What to expect when visiting the RMSC Museum & Science Center
Today, I am going to the Rochester Museum & Science Center. I will know I am there when I see the signs that say RMSC at the top. I can use the stairs or the ramp to walk up to the main entrance.
When I get inside I will see the Welcome Desk, where I can get my tickets or show them my museum pass.

I may need to wait in line but there are many things to look at while I wait. I can also ask for a map from the Welcome Desk.
Sensory bags are available to borrow at the Welcome Desk. 

They contain:
- Headphones
- Fidget Toys
- ID Card
- Visual Cue Card

I can ask for a bag when I get my tickets. If I forget or if I need one at any point throughout my visit I can come back to the Welcome Desk, or I can ask any staff member with a purple lanyard to bring me one.
There are several staff members around the museum at all times. I will know who they are when I see their purple lanyard. If I have any questions I can find someone with a purple lanyard and they will be happy to help!
Gender Neutral Bathrooms:
- Outside of the cafe
- In Wonders of Water near the Erie Canal exhibit on the first floor

Accessible Bathrooms
- All bathrooms are accessible except for the third floor men’s room

Water Fountains
- Next to the back elevator on the second floor
- Water bottle filling station outside of Wonders of Water
During my visit, I may hear announcements through the loudspeaker that give information about what's happening in the museum. They will announce things like science encounters, 3D printing demonstrations, Electricity Theater shows, and closing time. The sound will come from the speakers above my head.
Throughout the day are several fun experiments and demonstrations for me to participate in if I’d like.

Science encounters are on the first floor to the left of the main staircase. They are different every time and will be announced over the loudspeaker 5 minutes before they start.
Come see our new exhibit on the 1st floor, Wonders of Water!

There is a water table I can touch and play in as well as several other hands-on components.

If I want to dry my hands after using the water table, there is a bathroom nearby.

Wonders of Water
There is a quiet room under the ship in Wonders of Water if I need to take space at any point in my visit. The lights are dimmable and there are comfy places to sit and books to read while I recharge.
In Expedition Earth, I can see animals and landscapes from ancient Rochester. I will know I’m here when I see the huge mastodon skeleton in the middle of the room.
If I want to use an elevator, there is one outside of Wonders of Wonder...

...and another one past Expedition Earth outside of the bathrooms
Near the Changemakers Exhibit on the 2nd floor, there are several exhibits that make noise. They may be loud if people are using them.
The exhibits to the right and left of Changemakers on the 2nd floor are At The Western Door and Native Peoples. These exhibits tend to be a bit quieter and less crowded.
I can learn about the amazing animal kingdom in the Riedman Gallery with the new Survival of the Slowest exhibit. Seeing the speeds of the animal kingdom and what it takes for them to survive, alongside Sash the Sloth, makes this place interesting!
When I am here there might be a lightning show in the Electricity Theater on the 3rd floor. Headphones will be provided for ear protection, but note that it will be loud both inside and outside the room.
On the third floor I can try the Inventor Center challenge solving a problem. The challenge changes periodically so if I come at different times of the year I can try them all!

The current challenge is all about being a vet! Through a series of tests, can I figure out what is wrong with your animal, and how to fix it?
The museum café may be open during my visit. I can take the elevator or stairs to the lower level to get there. I can check the hours before I arrive to see if it will be open when I visit.

This is the only place in the museum that I can eat. I can buy snacks and drinks from the vending machines or from the café menu.
On my way out, I can stop by the gift shop right next to the Welcome Desk.

There are many toys and souvenirs available for purchase, but make sure I stay near an adult I know while in the gift shop.
At the end of my visit I will exit the same place I entered near the Welcome Desk. I will return the sensory bag to the front desk if I borrowed one.

Thank you for visiting the RMSC Museum and Science Center, we hope we see you again soon!