



NATIONAL AVIARY
PITTSBURGH, PA



National Aviary Sensory Guide

2025

Parking



There are spots reserved for those with Accessibility needs. Our entrance is on Arch Street. If you require assistance getting to the entrance, please call our Visitor Services Desk at 412-323-7235.

When You Arrive



Our Arch Street entrance has two sets of doors that can open by an ADA-accessible button. You may need to wait in line to enter with your family or group. This area may be loud and crowded.

Getting a Sensory Bag



You can borrow a Sensory Bag from KultureCity, for free any day of the week. Sensory Bags are available at our Visitor Services Desk.

What Is In A Sensory Bag



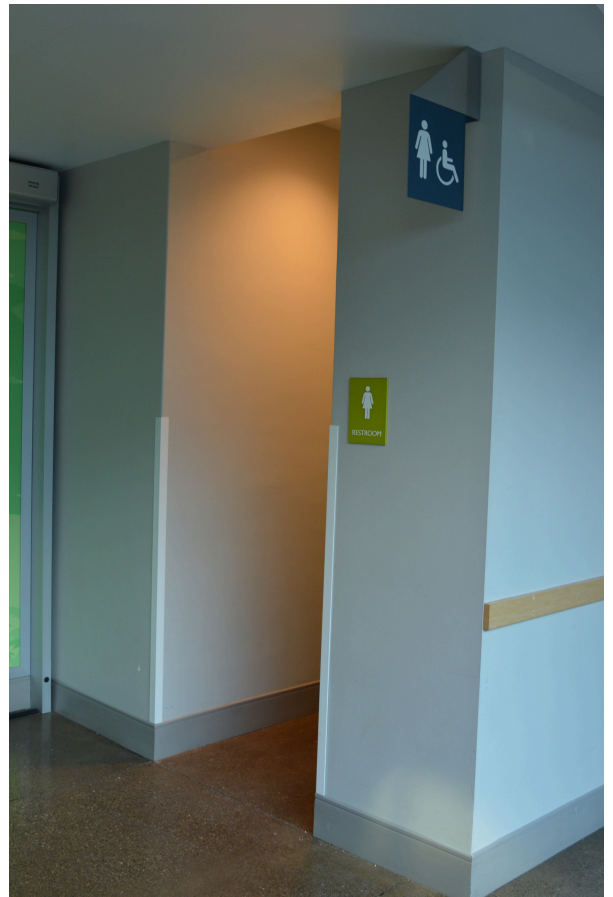
There are items in the Sensory Bag that could help you stay calm. You can use noise cancelling headphones if it gets too loud. There are fidget toys and plush toys to help you enjoy your visit.

Staff and Volunteers



If you have questions or need help, you can ask a Staff member or Volunteer. They wear blue shirts with the National Aviary logo on it. They will also have nametags on.

Restrooms



Our restrooms are ADA-accessible. They can be found in the Atrium by the entrance to the Tropical Rainforest. They may be loud, with automatic flush toilets and an electric hand dryer.

Restrooms



Restrooms, including an all-gender restroom with an adult changing table, can be found in The Garden Room Lobby, located at the end of The Charity Randall Foundation Eagle Hall.

The Charity Randall Foundation Eagle Hall



The Charity Randall Foundation Eagle Hall is home to two eagle species. You may even hear them vocalize. There are benches to sit and rest. This hallway connects our Atrium with The Garden Room Lobby.

Atrium/Dining



In the Atrium, you may experience bright light from the windowed dome. There are tables and seating to eat, drink, and rest. Tables are also available in The Garden Room Lobby.

Dining



Guest are welcome to bring in outside food but should be aware that there are no refrigerators or microwaves on the premises.

The Garden Room Lobby



You can exit to the National Aviary parking lot via The Garden Room Lobby. It is also the inside entrance to our event space. This room has sound-softening features and natural lighting; however, it can get loud.

The Garden Room Lobby



The Garden Room Lobby also has a ramp or stairs you can take to ADA-accessible bathrooms with an adult changing table, and The Garden Room event space or the outdoor Rose Garden

The Garden Room



The Garden Room is our signature event space.

We also serve our add-on brunches there.

This room is large and can get loud. It has accessibility to the outside by two doors, or an entire wall of glass can be opened to the Rose Garden outside. This room is LEED Gold Certified.

The Rose Garden



The Rose Garden is an outdoor space where some events can be held. It is also often open for National Aviary visitors to walk through. You must walk down steps or use an accessible ramp to get to the Rose Garden.

Treetops Presented by Peoples



Up the stairs from The Garden Room Lobby is the TreeTops habitat. This area is part of The Charity Randall Foundation Eagle Hall. It can be bright due to large glass windows. There are several benches to sit and rest in the hallway.

Grasslands



The Grasslands is an indoor habitat next to TreeTops, where you may experience an element of surprise as small birds fly close to visitors, experience bird droppings from above, or encounter smells from the birds. There is a bench to sit and rest.

Penguin Point



Penguin Point is a 360-degree habitat that can be experienced indoors and outdoors. Indoors, you may encounter low light conditions. Penguin Tunnels have low ceilings for kids to explore. The tunnels are ADA compliant and can fit a wheelchair. There are benches to sit and rest.

Penguin Point



You may encounter smells from the colony of penguins that eat fish, especially in the outdoor areas. There may be sudden loud noises from colony members. If you stand close to the pool outside, you may get splashed by an African Penguin swimming close by.

The Wetlands



In the Wetlands, you may experience bird droppings from above. The room has timed misting showers over the habitat's water stream. This is not accessible to guests, but may cause some water droplets from above.

The Wetlands



The Wetlands is an indoor habitat. This room can be loud, and birds in this room are free-flying and may fly or walk close to you. You may encounter scents from the birds.

Tropical Rainforest



The Tropical Rainforest is an indoor habitat. This room can be loud, and birds in this room are free-flying and may fly or walk close to you. You may encounter scents from the birds. You may experience bird and water droppings from above.

Tropical Rainforest Waterfall



The Tropical Rainforest can also be very bright because of the glass paneled ceiling. There is a 15 foot waterfall and you may hear the water splash along the rocks.

Canary's Call Presented by Dollar Bank



You can expect loud noises from our flock of Rainbow Lorikeets which vocalize frequently.

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It is also home to a colony of fruit bats which can cause a strong smell. It is a low-light area with lighted photos and signage. There are benches to sit and rest.

Condor Court



Condor Court is an outdoor habitat. Parts of the pathway in this area are unpaved. There are benches to sit and rest.

Tropical Rainforest Feeding



During the Tropical Rainforest Feeding, you may encounter large crowds as well as several bird species flying or walk close to you at one time. You may also encounter scents from the birds.

Wetlands Feeding



During the Wetlands Feeding, you may encounter large crowds as well as several bird species flying or walk close to you at one time. You may also encounter scents from the birds.

Rainbow Lorikeet Feeding



During this add-on experience, you will encounter Rainbow Lorikeets resting on your arms. You can expect loud noises from our flock of Rainbow Lorikeets which vocalize frequently. Tickets can be purchased at our Visitor Services Desk or online during checkout.

Birdly



During this virtual reality add-on experience, you will wear a headset visor and lay flat with your arms outstretched on a simulator that moves in place while you 'see' from a birds eye view. It may be dizzying. Tickets can be purchased at our Visitor Services Desk or online during checkout.

Summer Only: SkyDeck Live Rooftop Bird Show



During this outdoor add-on experience, you will encounter several bird species flying, waddling, and walking right in front of you. This show entails varying volumes and can be warm. Tickets can be purchased at our Visitor Services Desk or online during checkout.
