



Denver Firefighters Museum

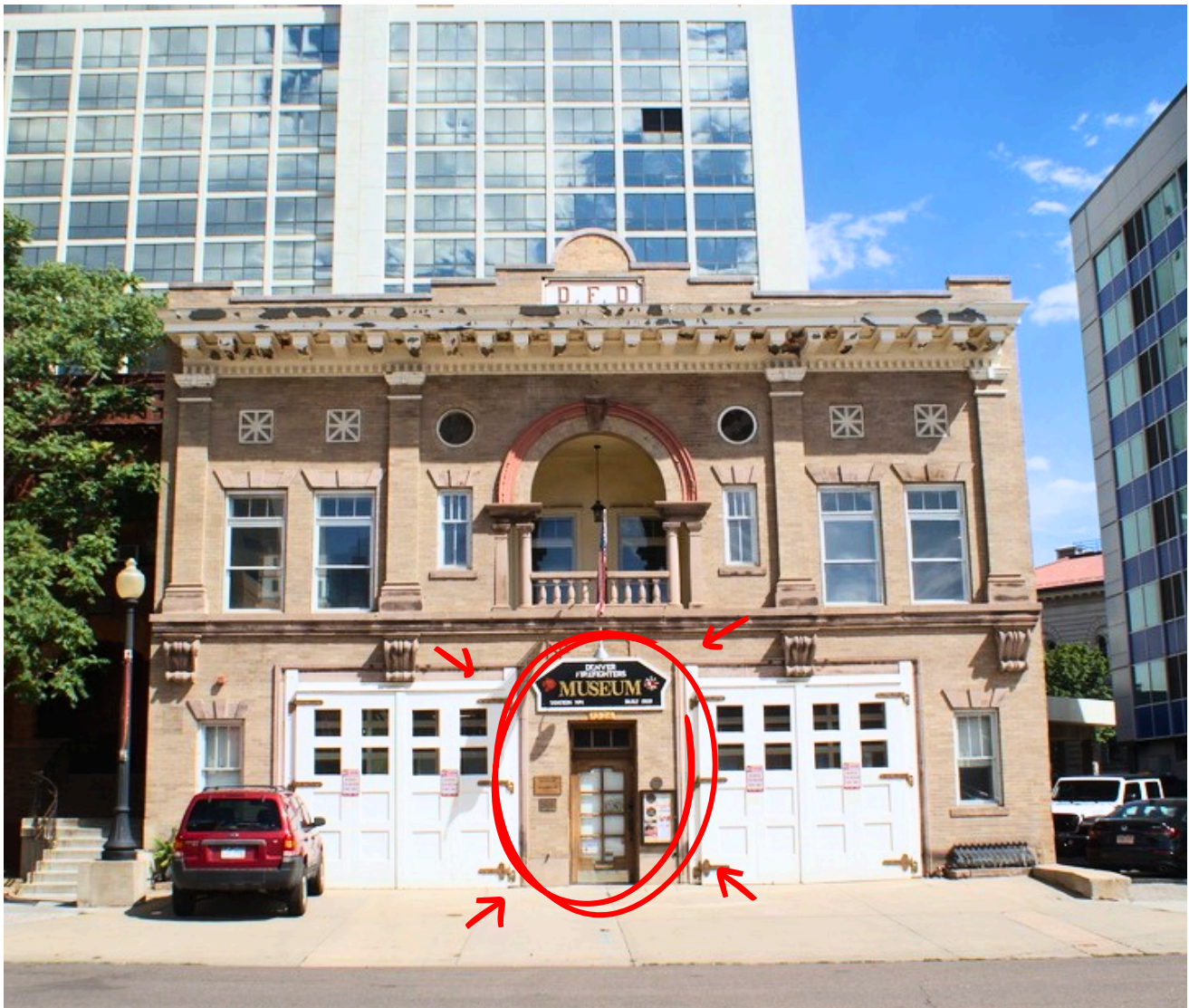
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ARRIVING AT THE MUSEUM

I am going to visit the Denver Firefighters Museum. When I arrive, I will walk in through the front door.

It's the brown door in between the two big white doors, under a sign that says "Denver Firefighters Museum".



ARRIVING AT THE MUSEUM

First, I will see a fire pole. Then, I will turn to the left, and check-in at the front desk.

The person there is very nice, and can help me if I have questions!



ARRIVING AT THE MUSEUM

Going to new places can be overwhelming sometimes.

If that happens, I can ask to borrow a Sensory Bag!

It has noise canceling head-phones, sunglasses, gloves, and fidgets.



ARRIVING AT THE MUSEUM

I can't bring food or water into the exhibits.

But, I can leave these at the front desk, and the person who works there will keep them safe.

If I feel hungry or thirsty, I can go back and have a snack in the Snack Zone, then return to the exhibits when I'm ready!



ARRIVING AT THE MUSEUM

In the museum, I will use my inside voice and walking feet.

Lots of the artifacts are old, so I can't touch them.

But, if I see Squirt the Fire Dog on something, I know I can touch it!



