

I am going to the Visitor Centre

at Terra Nova National Park

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National Park and the Autism Society
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this social story for you and your family.

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This is the Visitor Centre at Terra Nova National Park. People like to go to the Visitor Centre to get information, see displays or visit the touch tank.

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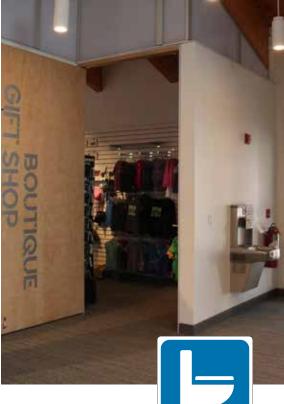




On my way to the Visitor Centre I may smell the salt water and hear birds or music. That's okay.

The entrance to the Visitor Centre has two sets of large glass doors. There is a grate and tiles on the floor.





Just inside the entrance, there are washrooms, a drinking fountain and a gift shop.





The lobby of the Visitor Centre is an open space with lots of light. Sometimes there is music playing. Sometimes there are many people inside the Visitor Centre. That's okay.





There is a desk where Park staff can greet visitors. Park staff like to be helpful. My grownup can ask Park staff to turn down the lights and music.

There are many displays to see in the lobby.







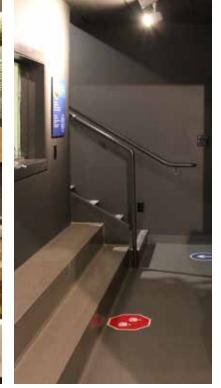


In the lobby there is a door that leads to the theatre. In the theatre I may sit and watch some of the videos about Terra Nova National Park.

In the theatre there is a door that leads to a forest display. There are many things to see in the forest display. I may hear recordings of bird songs. That's okay.









Next I can go into a larger room that has a touch tank, aquariums and other displays. There are grates on the floor around the touch tank. Sometimes the touch tank smells like the ocean. That's okay.

Past the aquariums there are stairs that lead to a space called the Underwater Alley. We can look down into the aquariums. We may see fish, crabs, and other sea life.





We can go down another set of stairs and visit the Land and Sea lab. The Land and Sea lab has displays, chairs and tables. I may sit at one of the tables and do activities.

When we leave the Land and Sea lab we can go outside and sit at a picnic table, go on a hike or explore the shoreline.

Terra Nova National Park offers many activities and things to explore. It's fun to try new things!



When I am outside I make sure I have my grownup with me so I don't get lost, and I stay safe near the water.

If I am lost I can ask people who work at the park for help. People who work at the park wear a Parks Canada uniform with this logo:

