HELPFUL TIPS

- Help children take turns and use exhibits as intended.
- If you notice any missing or broken exhibit pieces, please notify a staff member.
- Field trips are able to add and schedule workshops in advance of their visit.

Frequently Asked Questions

First Aid
We have several first aid kits throughout the Museum. If you need first aid assistance, please notify the Front Desk staff and they can call Visitors Services staff to assist.

Food & Drink
Please keep food & drinks outside out the houses and exhibits. We have covered seating areas in our outside amphitheater, and picnic tables towards the back of the Outdoor Discovery Area. For larger groups, there is a covered pavilion as well as grassy areas within walking distance in Riverfront Park, directly behind the Museum. Ask Front Desk staff for details.

Water
Water fountains are located outside between Parrish House and the outdoor restrooms (water is turned off Nov-Feb). Water cups are available in all restrooms. Water bottles are available for purchase in our gift shop.

Recycling/Trash
There are recycling bins on the side of the outdoor restrooms between the restrooms and Gilbert House.

Lost Children
Immediately notify a Museum staff member if you’ve lost a child. If they lose you, they can ask a staff member with a teal apron or nametag for help finding a lost adult.

Please stay with your group of children at all times.

Restrooms

Restrooms are located throughout the Museum:

- Downstairs in Rockenfield House, near Main Street.
- Upstairs in Rockenfield House, near back stairs.
- First floor of Gilbert House.
- In the Courtyard, between Gilbert and Parrish Houses.

Changing tables are located in Rockenfield and outdoor restrooms.
Rockenfield House

FIRST FLOOR
Gilbert’s Gift Shop
Find toys and gifts to remember your trip to Gilbert House. Light snacks are also available.
Main Street
Explore big ideas for our littlest citizens on the smallest Main Street in town!
The Creative Space
Enjoy an imaginative craft, or dive into our sensory bin! Create a new masterpiece each week.

SECOND FLOOR
Recollections
Create vivid, larger than life colored motion images set to music using your body and props in this dazzling projection exhibit.
Salem Station
Explore, navigate, and construct as you discover different modes of transportation.
Forest Friends Toddler Room
Join in learning with your littlest ones in this room designed for infants and toddlers to play with their caregivers.

Parrish House

Gilbert Engineering Studio
Roll up your sleeves for a building challenge! A place where children can design, build, test, record, and improve their designs.
Gilbert House Preschool
Imagine Gilbert House as your child’s first classroom! Our play-based preschool emphasizes inquiry and science discovery. For more information, visit our website: www.acgilbert.org/preschool/

Wilson-Durbin House

The Wilson-Durbin House offers a flexible space that is perfect for parties, meetings, and classes. Lunch reservations for this space may be made in advance of a field trip, dependent on availability. Request a reservation on your field trip form.

A.C. Gilbert’s Legacy of Play
Discover the incredible life of our Museum’s namesake, A.C. Gilbert. Learn about his many passions and inventions, and his impact on an entire generation.

Gilbert House

FIRST FLOOR
Eye Euphoria
Watch as this oversized kaleidoscope, the first of its kind in the world, fills the lobby of Gilbert House with color.
All About Me
Suit up in your lab coat and stethoscope! Learn about the human body through interactive role play while tending to babies and analyzing X-rays.
Farm to Table
Plant and harvest your own crops, count your eggs, milk the Gilbert House cow, and serve up a farm fresh meal!
Up, Up and Away
Take off in this aviation themed room filled with hands-on learning about aerodynamics!

SECOND FLOOR
Vet Clinic
Tend to animals in need of healing in your very own vet clinic!
Grandma’s Clubhouse
Use your imagination to create the stucture of your dreams with our life-sized blue blocks!
Lights! Camera! Action!
Explore green-screen technology as you act or perform in a variety of digital environments.
Tinker Tracks
Build tracks on the metal walls, learn about gravity and motion, and tinker with your tracks to see how things change!
Fortopia
Build a world of your own imagination in a room made for creativity! Children create cozy hideaways with fort-building materials.

Outdoor Discovery Area
Explore 20,000 ft² of outdoor fun! Climb the world’s largest Erector Set tower, learn about paleontology, or explore our Discovery Campground.

Look for our S.T.E.A.M. icons (science, technology, engineering, art, math) to see which exhibits meet specific educational standards.