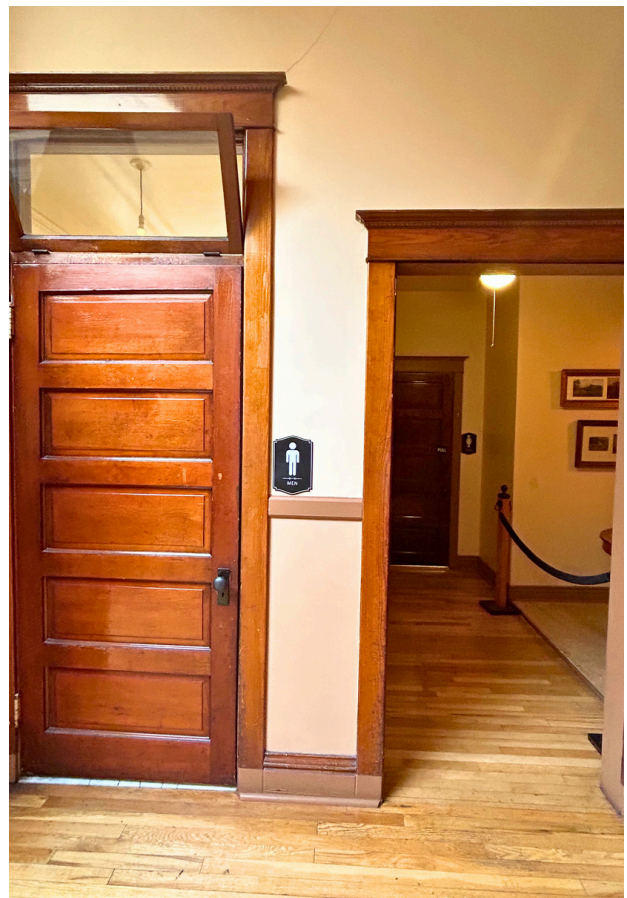
USING THE BATHROOMS

There are two bathrooms in the museum.

One is on the first floor, and it's for one person.

If it's being used, and I can't wait, I can go upstairs to the other bathrooms.

These have stalls, so multiple people can use them.



FIRST FLOOR EXHIBITS

There are two floors in the museum.

On the first floor, there are footprints on the ground that I can follow and see the exhibits in chronological order.

Or, I can choose my own path!



FIRST FLOOR EXHIBITS

The first thing I see will be a big hose cart.

There are also tools and other things I can learn about.



FIRST FLOOR EXHIBITS

There is an old “watch desk” that makes sounds every now and then.

I will hear people talking about fires and fire engines.



FIRST FLOOR EXHIBITS

This door looks like it's for me, but it's actually part of the exhibit. I shouldn't touch it.

If I forget, and try to touch it or open it, it will make a loud beeping sound.

Nothing bad will happen, and I won't be in trouble.

I will shut the door again, stop touching it, and the sound will turn off!



FIRST FLOOR EXHIBITS

The Education Center has a big projector screen that plays videos. These videos make sound, and might be a little bit loud.

I can sit on the bleachers to watch the videos and learn about firefighting or fire safety.



FIRST FLOOR PLAY AREA

I will see a play area. There is a big red fire engine that I can play on! If I want, I can try on the kids' firefighting gear.

There is also a black pole I can slide down!

If other kids are around, it might be busy and loud here.



FIRST FLOOR TOUCH TANK

The touch tank has lots of artifacts that I can hold and learn about. There's even a binder that I can pick up and read!

When I'm done, I will put everything back into the tank where it belongs.



FIRST FLOOR EXHIBITS

There are some real fire engines here! One of them, Engine No. 4, still works!

It's usually here at the museum, but sometimes, someone drives it away to a parade.

It might smell like gasoline for a little bit, but it's ok! The staff will open a door and let the smell out.



GETTING AROUND THE MUSEUM

There are two staircases that can take me to the second floor.

Both of them are ok to use.

They are completely safe, but they are a little bit creaky, so I might be noisy going up. That's ok!



SECOND FLOOR EXHIBITS

Upstairs, I will see some old lockers that real firefighters used. Some of their stuff is still inside!

There is a big skylight in the ceiling, so it can be very bright here in the afternoon.



SECOND FLOOR EXHIBITS

I can learn about the biggest fires in Denver's history and firefighter training. Did you know that firefighters need to practice fighting fires?

I might notice that the floor is a bit creaky upstairs, too. That's because it's made of wood!



SECOND FLOOR LEARNING AREA

I will see Little Squirt's Square. It is a learning area for children, and has toys and coloring sheets for me to explore.

If there are other kids here, it can be busy and loud, so I can go to a quieter area if I feel overwhelmed.

These windows are bright in the afternoons, too!



SEATING

If I need to sit down, there are chairs on the first floor near the front staircase.

There is a bench upstairs near the captain's room, and there are stools and chairs in Little Squirt's Square.



GIFT SHOP

When I am ready to leave, I can go back outside the same way that I came in.

On the way, I can look in the gift shop to see if there is anything I want to buy! I don't have to buy anything if I don't want to.

Bye, Denver Firefighters Museum! I'll see you next time!

