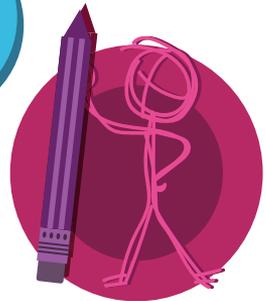
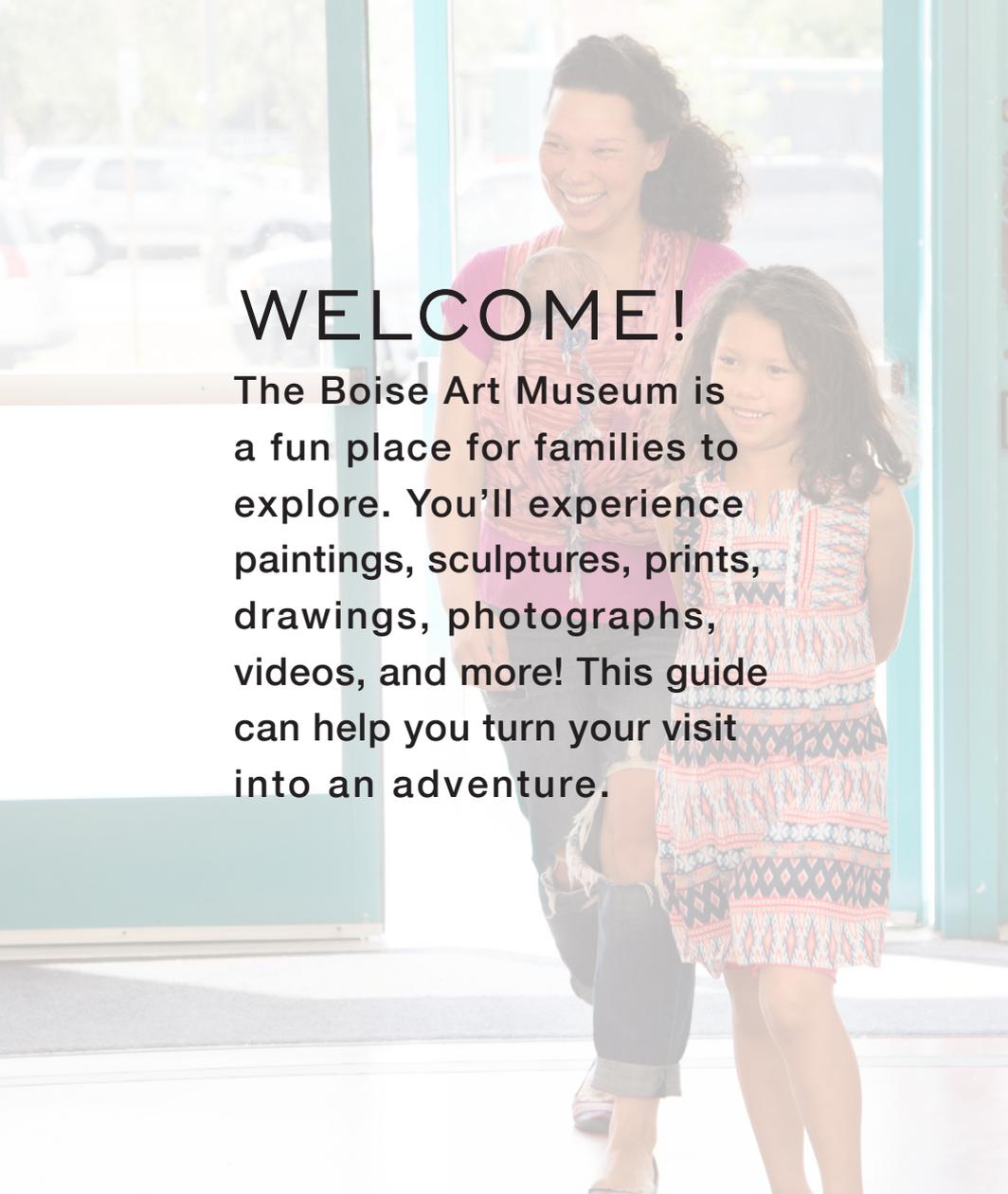


BAM | BOISE ART MUSEUM



YOUR ART MUSEUM ADVENTURE

A GUIDE FOR FAMILIES

A woman with dark curly hair, wearing a pink top and a patterned scarf, is smiling and holding a baby in a blue carrier. Next to her is a young girl with long dark hair, wearing a colorful patterned dress, also smiling. They are walking through a doorway with teal frames. The background is bright and slightly blurred, showing what appears to be a parking lot with cars.

WELCOME!

