

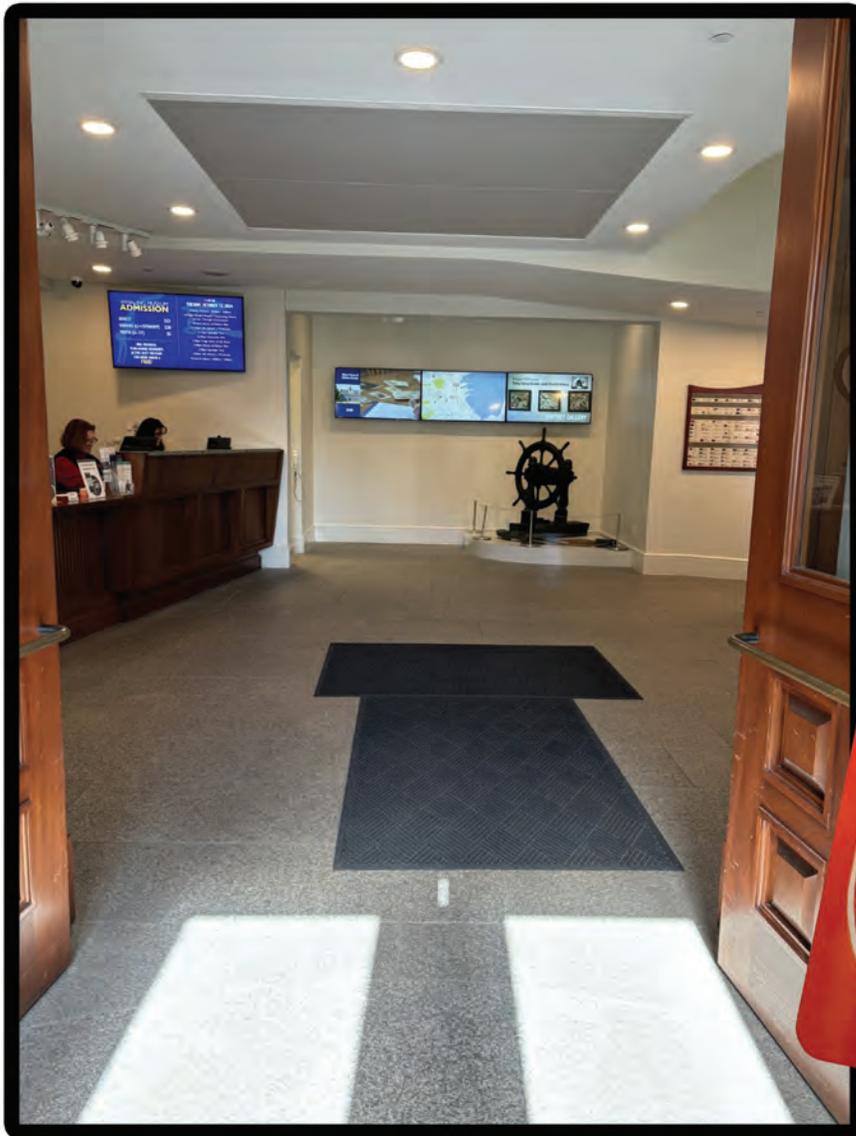


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