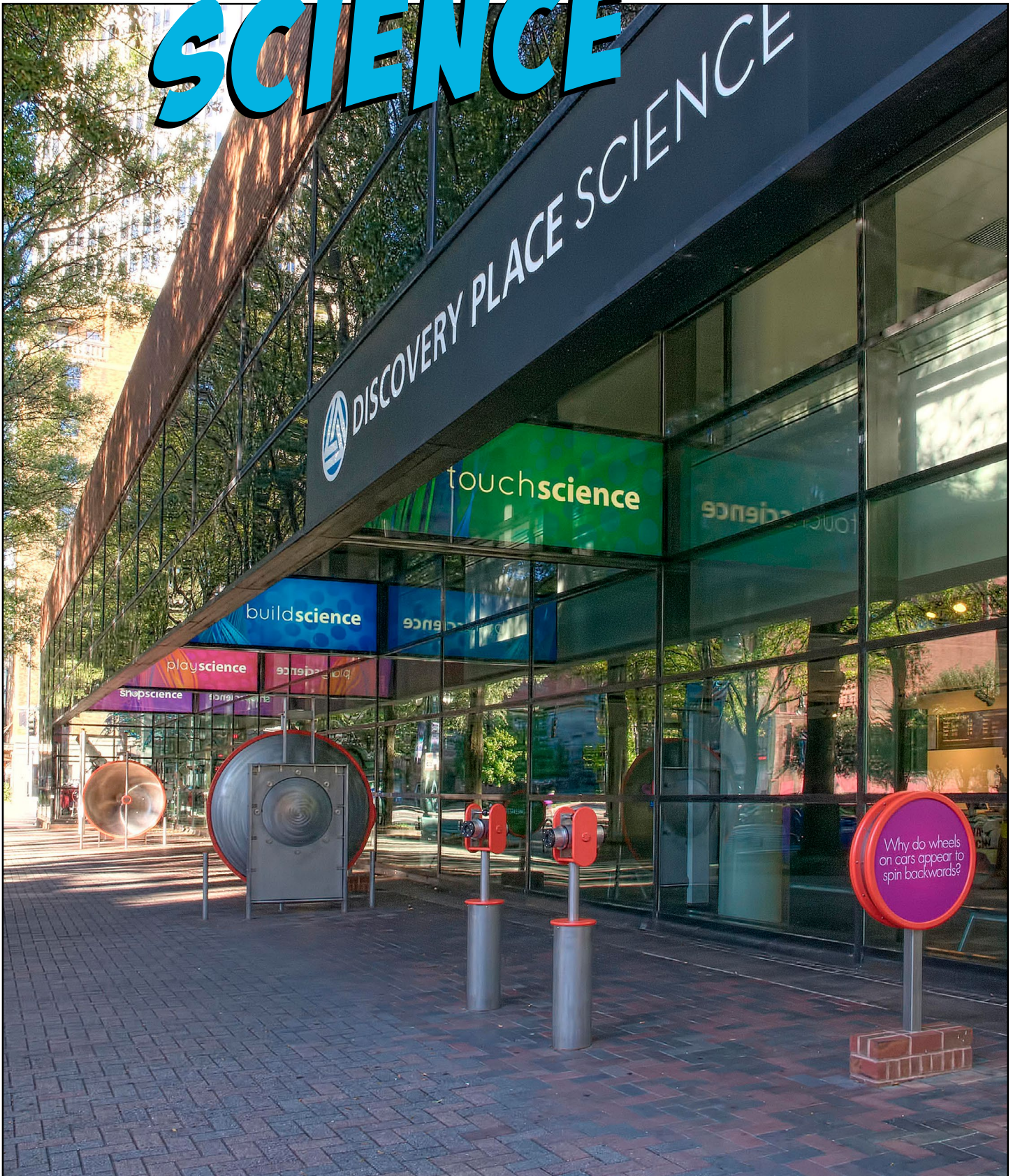


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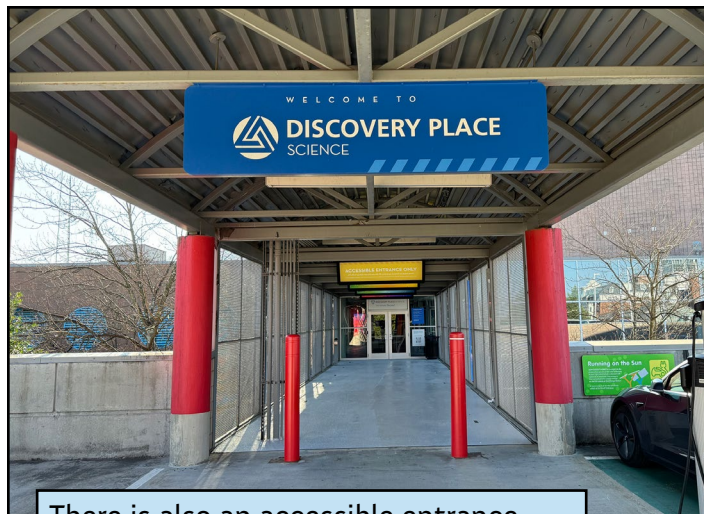
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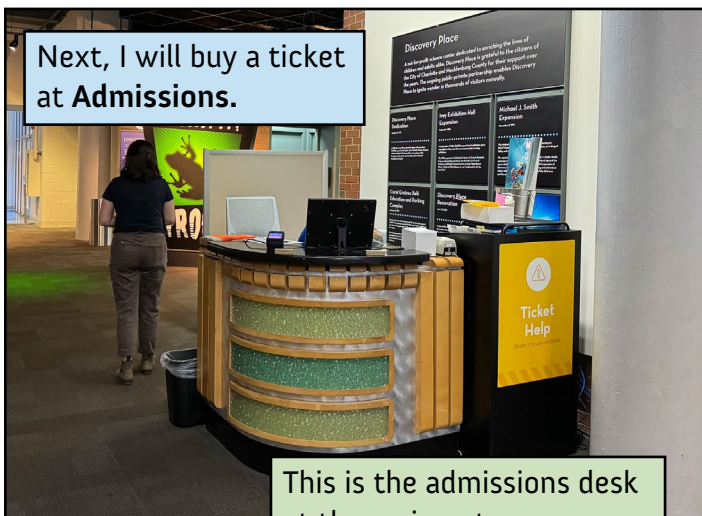
