

VISITING CHEEKWOOD: YOU BELONG HERE

DETAILED SOCIAL STORY

I am going to Cheekwood today! I will know when I have arrived when I see the stone building, and the sign that says, "Cheekwood." The adult in the car will talk to the person at the gate to let them know we are here to visit. We will drive to the parking lot. There might be a lot of cars.

After the car is parked, we will all walk together to the Visitor Center. There might be other people in the Visitor Center, and I might have to wait in line. I can wait nicely by standing near my parent or caregiver, talking quietly, and keeping my hands to myself. At the Visitor Center, we might buy tickets or pick up a map. I can look at the map and talk to my mom or dad about what I would like to go do and see.

There are lots of gardens to see at Cheekwood, including the Herb Garden, Color Garden, and the Water Garden.

When I am visiting gardens, I will try to be respectful by walking on the paths, and keeping my hands to myself. Some of the paths might have concrete and others might be dirt or rocks. If I don't know where to walk, I can ask my parent or caregiver. When walking around in the gardens, I might also go see the Children's garden, or the TRAINS! Exhibit. I might really like these!

I will see lots of beautiful plants and flowers at Cheekwood.

When I see a beautiful plant or flower, I will try to be respectful by keeping my hands to myself and leaving it where it is so others can enjoy it, too.

There is a very big house at Cheekwood called a mansion. In the mansion, there will be a lot of different things to look at. There will be a big staircase that I can walk up with my parent or caregiver. I might like walking up the staircase!

On the second floor, there will be lots of art works old furniture. I can look at the art and the furniture, but I will be respectful by keeping my hands to myself. I will try not to sit or lean on any of the chairs or couches I see in the mansion.

If I need to go to the bathroom, I can ask my parent or caregiver, and we will go to the closest bathroom.

I might get hungry when I am at Cheekwood. I can tell my parent or caregiver, and we might eat at the Café 29, or we might have a picnic with food we brought. We can pick a place to eat at a bench, or maybe put a blanket down to sit on the ground.

When I am respectful of the plants, art, and other people at Cheekwood, my parent or caregiver will be proud of me. I might like going to visit Cheekwood!



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