

# Pacific Science Center SENSORY GUIDE










Located under the arches, near the Space Needle [pacificsciencecenter.org](http://pacificsciencecenter.org)

## WELCOME TO PACIFIC SCIENCE CENTER!

This is a guide to assist you and your family in identifying exhibits which meet your sensory needs.

Each area of the Sensory Guide is color-coded and numbered to match Pacific Science Center Guide & Map. Our scale offers ratings for noise level, visual stimulation, availability to touch and feel and even strong scents!

We encourage you to bring earplugs, sunglasses and other tools you may find useful during your visit. The **Brown Bag Corner** and the family room inside the **Just for Tots** area can be a quieter areas to relax when you need a moment away from the exhibits. You may also get a hand stamp in order to leave and come back later the same day.

-  : Theaters
-  : Courtyard
-  : Building 1
-  : Building 2
-  : Building 3
-  : Building 4
-  : Building 5

### Noise Level






















### Visual Stimulation

### Touchable Exhibits

### Strong Odors




















# BUILDING 1

MAP	TOPIC	SOUNDS	SIGHTS	TOUCH	EXHIBIT DETAILS
	Information & Member Services				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maps, wheelchair and stroller check-out, lockers, phones, lost and found, first aid</li> </ul>
	Pacific Science Center Café (upper level)				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drinks and snacks available to purchase</li> <li>Indoor and outdoor seating</li> <li>Variety of food smells </li> </ul>
	Guest Services				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ticket exchanges and refunds</li> </ul>
	Live Science Stage				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to 3 science shows per day</li> </ul>
	Dinosaurs: A Journey Through Time				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Large loud moving mechanical dinosaurs</li> <li>Visually stimulating and loud dinosaur cartoon video</li> <li>Interactive metal dinosaur skeleton</li> </ul>













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# BUILDING 2

MAP	TOPIC	SOUNDS	SIGHTS	TOUCH	EXHIBIT DETAILS
	Willard Smith Planetarium				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dim lighting and theater seating for special shows on astronomy and Earth and space science</li> </ul>
	Science On a Sphere				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Globe projecting world weather patterns, planets, earthquakes and more</li> </ul>
	Saltwater Tide Pool				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Water is cold</li> <li>Touch starfish, sea anemones, hermit crabs in a tide pool with rock surround</li> </ul>
	Professor Wellbody's Academy of Health & Wellness				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Variety of hands-on movement activities</li> <li>Sneeze Wall mists people with water</li> <li>Odor Decoder exhibit contains strong unpleasant smells </li> </ul>

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## BUILDING 2 (continued)

MAP	TOPIC	SOUNDS	SIGHTS	TOUCH	EXHIBIT DETAILS
11	The Studio				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current and ongoing local scientific research</li> <li>• Located within <i>Wellbody Academy</i></li> </ul>
12	Insect Village & Naked Mole Rats				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sometimes live animals you can touch</li> <li>• Terrariums of live insects &amp; snakes</li> <li>• Large contained exhibit of naked mole rats</li> <li>• Hands-on 3D insect skeleton puzzles</li> <li>• Butterflies from around the world</li> </ul>
13	Tropical Butterfly House				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soft voices and slow movement area</li> <li>• Room is warm and has bright lighting</li> <li>• Butterflies may land on you</li> <li>• Butterfly identification cards available inside exhibit</li> </ul>
14	Portal to Current Research				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changing exhibit showcasing local research</li> </ul>

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## BUILDING 3

MAP	TOPIC	SOUNDS	SIGHTS	TOUCH	EXHIBIT DETAILS
15	Body Works				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hands-on interactive exhibits</li> <li>• Many exhibits involve active movement</li> <li>• Some exhibits may produce loud, sudden sounds and have bright lighting</li> <li>• Smell-O-Rama exhibit offers strong olfactory sensations </li> </ul>
16	Pacific Science Center Store				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enclosed space</li> <li>• Bright lighting</li> <li>• Variety of colors and textures</li> </ul>
17	Science Playground				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hands-on interactive exhibits</li> <li>• Some exhibits involve moving your body to activate (such as pulling on a rope)</li> <li>• Some exhibits have loud, sudden sounds</li> </ul>

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# BUILDING 4

## TRAVELING EXHIBIT AREA:










Ask Guest Services **4** or Information **?** for specific info on the sensory aspects of the current traveling exhibit.

# BUILDING 5

MAP	TOPIC	SOUNDS	SIGHTS	TOUCH	EXHIBIT DETAILS
<b>18</b>	Seattle Rotary Discovery Labs (classrooms)				<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Classrooms used for camps/birthday parties</li><li>• Noise level varies with usage</li><li>• Sensations vary with usage</li></ul>
<b>19</b>	Birthday Party Entrance				
	PACCAR IMAX® Theater				<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Current movies shown in high resolution on a jumbo movie screen</li><li>• Some 3D movies</li></ul>













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# COURTYARD

MAP	TOPIC	SOUNDS	SIGHTS	TOUCH	EXHIBIT DETAILS
1	Water Works				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hands-on water exhibits: giant granite spinning ball, water cannons and water wheel</li> <li>Water mist may get you wet</li> <li>Ride a bicycle 15-feet above ground</li> </ul>
2	Brown Bag Corner				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shaded picnic tables in a fairly quiet area</li> </ul>
3	Outdoor Stage				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Raised platform for special shows</li> </ul>

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# THEATERS

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	Boeing IMAX® Theater				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current movies shown in high resolution on a jumbo movie screen</li> <li>Some 3D movies</li> </ul>
	PACCAR IMAX® Theater				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current movies shown in high resolution on a jumbo movie screen</li> <li>Some 3D movies</li> </ul>
	Laser Dome				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bright, fast-moving laser light show set to a variety of styles of music</li> </ul>

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