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Today, I am going to visit **Discovery Place Science**. When I arrive, I will walk to the main entrance.

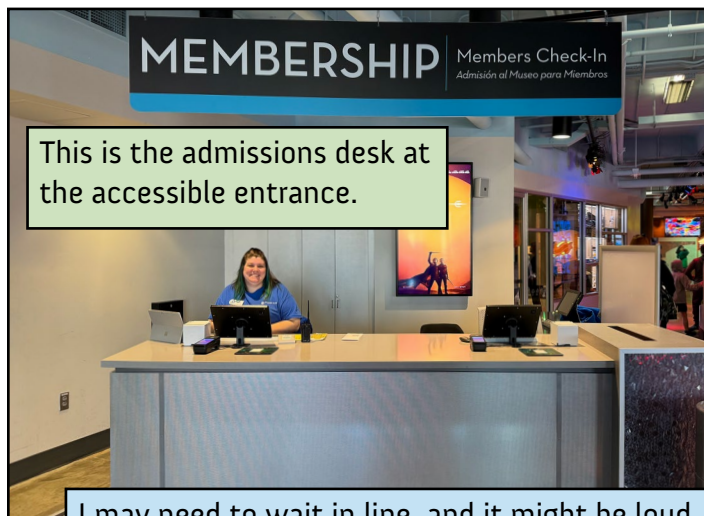


There is also an accessible entrance located on Level 3 of the Parking Deck.



