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We are going to The Otter Tail County Museum. Inside the Museum, there are objects and photographs that tell the story of Otter Tail County, Minnesota. Some of the objects are over five thousand years old, while some are less than fifty years old.
When we first arrive at the Museum, we will need to walk to the front entrance doors.
There are two sets of doors at the Main Entrance.
When we enter the first door, we can hang up our jackets on the coat rack. If I don’t have a coat, I can walk right in. We may see a wheel chair and stroller that people can borrow. We will enter a second door to get to the museum lobby.
Next we will pay admission to enter the Museum. Sometimes there is a line at the Admissions Desk. I may need to wait for a few minutes. If I have any food or drink with me, I will have to leave it at the Admissions Desk. I can pick it up when I leave. I can sign the Guest Register.
We can pick up a Museum Floorplan at the Admissions Desk to plan where we will go and what we will see. We can also take a Museum Scavenger Hunt with a clipboard and pencil to find certain objects in the museum.
There will be staff members working at the Museum. If I get lost and can’t find my family, I can tell one of the Museum staff members.
Some areas of the Museum are loud and some are quiet; some are crowded and some have few people. Some areas of the Museum have sound effects and I may hear the noise of a train, or animals or people.
If I need a break, need to use the rest room or want to leave the Museum, I will tell the adult I am with. If there are several people using the rest room, I may have to wait in line.
When I am ready to leave, I will go back to the Museum lobby where I came in. If I left my coat I will need to get it.

I hope I can visit the Museum again and see more history!
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