These people will welcome you to the museum. They are happy to see you and happy to help you. They will show you a map and can offer you different items to help you with your visit. Admission is free.

Pavilion Desk



Pavilion Desk

A Security Guard will greet you at the Pavilion desk when you enter the Contemporary Gallery. These people will welcome you to the museum. They are happy to see you and happy to help you. They will show you a map and can offer you different items to help you with your visit. Admission is free.

Checking Items



Checking Bag at the Security Desk



Receiving Tag Number for Checked Items

If you have a backpack, umbrella, water bottle, food, or drinks, you will be directed to the Security Desk. These items are not allowed in the Galleries. Everyone checks in their belongings to keep the art safe. The Security Guard will give you a numbered tag and safely store your items while visiting the Museum. You can return to the desk at any time to retrieve your belongings. You will pick them up when you leave for the day.

If you bring food or a drink and don't want to check in, you are welcome to enjoy them at the cafe tables in the Galleria.

Accessibility Features

Sensory Discovery Kits



Receiving a Sensory Kit



Sensory Kit

The Harn Museum has Sensory Discovery Kits, which you can check out during your visit. You will access these at the Visitor Services Desk at the museum's front entrance. When you check out the Sensory Discovery Kit, the Security Guard will ask for your name and what size you need. We have a large kit, a medium kit, and a small kit to check out. You can visit [Sensory Discovery Kits - Harn Museum of Art \(ufl.edu\)](https://www.ufl.edu/harn-museum/sensory-discovery-kits) to explore what is in each bag and determine which will work for you and your needs! Please return all the items to the bag once you are finished using it. Each bag has a unique item you can take home after your visit.

EnChroma Color Blind Glasses



Receiving EnChroma Color Blind Glasses



EnChroma Color Blind Glasses

To ensure everyone can enjoy the beauty of the art at the Harn, we offer EnChroma Color Blind Glasses for visitors to check out at our Visitor Services desk. These glasses are available for both children and adults.

Museum Etiquette and Information

To keep the artwork and each other safe, the Harn Museum asks you to follow our rules to ensure an enjoyable visit.

- Do not touch the art or the display cases.
- Do not bring food or beverages into the galleries.
 - This includes candy, gum, and water.
- No flash photography.
 - You can still take pictures. We love them, too. Just be sure to turn off the flash.
- No running in the museum.
 - Please be sure to walk. It is for everyone's safety.
- No pens, markers, or paint near the art.
 - If you want to draw or write, please use only pencils. We will even give you one if you would like.

Our staff is happy to help you if you have any questions.

Accessibility Exemption Policy

Please visit the Visitor Services Desk if you encounter a policy that limits your access to the museum and ask about our accessibility exemption policy.

Additional Information

For more information regarding accessibility in our museum, please visit [Accessibility - Inclusive Art Museum - Harn Museum of Art](#).

Exploring the Galleries

Now, it is time to enter the galleries. Some of the gallery spaces are loud; some are quiet. There are gardens to sit in if you need to escape the noise. You can use the Harn Sensory Map to find a comfortable space. These can be found on our website or at the Visitor Services Desk.

When you are viewing the artwork, make sure that you do not get too close. If you get too close, a Security Guard may approach you and ask you politely to step back. They are here to protect the artwork. We do not touch the artwork in the museum- because it can damage it! We do not want to do that, so we do not touch the artwork.

Contemporary Gallery



Contemporary Gallery

Modern Art Gallery



Modern Art Gallery

Photography Gallery



Photography Gallery

Florida Impressions Gallery



Florida Impressions Gallery

African Art Gallery



African Art Gallery

Asian Art Galleries



Asian Art Galleries



Asian Art Galleries – Ceramics

Security Guards and Staff



Security Guard

There are Security Guards throughout the Museum, and they are happy to help you at any time. Security Guards and other museum staff members wear orange lanyards and badges with their names and photos. They are here to protect the art, help with any questions, and ensure that you have an enjoyable visit. The Security Guards and Museum Staff want to make you feel comfortable here. If you have any questions, you can walk up to the Security Guard and talk to them.

Other Museum Areas

Camellia Court Café



Camellia Court Café

The Camellia Court Café offers delicious sandwiches, salads, and soups. Locally brewed Opus coffee, wine, beer, and freshly baked sweets are also available. They are also now accepting mobile orders through the Transact Mobile Ordering App. You can find their menus on our website or inside the café. You can sit wherever you feel most comfortable in the café and order from the counter. The café staff are happy to help you with anything you may need.

Museum Store



Museum Gift Shop

There is a Museum Store on the south side of the Galleria, where you can explore things you can purchase. The store clerk will greet you when you enter. They are happy to see you and answer any questions you have.

Bishop Study Center



Bishop Study Center

You can walk to the Bishop Study Center if you want something to touch or feel. There are games, books, and pillows in this area.

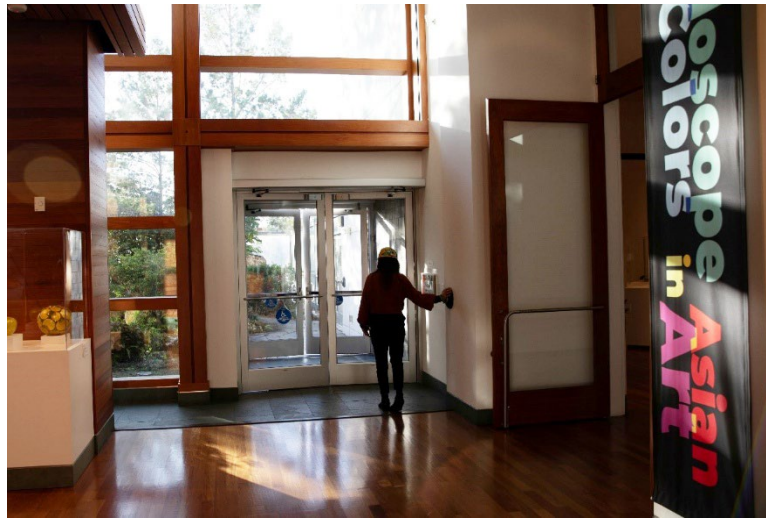
Museum Gardens

If you need a place to let out some energy, be loud, or move more freely, we have gardens throughout the Museum. There is also a lawn on the lower level of the museum. Movement is encouraged here! We ask that you do not climb any structures or harm any plants.

These are the gardens that you can walk through at the museum.

- Asian Gallery Water Garden
- Asian Gallery Rock Garden
- Contemporary Gallery Magoon Garden

Asian Galleries Water Garden



Entrance to Water Garden in Asian Art Galleries



Water Garden

The Water Garden has a bridge, water, and many different plants and trees.

Asian Galleries Rock Garden



Rock Garden

The rock garden is usually a quiet space. Sometimes, it can be less quiet when people play volleyball across the street.

Restrooms and Water Fountains

You will find water fountains at the front entrance, the café, and the Asian Wing. You can also find gendered and non-gendered restrooms in these three spaces.

Leaving the Museum

When you are ready to leave, you can return to the Visitor Services Desk. If you checked out items like a Sensory Discovery Kit or color-blind glasses, you would return the items here. If you have checked any personal belongings, you can retrieve them here. The Security Guard is happy to help you collect your belongings and hear about your experience.

The Harn Museum Staff hopes that you have a wonderful time connecting with artwork from around the world. If you have any questions regarding your visit to the museum, please get in touch with our Accessibility Coordinator (accessibility@harn.ufl.edu). You can also explore our website to see the different ways we aim to make your visit as comfortable as possible.