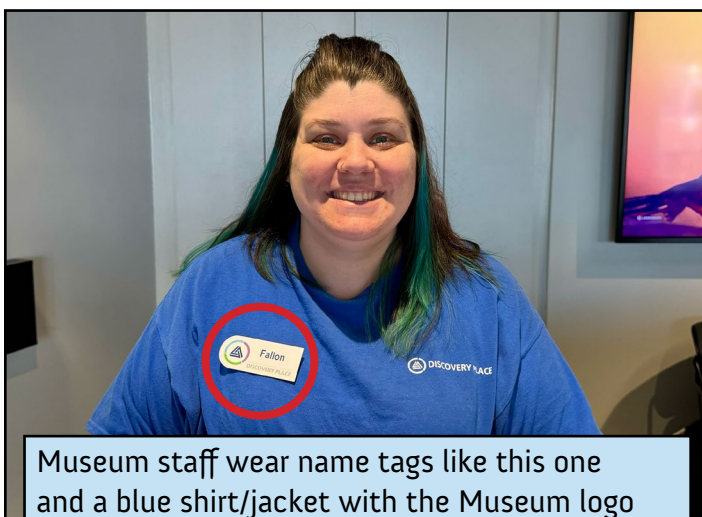
Next, I will buy a ticket at **Admissions**.

This is the admissions desk at the main entrance.

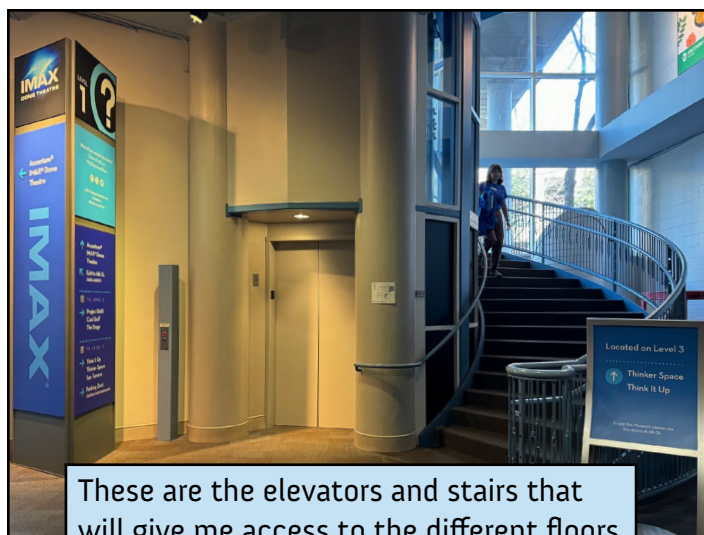


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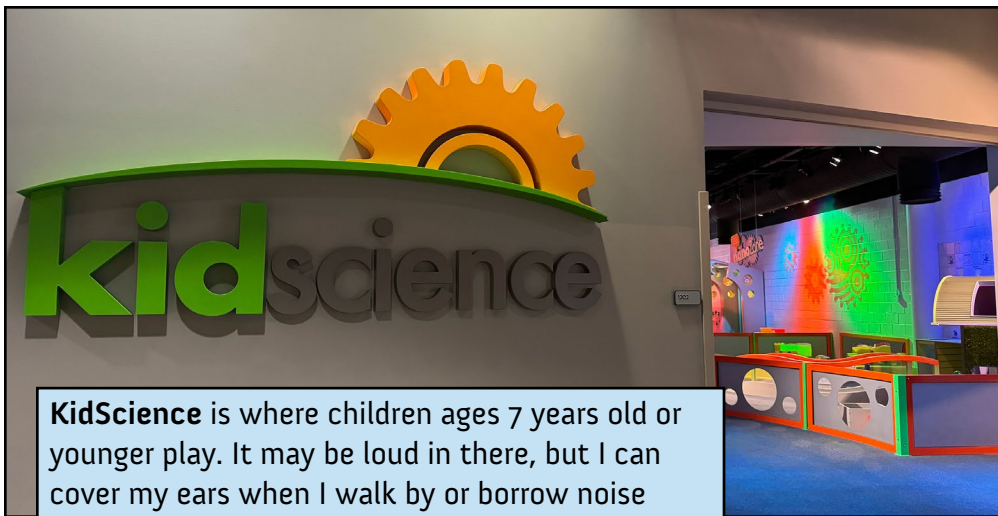
I may need to wait in line, and it might be loud and crowded but that's alright, that's OK! I can take a few deep breaths.