The Boise Art Museum is a fun place for families to explore. You'll experience paintings, sculptures, prints, drawings, photographs, videos, and more! This guide can help you turn your visit into an adventure.

FIRST TIME TO BAM?

Pick up a map to find your way. You can also find Visitor Services Associates throughout the Museum. They are always happy to answer your questions or point you in the right direction.

TIPS FOR YOUR VISIT

- Before you start your visit, it's a good idea to review the Museum Manners. You can watch the animation "Why Art Museums Have Rules" in the Atrium.
- It's okay if you only see part of the Museum each time you visit. We want you to stay as long as you can, so feel free to spend your time with the works of art that are most exciting to you.
- We know it's tempting to touch. That's why we have items that are safe to touch throughout the Museum. Look for signs that say "Please Touch." You can also check out a Family Activity Pack from the front desk or visit the ARTexperience Gallery for hands-on options.
- You won't always know the answer, and that's okay. This guide will help you find ways for you and your child to talk about artwork together.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

As you explore BAM, look on the Museum walls for the symbols that appear in this guide. The symbol will tell you which activity is suggested for you to try in a specific part of the Museum.



Once you are comfortable with the activities, feel free to mix it up. It's your adventure!

1 MAKE A PLAN



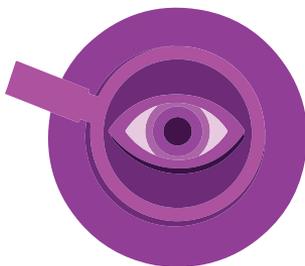
Choose one exhibition or one idea to explore. Before you start, take a few minutes to plan your adventure. Not sure where to start? Check out a Family Activity Pack at the front desk and explore an exhibition using thematic activities.



Involving your child in the planning of your visit will help set clear expectations for both of you. Follow your child's pace and stop to share observations when something catches his/her attention.

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LOOK CLOSELY



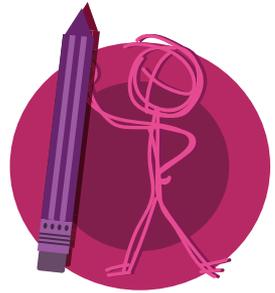
Take your time and look closely at just a few things during your visit rather than trying to see the entire Museum. As you look at paintings, encourage your child to imagine the sights, sounds, and smells you would experience if you stepped inside.

- What colors do you see?
- What shapes can you find?
- What might you see outside the boundaries of the frame?

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By carefully looking at objects, your child's mind becomes engaged, and the objects become learning tools. Sitting on the floor in front of a work of art is a great strategy for helping your child focus on looking.

3 DRAW WHAT YOU SEE

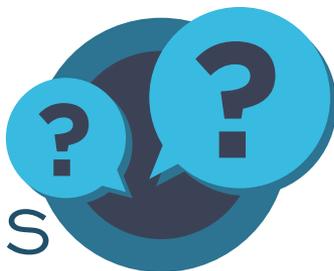


Using paper and pencils, **sketch what you see in the Museum.** If you don't have sketching supplies, stop by the front desk to borrow drawing paper, clipboards, and pencils. Start with a color, shape, or texture you find interesting. You can work together by taking turns adding to a drawing, or you can each create your own drawing.

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Drawing cements the images in a child's memory and helps your child slow down and process what he/she sees. Sketches from your Museum visit can help continue a conversation about the experience when you get home.

4 ASK QUESTIONS



Begin a conversation by asking questions about the artwork. Make a list of questions you would like to ask the artist if he or she were in the room with you. Relate the information about the artwork to your child's interests and experiences. Start with the phrase */wonder...*

- did the artist paint this with a little paintbrush or a big paintbrush?
- did the artist know the people in this painting?
- how long did it take to make this sculpture?

BAM TIPS

Children are naturally curious. Their questions can often be answered by artwork labels. If you still have questions, write down the name of the artist and the title of the artwork so that you can research the information later.

5 PLAY A GAME



Use games to explore artwork in the Museum.

Here are some suggestions.

- You can play “I Spy” in the Museum.
- Pick two works of art and name things that are the same and things that are different.

Choose games and activities that match your child’s interests.

- If your child likes to hear detailed descriptions, try inventing a story about a work of art together.
- If your child likes to examine images closely, try drawing or naming all of the colors or objects you see.
- If your child likes to feel textures, look for labels in the museum that say “Please Touch.”



If you need help thinking of a game, stop by the front desk to borrow materials and activities or spend time in the ARTexperience Gallery.

MORE FUN ACTIVITIES



INTERACTIVE COMPUTERS

Some exhibitions include touchscreen computers with more information about artists and the processes used to make artwork. Look for computer kiosks as you adventure through BAM.