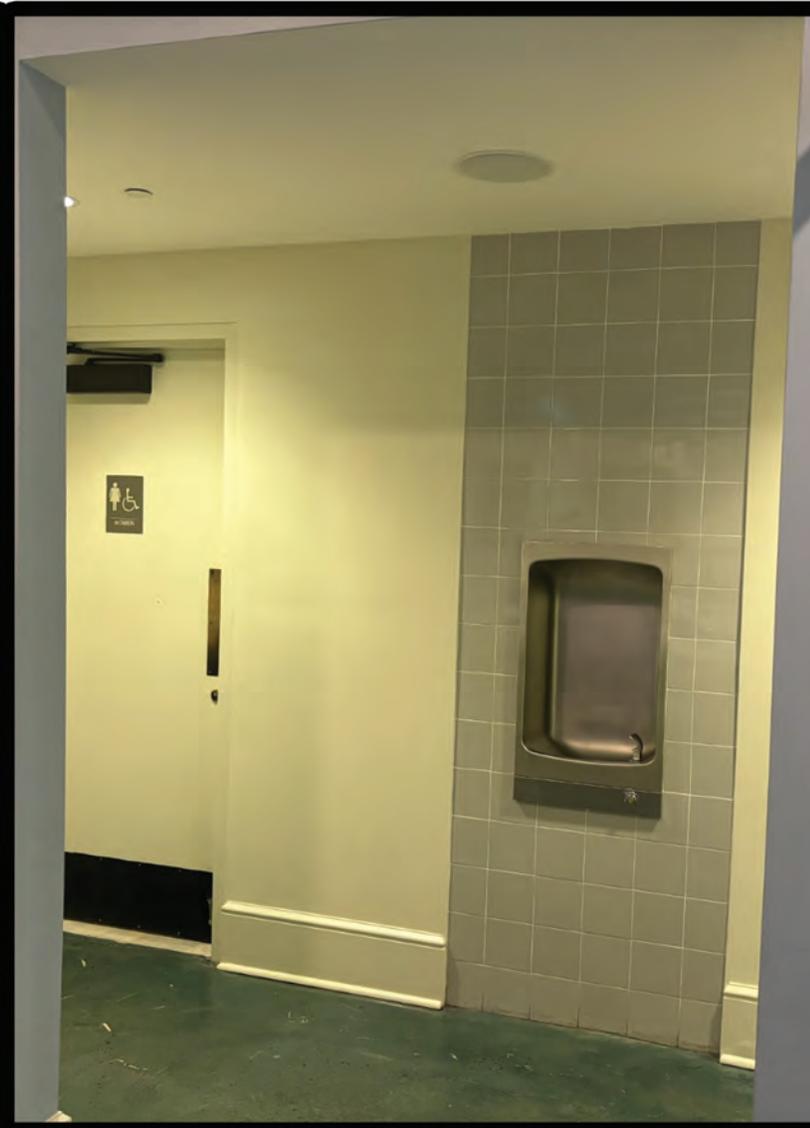
WHAT TO DO AT THE WHALING MUSEUM

