

# Dinosaur Safari Social Story

**Thank you for your interest in  
visiting the Dinosaur Safari exhibit  
at Ella Sharp Museum!**

This Social Story is a preview guide for individuals with Sensory Processing and Autism Spectrum differences and their parents and caregivers to assist in preparation for their visit.

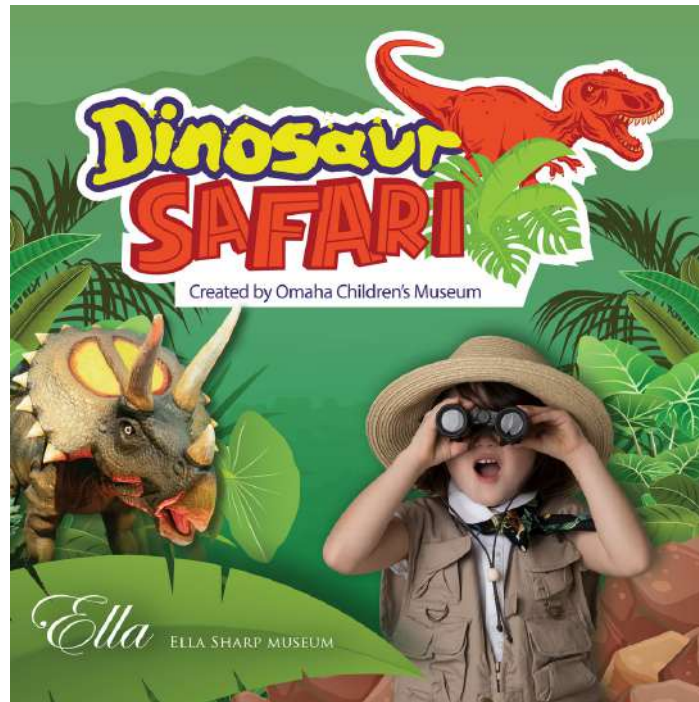
## **Tips for a Great Visit:**

Please feel free to bring what you need to have a successful visit, including:

- Communication tools, boards, or devices
- Mobility devices, including wheelchairs, strollers, or wagons
- Sensory accessories, equipment, headphones, and fidgets
- Snacks/drinks (but please consume these in the lobby or outdoors)
- Please ask staff for suggestions on lower noise areas that may be suitable for breaks if necessary

Please be mindful that:

- We understand that you are the expert when it comes to your child, and best know how to address their needs. We expect that a caregiver will accompany their loved one through their visit.



# My Visit to Dinosaur Safari\*

\*When you see an asterisk (\*), there is a note that the exhibit pictured will be slightly different during our Sensory Friendly Hours. These are every Saturday from 9-10 am. Look at the note beneath the \* for details



Once we get our tickets and enter the Museum, I will see a sign for Dinosaur Safari and a display of a table set up from a Paleontologist. I can read the signs to learn about cleaning and preserving fossils. I hear some loud far away noises that sound like roaring.\* These are the animatronic dinosaurs later in the exhibit. I am safe and the roaring is not dangerous to me.



I can walk through the entrance and see an exhibit on real fossils found in and around Michigan. I remember not to touch the glass. The roaring noises get louder as we walk through.

***\*During Sensory Friendly Hours, all Dinosaur sounds will be off\****



I see a big archway, the entrance to Dinosaur Safari!  
I walk under to begin my Expedition! Inside this exhibit there are colored lights all around and a Safari Jeep with flashing lights.\*



As soon as I walk through, I am between two moving dinosaurs! They are making noises like roaring, growling, grunts, and chirps. I see their mouths open and close, their tails wag, and their heads move around.\* I look at them and observe. I do not reach out to pet or touch the moving dinosaurs.

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I walk past the dinosaurs and see a play dig pit that I can play in. I can use shovels, buckets, magnifying glasses, and different brushes to uncover the fossils. Behind me, there is another moving dinosaur.\* This one has a long neck!



I see a Safari Jeep that I can play in. I climb up into the seats and press the buttons to make the different Jeep lights flash. I can touch the interactive screen to learn more about all the different dinosaurs I see on my Safari.\*

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Past the Jeep, there are more moving dinosaurs! I see different species and hear a variety of different sounds.\* The sounds are loud now that I am close to the biggest dinosaurs! I remember not to touch the dinosaurs and that their noises aren't real.



I see more dinosaurs, including on the floor that I can climb on. I get on top to get my picture taken.

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There is a Safari Tent that I go into to play that has bean bags, a bin of dress-up clothes, and a table with a bin of dinosaur books. I can play with all of these objects and I remember to be gentle so that the toys and clothes stay nice for other kids.