Museum staff wear name tags like this one and a blue shirt/jacket with the Museum logo on it. They are there to help me if I need more information about the exhibitions or if I get lost.



These are the elevators and stairs that will give me access to the different floors where all the fun exhibitions are located.



KidScience is where children ages 7 years old or younger play. It may be loud in there, but I can cover my ears when I walk by or borrow noise cancelling headphones from Admissions.

In **Fantastic Frogs**, there are glass tanks with live frogs to look at and to learn about how the frogs live and survive.



In **Explore More Collections**, there are opportunities to interact with some of the Museum's non-living Collections! I can look through microscopes and I can touch all the specimen that I want. If I don't want to, that's alright, that's OK! I can come back later if I change my mind.

In **Explore More Life**, there are glass tanks with animals for me to see and find! An experience, **Touch Tank**, is offered here to give me an up-close look at a variety of aquatic species. If I participate in Touch Tank, I will have to wash my hands first. I may get wet, but that's alright, that's OK; it will dry.



Classes and programs are also offered in this space so if the doors are closed, then the space is not open to the public. I can come back at another time.

In **World Alive**, there is a globe to discover and learn about the ecosystems and biodiversity of the world!



Upper Rainforest

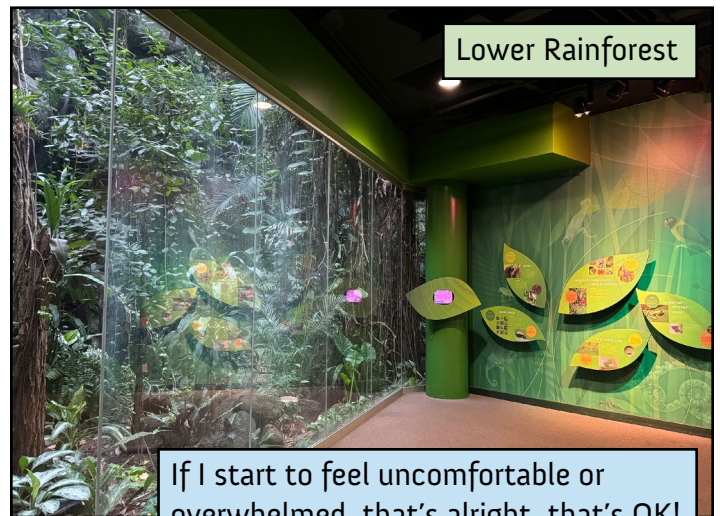


In the **Rainforest**, there are so many animals such as free-flying birds, reptiles, frogs and turtles in their natural environment. It is very humid and loud in here.



In the **Aquarium**, there are different kinds of coral, tropical fish and other unique species in ecosystems from around the world for me to see and learn about. This area is also mainly a low-lit environment.

Lower Rainforest



If I start to feel uncomfortable or overwhelmed, that's alright, that's OK! There is the **Lower Rainforest**, located on Level 1, where I can view the forest floor through a glass window.



Being Me is all about the human body and health! There is a big wheel that I can run on to learn about the benefits of exercise.

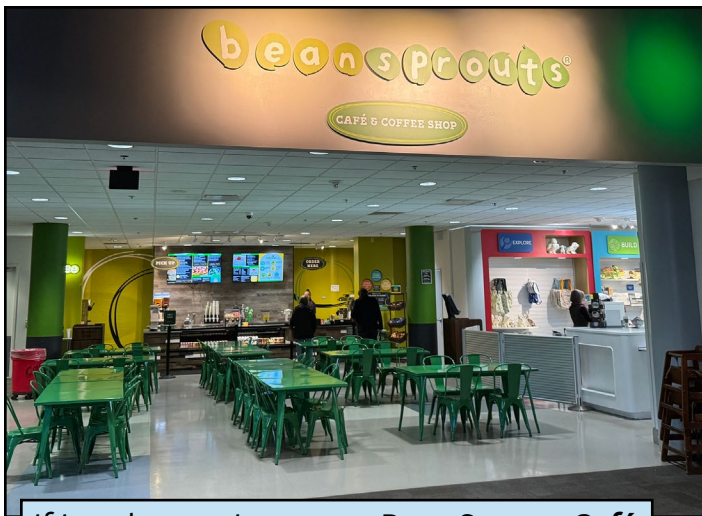
In **Project Build**, cool castles and secret forts can be built here with various materials. It may be loud in here because of the surrounding exhibits, but that's alright, that's OK! I can take a break and go to a quieter area.



