

American Museum of Natural History

A large, detailed model of a blue whale skeleton is suspended from the ceiling of a museum hall. The whale is oriented horizontally, with its head to the right and tail to the left. The hall has a high ceiling with a grid of skylights that glow with a blue light. In the background, there are arched alcoves with various exhibits, including a large mural of a marine scene. People are seen walking on a mezzanine level and on the ground floor. The overall atmosphere is educational and awe-inspiring.

Social Narrative



I am going to the American Museum of Natural History.

I can buy my ticket in advance at amnh.org.

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of Natural History**

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Tickets

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The amount you pay for General Admission only is up to you.
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When I arrive, I can choose to enter the Museum at:



Central Park West
Located at 200 Central Park West



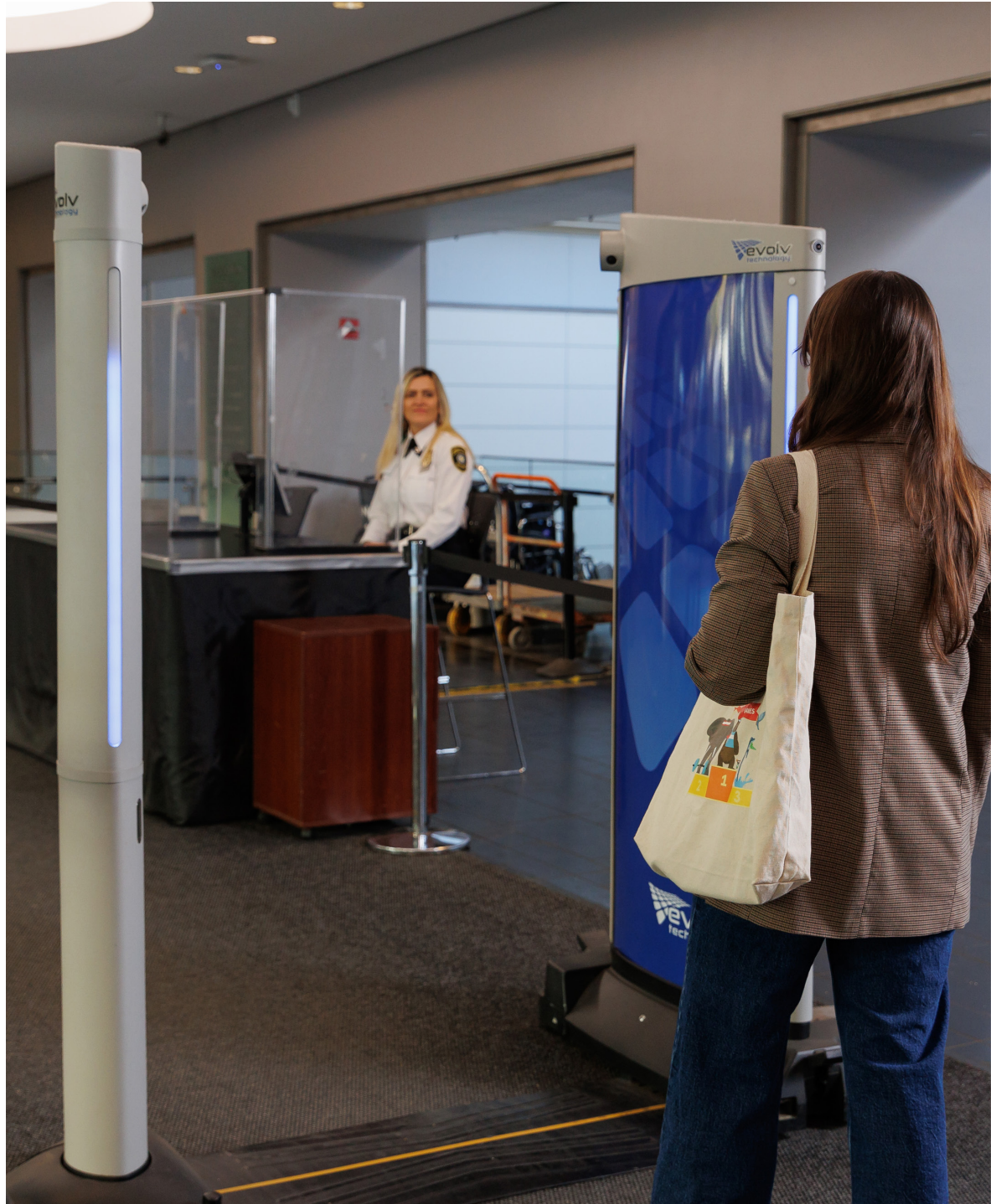
Rose Center for Earth and Space
Located on 81st Street near Central Park West



