A visit to Artspace

A social narrative

Guide for first-time visitors, families, and visitors with disabilities
Introduction
We are going to visit Artspace. Artspace is a place where artists of all levels and ages can learn and exchange ideas. Our entrance is on Davie Street. Our front doors are not automatic, they will need to be held open.
Parking

There is free 2-hour street parking along Davie Street in front of Artspace. There is also a paid parking lot at the corner of Davie Street and Person Street. There are two parking decks close by on Blount Street. Curb cuts are located at Davie and Blount Street and Davie and Blake Street. Visitors may be dropped off via the loading zone directly in front of the main entrance.
Inside Artspace

This is the entrance to Artspace. When we enter Artspace, we will be in a lobby where we will see an art gallery to the right, an art gallery straight ahead, and the Front Desk to the left. We might see school groups and other visitors, too!
Inside Artspace

An attendant will be at the Front Desk. The attendant will be happy to see us and glad to answer questions. We can get a visitor guide and find out about things to do while we are there. On the left we will see the Learning Lab. If we want to do any activities in the Learning Lab, we may have to wait in line until it’s our turn.
Restrooms, Wheelchairs, and Water Fountains
On the First Floor and Second Floor, we will find restrooms and water fountains. A wheelchair is available behind the Front Desk on the First Floor. Artspace staff may ask us to leave our drinks, food, umbrellas, backpacks, or large bags at the Front Desk because it's their job to keep the art safe.
Moving through Artspace

Artspace has two floors. We will use stairs or the elevator to move between the floors. The first floor is all concrete. The second floor has uneven surfaces.
Food and Drinks

Food and drinks are discouraged in the galleries and artist studios, but we can have a snack on the bench in the lobby or in nearby Moore Square Park. If we get thirsty in the galleries, we can stop to get a drink at a water fountain.
The Art

Artspace has many different types of art: paintings, sculptures, ceramics, photographs, videos, and textiles. Some of the art may contain images and ideas that some viewers may find challenging. Gallery guides are available at the entrance of each gallery to provide additional context about the art and artists on view.
Artist Studios

There are more than 30 professional artists that work out of studios at Artspace. We will meet some of them during our trip. If the studio door is open you may visit the artist in their studio. They may show us their artwork and talk about how they make it.
How to Be Safe and Have Fun in the Galleries and Artist Studios

- I will stay with my group so I do not get lost. If I do get lost, I will ask a staff member for help.
- I will walk slowly to keep myself and the art safe.
• I won’t get too close to the art. My hands (even when they are clean) have oils on them that could damage the art.
• I will speak quietly and use my inside voice so the other people visiting can enjoy the art in the galleries.
• If I’m curious, I’ll ask questions.
Learning Lab

If we want to explore Artspace at our own pace with fun activities, we can stop by the Learning Lab in the Lobby. There we can pick up a “Look + Learn Gallery Activities” booklet, a “Studio Artist Scavenger Hunt,” or create our own easy art projects to take home!
Leaving Artspace

When we are ready to leave Artspace, we will take all the things we brought and made at Artspace home with us. We will exit through the lobby and return to our vehicles.
Accessibility at Artspace

Accessible Restrooms

- Accessible restrooms are available on the First Floor and Second Floor at Artspace.

Wheelchairs

- One regular wheelchair is available to be checked out at the Front Desk.

Parking and Navigation

- Free ADA-compliant parking is available along Davie Street.
- Curb cuts are located at either end of the sidewalk in front of Artspace.
- An elevator is available to go between the First Floor and Second Floor.
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Service Animals

- Service animals are welcome to visit Artspace. We follow the ADA definition of service animals.

Large Print and Vision

- Braille is on all Artspace studios, emergency signage, elevator, and restrooms.
- All artwork labels are printed in large-text (24pt Arial).
- Audio descriptions are available for select exhibitions.
- Large-print Gallery Guides are available for all exhibitions.
- QR codes on all exhibition documents link to digital versions that can be read with a screen reader.
• Enchroma glasses can be checked out at the front desk for visitors with color blindness.

Accessibility Tours and Accommodations

• School and public docent-led tours including American Sign Language (ASL) are available upon request with at least four weeks notice. Contact Patrick Williams, (919) 821-2787.

• Tactile tours are available for visitors with vision loss. Please request these tours at least four weeks in advance. Contact David Moore, (919) 821-2787.

Coat Check and Water Fountains

• Coat check is available free of charge and is located behind the Front Desk.
• Drinking fountains are located by the restrooms on the First Floor and Second Floor.

Know Before You Go

Please check the Artspace calendar online or call to see if there’s anything happening that might affect your visit. The building may be busy during special exhibitions, artist talks, and public events.

Please contact us if you have any questions or feedback about your visit: (919) 821-2787 or pwilliams@artspacenc.org.

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Regular Hours

Wednesday-Saturday: 11am-7pm
Sunday: 11am-4pm
First Friday: 6-10pm