A Social Narrative to
Prepare for Your Visit

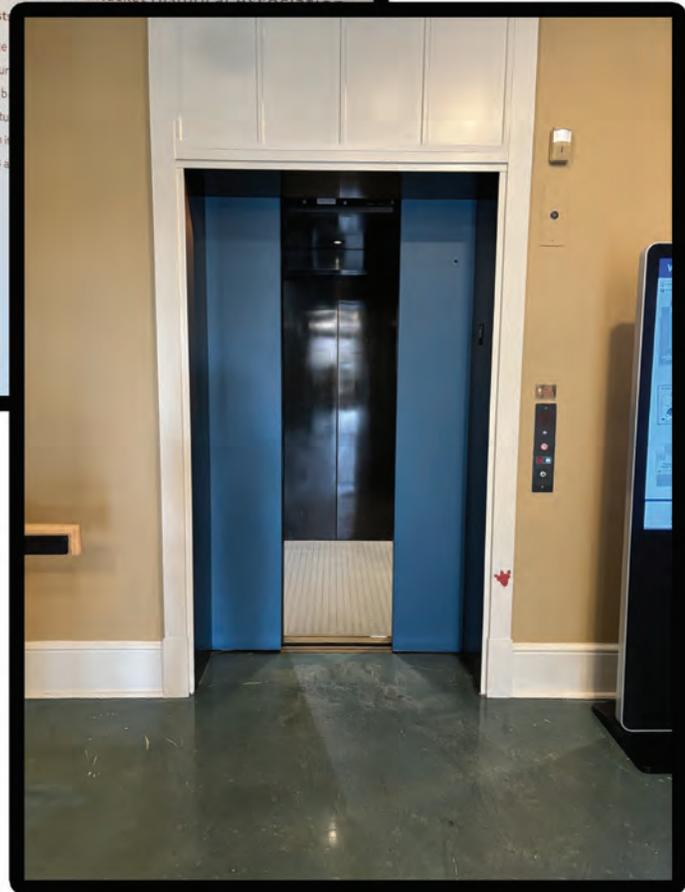




Today, I'm going to the Nantucket Historical Association's Whaling Museum! Before I go, I'll make sure to eat some food and drink water so I have lots of energy to explore. When I arrive, I'll go into the lobby. Friendly people will be there to greet me, and I'll wait in line to check-in. Once it's my turn, they'll give me a sticker to wear on my shirt. The sticker shows that I checked in, and it lets me leave and come back to the museum if I want. If I have any questions, I can ask the museum guides in the lobby. I'll know who they are because they wear nametags.



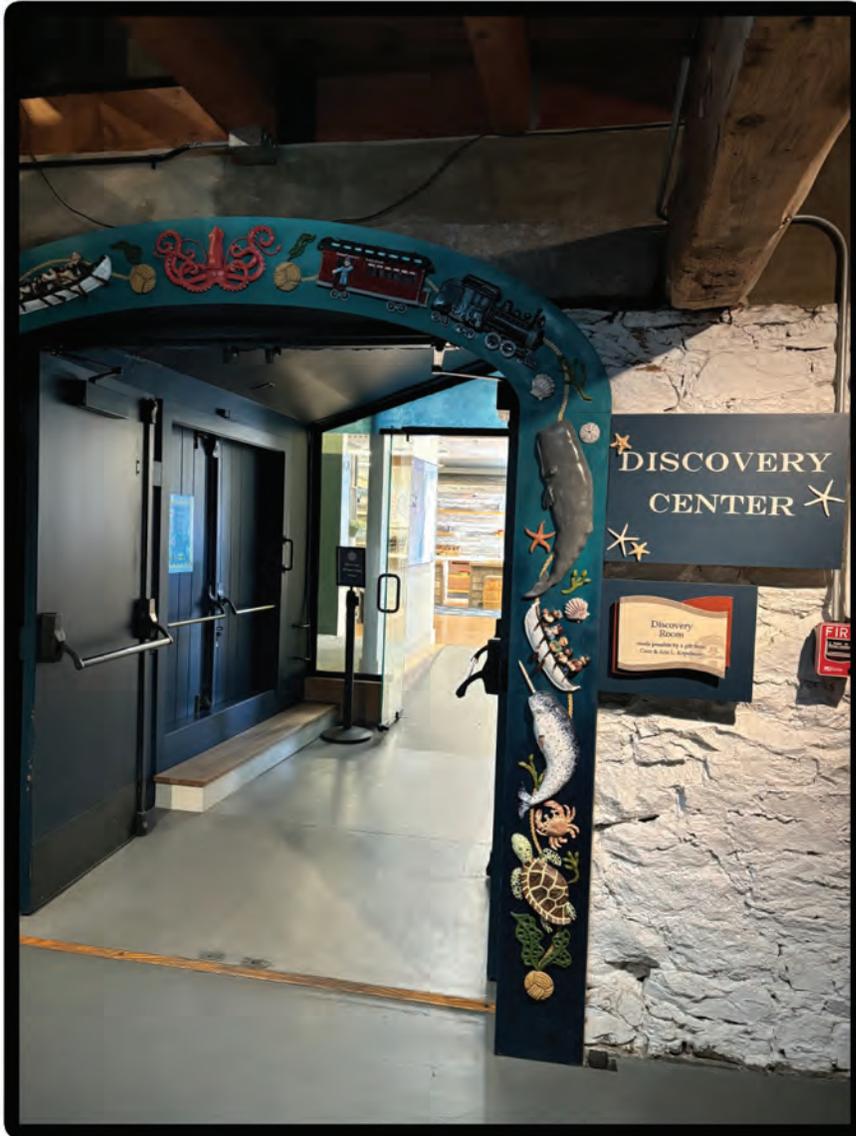
If I bring a coat or bag that I don't want to carry, I can leave it in the coat closet in the lobby. The guides will keep it safe, and I can always come back to get it. If I need to use the bathroom, it's just around the corner from the lobby, across from the Nantucket History Timeline. There's even a water fountain nearby if I need a quick drink.