Richard Gilder Center for Science, Education, and Innovation
Located on Columbus Avenue at 79th Street

Inside, I will walk through this machine. It will scan me to make sure I'm not carrying something dangerous.

The machine won't hurt me or make a loud noise.



If I have a bag, a security guard may have to look inside it. They do this to make sure everyone is safe.



Then, a staff member will ask to scan my QR code ticket on my phone (or my companion's phone). The scanner will beep when it scans my ticket.

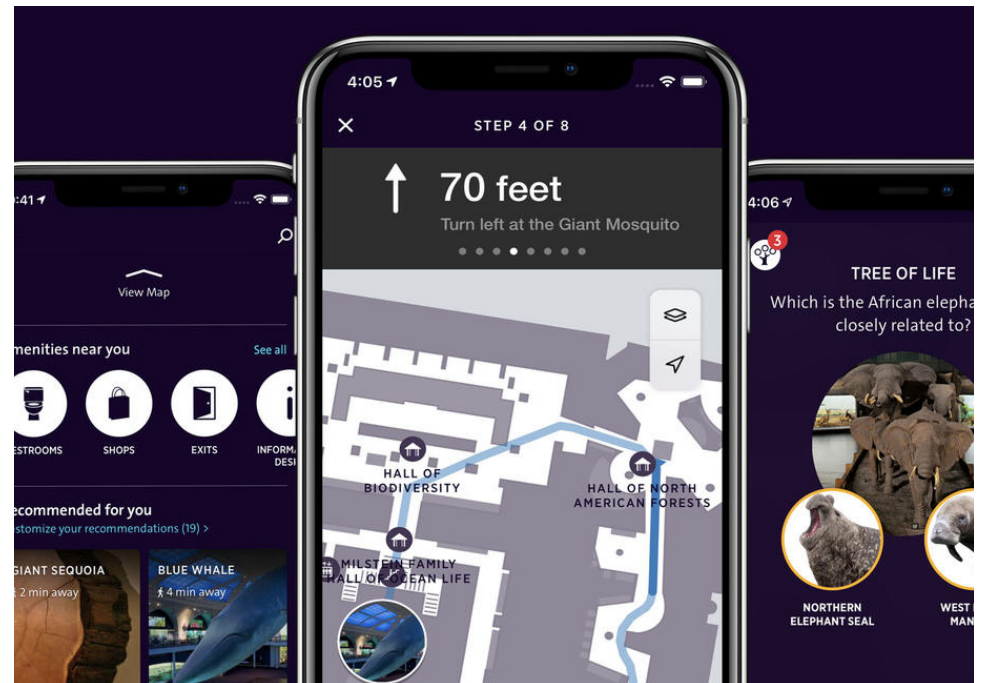


If I want a Museum map, I can ask the staff member, “Can I have a map?”



Or I can download the Explorer app on my phone to get a digital map.

Download here



If I want to borrow a Sensory Bag, I can go to a Membership Desk. I may have to wait in line until it is my turn. When it is my turn, I can ask the staff member “Can I borrow a Sensory Bag?”



Inside the Sensory Bag, there are fidgets, headphones, and sunglasses for me to use during my visit.



In the Museum, I may see animals behind glass. They are not alive and will not move or make sounds.



If I want to see live animals, I can go to the Insectarium. There are many kinds of live bugs in glass tanks for me to look at. They will not leave their tanks.



I may also see models of people behind glass. They are not real, and they will not move or make sounds.



I can touch some things in the Museum.



When I touch things, I should be gentle and let other people touch them, too.



Other things I can only look at. If something is behind glass or is too far for me to reach, I cannot touch it.



I cannot bring food into any Museum halls. If I am hungry, I can eat in a Museum cafe or restaurant.



Or I can sit and eat in the park outside of the Museum.

