



UCAR CENTER FOR SCIENCE EDUCATION

SOCIAL NARRATIVE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE TOURS



ARRIVING AT NSF NCAR

I am going to the U.S. National Science Foundation National Center for Atmospheric Research (NSF NCAR) Mesa Lab. I will learn about weather and our Earth system. I can see exhibits and go hiking. I will walk up a hill and some stairs to enter the building.



NSF NCAR MESA LAB FROM THE SIDEWALK

IN THE LOBBY

I will enter the lobby. There is a receptionist at the front desk. They are here to help me and answer questions if I have any. I can hang my coat on the coat rack behind the stairs.



RECEPTIONIST IN THE LOBBY (ABOVE) COAT RACK (BELOW)

If I need to use the bathroom, I can follow the signs to find the bathroom. If I'm thirsty, I can get a drink from the water fountain.



WATER FOUNTAIN (ABOVE) SIGNS POINTING TO THE BATHROOMS (BELOW)

QUIET AREAS



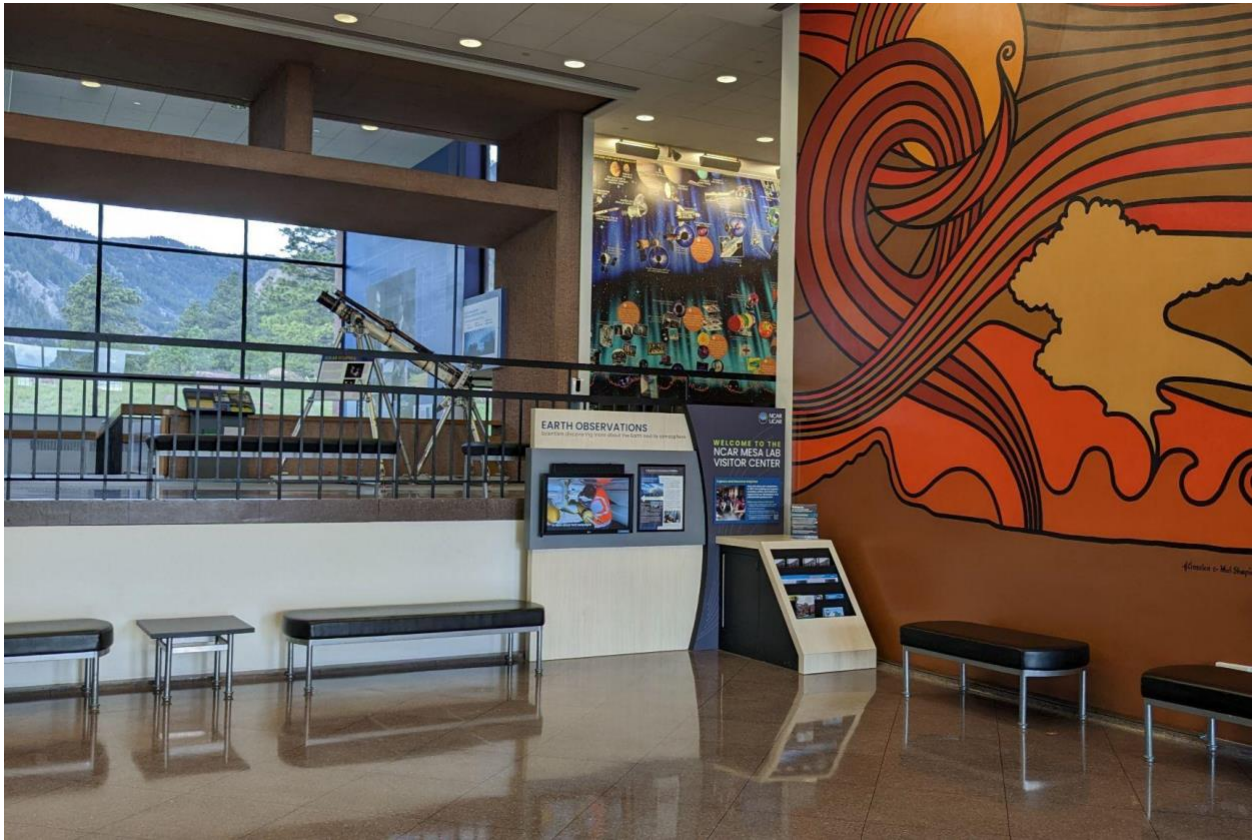
Some areas of the exhibits may be loud. Some will be quiet. If I need a quiet area, I will ask for help at the front desk.



NSF NCAR LIBRARY (ABOVE, CLOSED ON WEEKENDS)
QUIET SPACE NEAR CLASSROOM 135 (BELOW)

EXHIBIT TOUR

I will gather in the lobby with the other people taking the tour. We will wait quietly for our guide. Scientists work in this building and we need to be quiet so they can focus.



LOBBY GATHERING AREA FOR PUBLIC TOUR

I will follow these important rules for my visit:

- I will use my inside talking voice.
- I will walk slowly.
- I will stay with my group.
- I will go to the front desk if I get separated from my group.

The guide will take us around the exhibits and have a conversation about what we see. We will learn about weather and our Earth system. I can be curious and raise my hand to ask questions at any time.



GUIDE GIVING A TOUR OF THE EXHIBITS

EXPLORE ON OUR OWN

After the tour, I can explore the exhibits on my own or with my group! I can touch the exhibits. Some of the exhibits have games I can play by myself or with others.



WEATHER EXHIBIT (ABOVE) GAME IN THE EXHIBITS (BELOW)

Sometimes an exhibit will be broken. When an exhibit is being fixed, I will not be able to use it. It is okay to feel disappointed if something is broken. I can visit a different exhibit.



SIGN ON A BROKEN EXHIBIT

I can go to the theater to watch a movie. There might be parts of the movie that are loud. If it's too loud, I can leave the theater.



A MOVIE IN THE NSF NCAR THEATER

CAFETERIA

I can eat lunch in the cafeteria. If the weather is nice, I can eat outside! Other people will also be eating in the cafeteria.

The cafeteria might be noisy. If I need to go somewhere quiet, I will ask for help at the front desk.



NSF NCAR CAFETERIA

WEATHER TRAIL

I can also go outside to explore the Weather Trail on my own!

I can walk on the trail and read about weather and our Earth system. The trail goes uphill and downhill and might be rocky. I will stay on the trail. I will watch for rattlesnakes.



WEATHER TRAIL

LEAVING

Before I leave, I will make sure I have all of my belongings.

I can visit again if I would like to!



NSF NCAR MESA LAB FROM THE PARKING LOT