The museum is self-guided, which means I can explore it however I like and take my time. A good place to start is the Nantucket History Timeline. It's a big loop through the museum, and it helps me understand the other exhibits. As I keep exploring, I'll see a big whale skeleton in the main hall! Right next to it is the elevator, which I can use to visit other floors if I don't want to take the stairs.



In the main hall, there might be live presentations or movies on a big screen. The museum announces these over the intercom about 5 minutes before they start. If I want to plan ahead, I can check the schedule in the lobby.

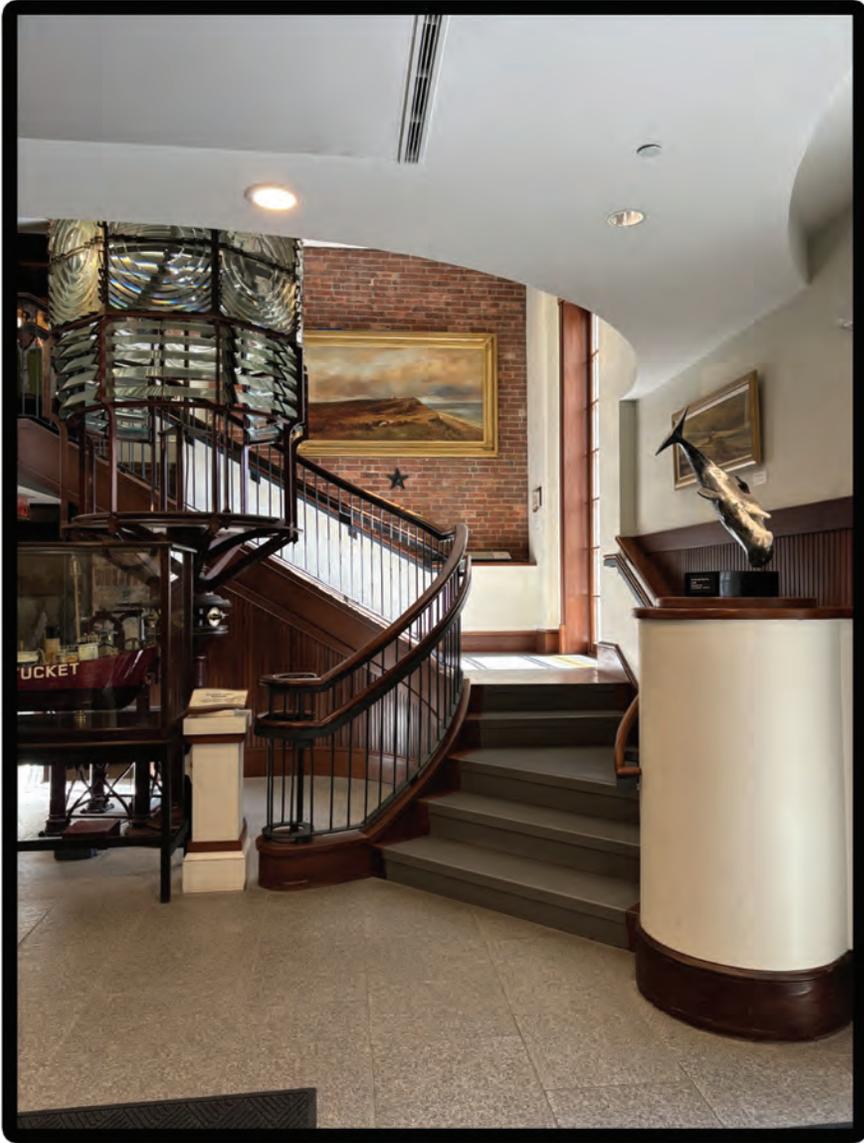


If I want to try something hands-on, I can visit the Discovery Center. It has fun activities like coloring and toys. The galleries are calm and quiet places to explore, and the Discovery Center is livelier.