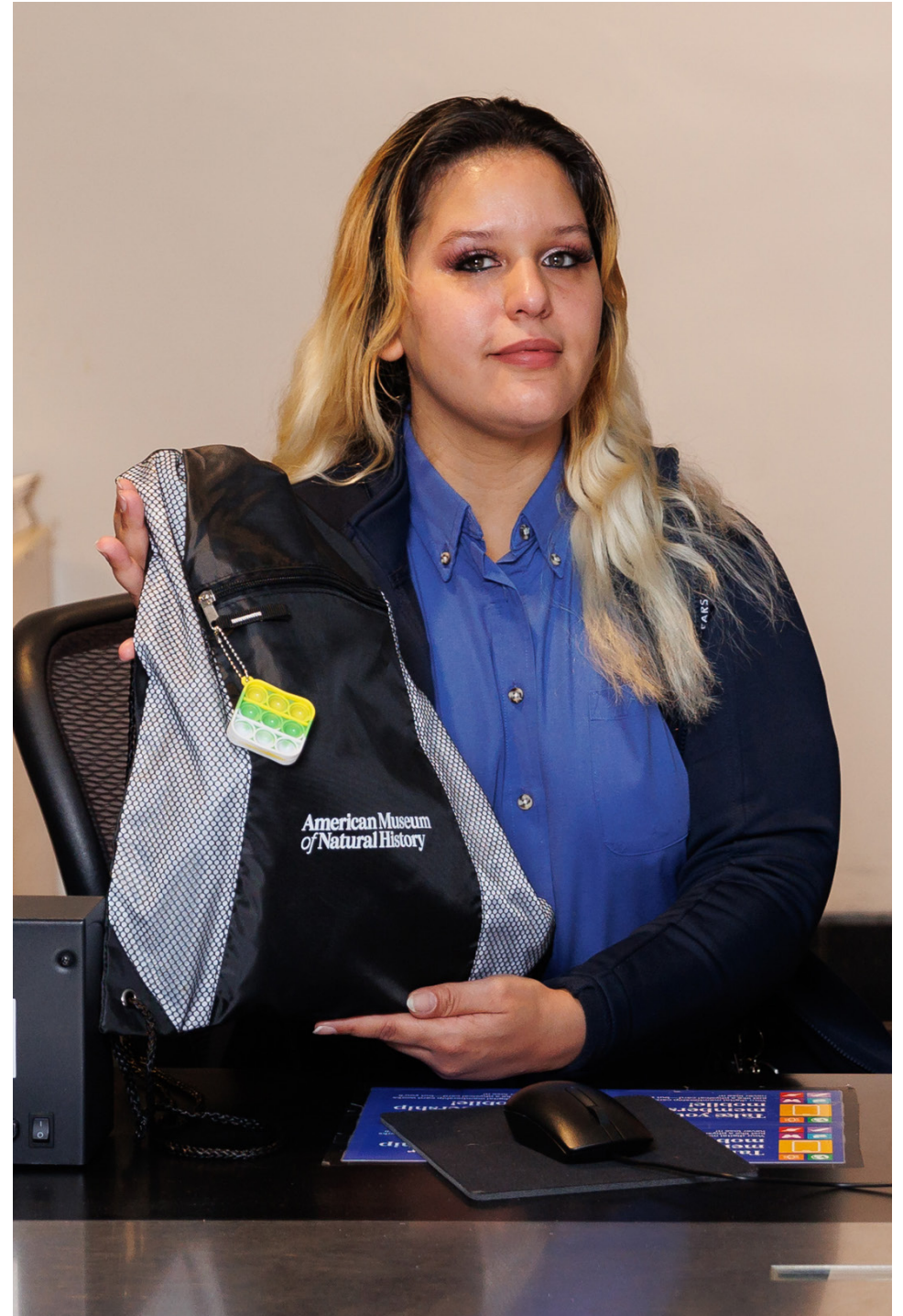


If I need help during my visit, I can talk to any Museum staff member.



If I borrowed a Sensory Bag, I should return it to the Membership Desk before I leave the Museum.

I can say “I am returning my Sensory Bag” and give the bag to the staff member at the desk.





The Museum is really big! I will not be able to see everything in one day, but I can come back another time if I want to see more things.