

think
talk
make

together.



Ready to take a trip?

This guide is your passport to travel through time. Explore some of the coolest areas of the Gallery of California History. Look closer, think deeper, and get creative—together!





Look for this special magnifying glass at each stop along the way.



This hand means it is okay to touch something in the gallery.



Questions?

Ask an OMCA Gallery Guide.

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Explore This Land

Take a guess. What do you think is behind each door? Search and discover for yourself!

Be an adventurer. If you were traveling to a distant land, where would you go? What do you think you might find?

FUN FACT 500 years ago, Spanish sailors believed the ocean was a dangerous place full of strange creatures and sea monsters.



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Animal Adventures

Start to sketch. Which animal, the California quail or the raccoon, do you want to draw?

Use your imagination. Pretend that you are looking at this animal for the very first time. What do you see?

FUN FACT After quail babies hatch, many adult quails join together in communal broods to care for all the chicks. Quails in communal broods tend to live longer, proving love wins.



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Strike It Rich!

Spin the wheel. What is your Gold Rush fate? Compare your fate to someone in the exhibit. Who made the most money during the Gold Rush? Investigate to see if you're correct.

Take a seat. Using your personal device, have someone snap your picture in the Daguerrian Saloon.

FUN FACT During the Gold Rush, over 300,000 people migrated to California, making dangerous journeys over land and sea from Asia, South America, Europe, the Caribbean, and the eastern U.S.



Behind the Camera

Experiment with film. Make your own stop-motion animation. First, discuss and agree on a storyline. Then, action!

Design an outfit. Try your hand at costume design. Using your phone or camera, take a photo of your costume to show a friend.

FUN FACT For the 2009 3D, stop-motion animation film *Coraline*, costume designers commissioned a knitter to create miniature sweaters and gloves for the tiny models.



Tiny Things

Use the magnifying glass. Find the tiniest animals at OMCA. Can you find a tiny animal... with wings? That lives in the water? With five arms? Inside a fish tank?

Look closely. How many similarities and differences can you find between the tiny model and life-size steam pumper?

FUN FACT The Bee Hummingbird or *Zunzuncito* lives in Cuba and is the world's tiniest bird. It is lighter than a penny and often mistaken for a bee.



Electrifying Fun

Use your hands. Create a closed circuit by touching a negative electron character and a positive proton character at the same time. See what happens when you hold hands with other people.

Investigate more. Why does your body conduct electricity? Use the exhibit to learn why you don't get zapped.

FUN FACT The southern part of the San Francisco Bay Area is called Silicon Valley, coined after the element Silicon (Si), a material that is a crucial component in making computer chips.



Don't Worry!

Pace yourself—it can be hard to see everything in one trip. A museum visit is exciting, but doesn't need to be overwhelming. Use the map to plan out a few stops, and then just let your adventure unfold organically.

Relax

See the comfy seating in our galleries?

That's for you! **Need to refuel?** Blue Oak café has you covered. You can also enjoy your snacks from home in our gardens. **Energy to burn?** Let yourself run free on the lawn, where there is ample open space, sculptures, and wildlife galore.

The Essentials

Gotta go? Restrooms are located outside the galleries on every level. All restrooms are wheelchair accessible and feature baby changing stations. **Tired feet?** Look for lounges in every gallery, or venture into the gardens for outdoor seating and fresh air. **Too much stuff?** Unload in our free lockers located on every floor.

Get Around

Feel free to cruise around the galleries with your stroller. Wheelchairs are available to check out at the ticketing desk. An elevator provides easy access to all three floors, and can be found down the hallway to the left of each gallery entrance.

Books & Blankets

Sometimes you just need to lie down in the grass. We get it. Enter Books & Blankets! Check out this cozy offering at our ticketing desk, and you'll get the best of both worlds—engaging, age-appropriate reading material and a soft blanket to sprawl out on and relax.

Take It Home with You

Okay, not the artifacts and objects, but the next best thing—something from the OMCA Store! From small figurines to stuffed animals, educational books to mind-bending games, and toys to unique gifts, you'll make your kid's day with this move.

Make It Count

Didn't see it all? Here's an easy way to come back again: apply the price of your admission to an OMCA Membership. A Family Membership is only \$95, and pays for itself in just two visits.

Share the Fun

If a tree falls in the forest... well, you know the saying. Spread your love for OMCA on social and tag it **#MuseumOfUs**.



The museum of us.