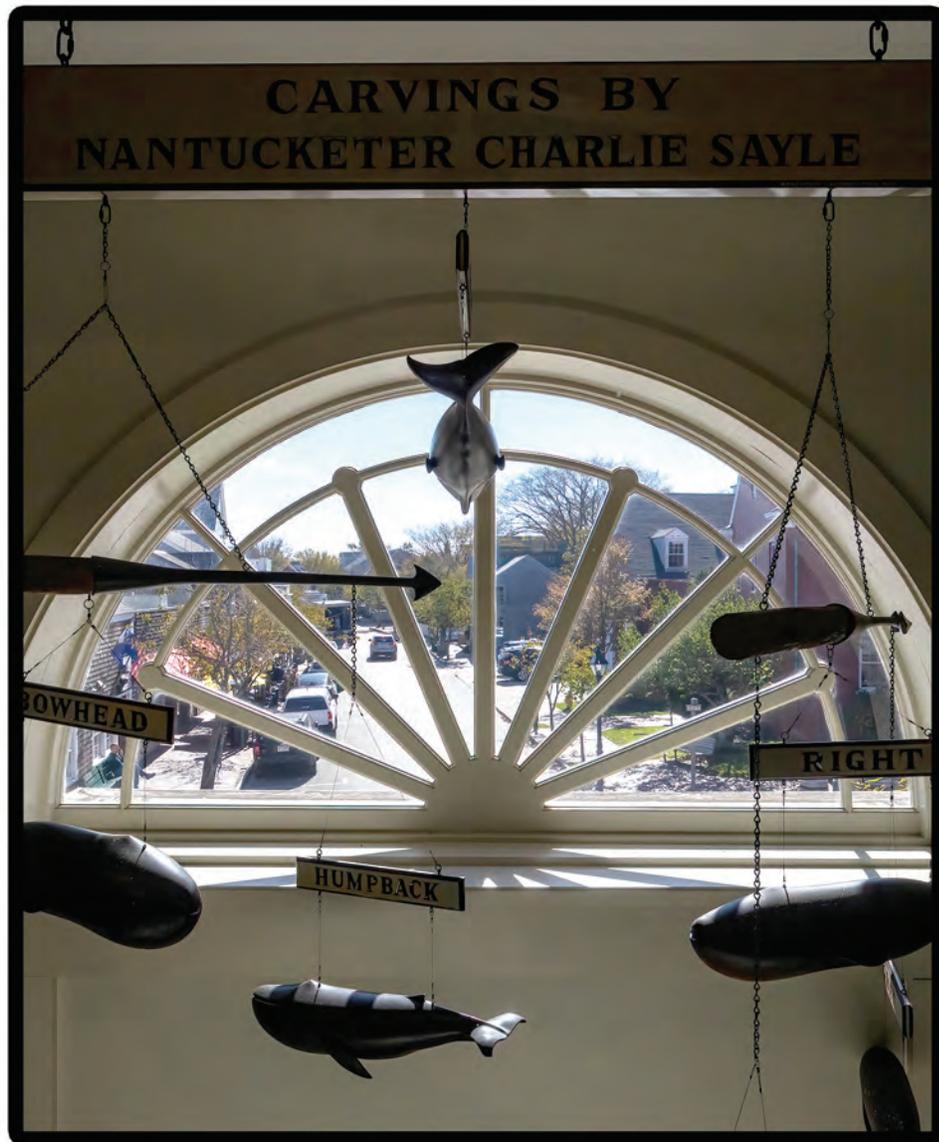
If I need a space to calm down, I can use the Quiet Corner. The Quiet Corner is in the Discovery Center, but it is a separate room. I can ask the front desk staff to use it and they will give me a key to the door so that I can use the room.



The third floor is the roof deck. It's outside, so I might want to grab a sweater if it's chilly. From the roof, I'll be able to see the harbor and the town. I can look around and think about what things I can see from up there that I can't see from the street.



When I'm ready to leave, I'll go back to the lobby and leave through the front doors. If I put anything in the coat closet, I'll remember to grab it before I go.



Once I'm home, I can think about my visit. Who will I tell about my day? What was my favorite part of the museum? What cool things did I learn?