



Detailed Social Story™

Visiting Cheekwood Botanical Gardens

I am going to Cheekwood today! I will know I have arrived at Cheekwood when I see the gates and 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 may be other people in the Visitor Center and I might have to wait in line. I can wait nicely by standing near my mom and dad, talking quietly, and keeping my hands to myself.

At the visitor center, we might buy tickets, get a map, or even get a backpack with lots of things to use during the visit at Cheekwood. 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 Japanese Garden, Color Garden, Water Garden, and Herb 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 may have concrete and others may be of dirt and rocks. If I don't know where to walk, I can ask my mom or dad. When I am in the gardens, I can take lots of photos of the plants. When walking around the gardens, I might also go see the treehouse or train exhibit. I might really like these!

There is a very big house at Cheekwood called a museum. In the Museum, there will be a lot of things to look at. There will be a big staircase that I can walk up with my mom or dad. I might like going up the staircase! On the 2nd floor, there will be many different works of art. I can look at the artworks but will be respectful by keeping my hands to myself and not taking any photos inside the Museum.

Near the museum is a building called the Frist Learning Center. Sometimes there are arts and crafts activities I can go do. If I need to go to the bathroom, I can ask my mom or dad and we will go to the closest bathroom. There are bathrooms in the Museum, Visitor Center, and Frist Learning Center.

I might get hungry when I am at Cheekwood. I can tell my mom or dad and we might eat at the restaurant or we might have a picnic outside with food we brought. We can find 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 and other people at Cheekwood, my mom and dad will be proud of me. I might like going to visit Cheekwood!