In **Cool Stuff**, there are many interactive parts to explore cool science principles. This area is heavily visited, can get very loud and involves movement. There might be other guests that are playing here, but I will do my best to wait my turn. Science shows are done here too. The Stage has bright multi-colored lights and can be loud. During the shows, I may have to be seated close to other people on wooden benches.

In **Think It Up**, I can learn by doing! There are light sensors to make music, materials to create something to take home and flutter tubes to play with. This area has a variety of items with different textures, bright multi-colored lights and can get loud.



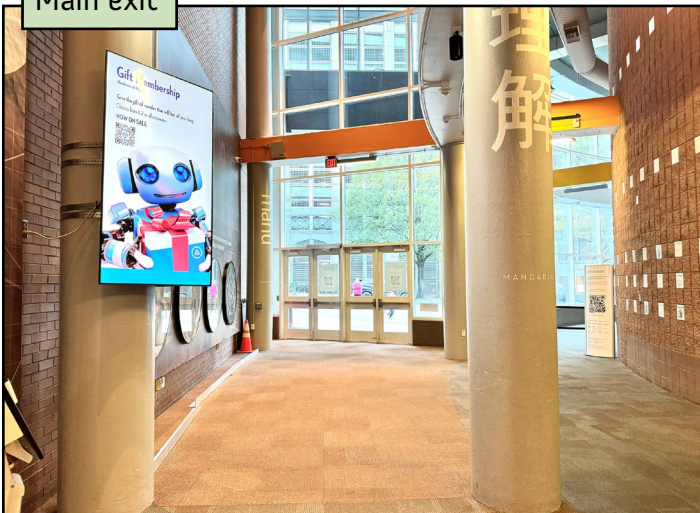


If I get hungry, I can go to **Bean Sprouts Café** to buy food or eat the food that I brought.

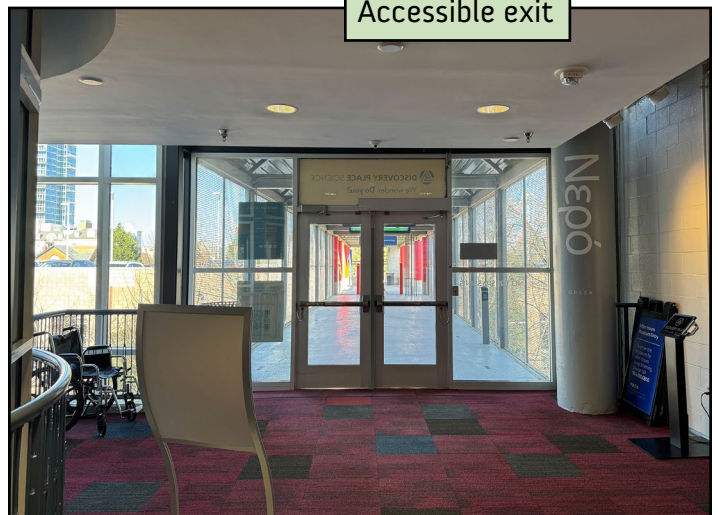


If I get tired or overwhelmed, I can take a rest in the **Tryon Street Lounge**. This space is quiet, less busy, has seating and has natural lighting. It is located on Level 2 next to the Special Exhibition area.

Main exit



Accessible exit



When it's time to leave the Museum, I will exit from the front door on Level 1 or through the accessible exit on Level 3, which leads to the Parking Deck. I had so much fun today and I can't wait to come back again!