FAMILY ACTIVITY PACKS

Explore BAM with fun, educational activities designed for children ages 6 and older to enjoy with adults. Play games, complete puzzles, read stories, or create your own work of art. Family Activity Packs can be checked out at the front desk.



HANDS-ON SPACES

The ARTexperience Gallery and the Community Connections Gallery are great places for young visitors to explore artwork through hands-on activities.



CELL PHONE AUDIO GUIDE

Use your cell phone to learn more about artwork. Look for the cell phone logo. Dial the audio guide number, 208-269-7051. Enter the item number, followed by the # key. Please be considerate of other visitors and use headphones or earbuds rather than your phone's speaker.



BAM | ART CARDS

Each set of BAM | ART CARDS highlights 18 works from BAM's Permanent Collection to encourage art appreciation, in-depth observation, and critical thinking. Use them any way you like—as a study aid, for display, or to play games. Suitable for art enthusiasts of all ages! Collect all four sets of cards. Available exclusively in the BAM | STORE.



A young child with long dark hair, wearing a white lace-trimmed dress, is focused on drawing on a white surface. The child is holding a red marker and has just finished drawing a red scribble. Another marker, yellow and green, lies on the surface to the left. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey.

AFTER YOUR VISIT

On your way home, discuss your visit. What was each person's favorite work of art or exhibition? Create a work of art together when you get home. Sketch your favorite object from memory, create a sculpture using found objects or clay, or paint a picture of your BAM experience.

PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES

Did you know that BAM offers programs for children of all ages, including Toddler Wednesday, Family Art Saturday, Camps, Classes, and Workshops? Most programs are free with Museum admission unless otherwise noted. Ask the front desk for our current Education Brochure and a list of upcoming programs.



ADMISSION

General admission is \$6.00. BAM offers discounted rates for students, seniors, and military personnel. BAM Members, BSU Students with IDs, and children under 6 are always free.

HOURS

You can visit BAM Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Sundays from noon to 5:00 p.m. Check our website for holiday closures and special programs.

MEMBERSHIP

BAM Members enjoy free admission, and discounts on shopping, classes, and events. Join today!

MUSEUM MANNERS

You can watch the animation “Why Art Museums Have Rules” in the Atrium to learn more about BAM’s rules.

BABY-CHANGING AREAS

Changing stations are located in restrooms near the Sculpture Court.

BACKPACKS, BAGS, & STROLLERS

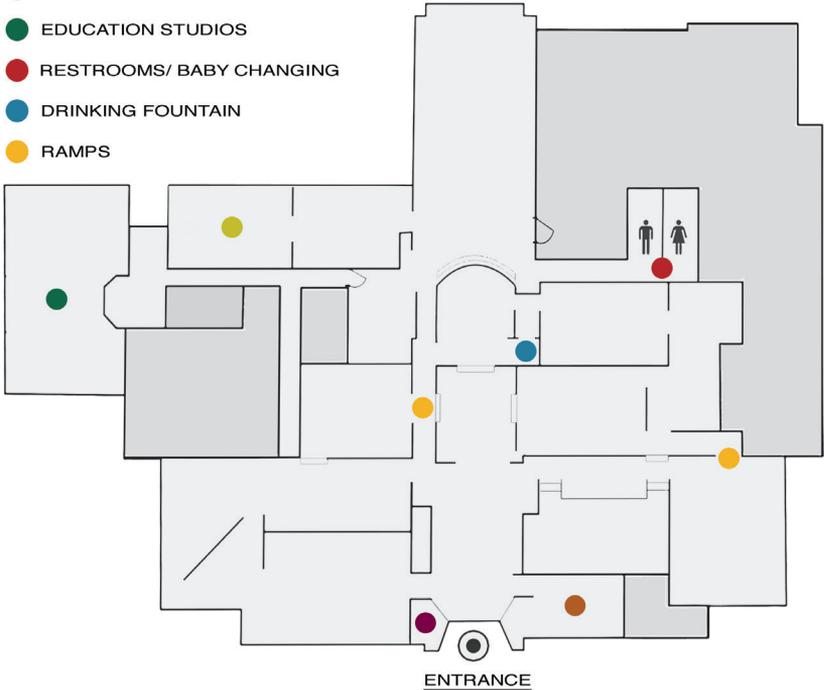
Please check backpacks, bags, and large strollers. Child carriers can be worn on your chest. You can borrow smaller strollers from the front desk.

FOOD

Please keep food, drink, and gum outside the Museum. You can have a picnic in the park or visit nearby restaurants downtown.

BAM MAP

- FRONT DESK
- BAM STORE/ADMISSIONS
- ART EXPERIENCE GALLERY
- EDUCATION STUDIOS
- RESTROOMS/ BABY CHANGING
- DRINKING FOUNTAIN
- RAMPS





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