



Sensory Guide™

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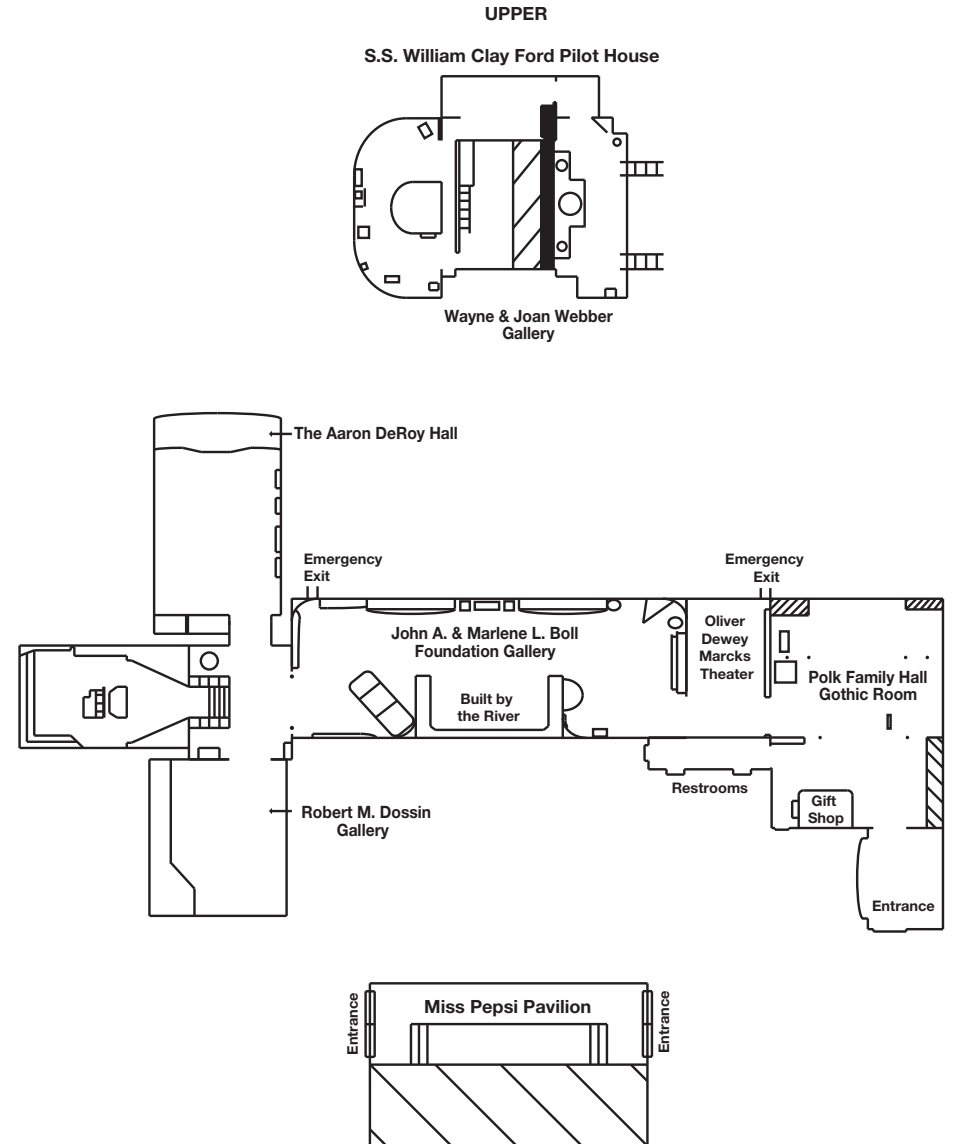


Accessibility is a central tenet of the Detroit Historical Society's core values. As it works to ensure that the Dossin Great Lakes Museum's exhibitions and programming are accessible to the broadest range of constituents possible, including individuals with disabilities, the Society has become a Certified Autism Center to better serve its neuro-diverse visitors. The Society has refined exhibition spaces and posted sensory guides to alert visitors to the level of stimulation present in each gallery. Sensory bags are available at the registration desk and family events regularly offer special hours for individuals who would benefit from a less stimulating museum experience.

The Detroit Historical Society worked with IBCCES to achieve its certification. For more than 20 years, IBCCES has been the industry leader in cognitive disorder training and certification for education, healthcare, corporate and travel & entertainment professionals around the globe. IBCCES provides evidence-based training and certification programs created in conjunction with its board of clinical and subject matter experts and autistic individuals to provide professionals with a better understanding of autism and other neurodivergencies.

This is a gallery-by-gallery guide to the sensory experiences in this museum.

Dossin Great Lakes Museum Map








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100 The Strand Belle Isle,
Detroit, MI 48207

The Gothic Room **Detroit, MI** **ISD#9231**

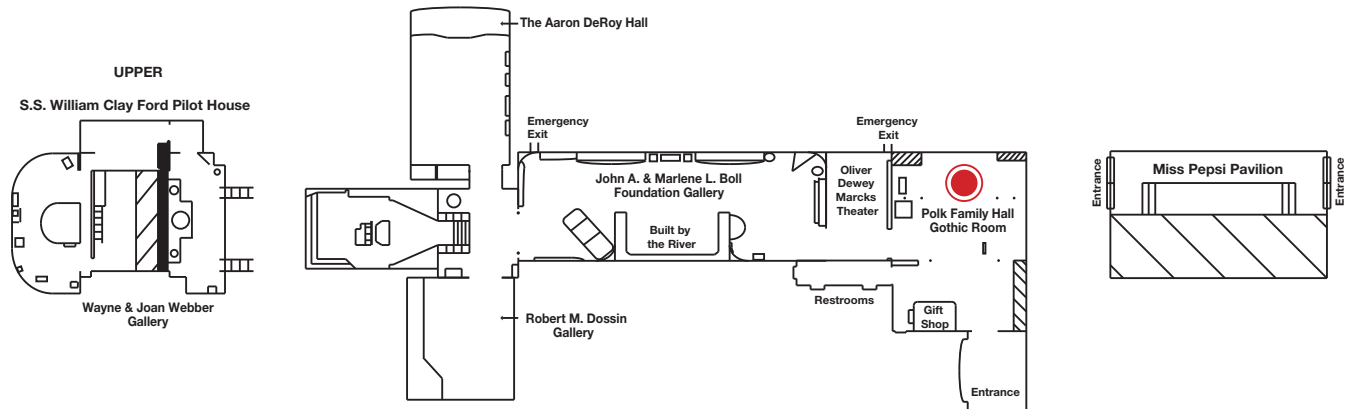
TOUCH	TASTE	SOUND	SIGHT	SMELL
 1	 1	 3	 2	 1

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PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

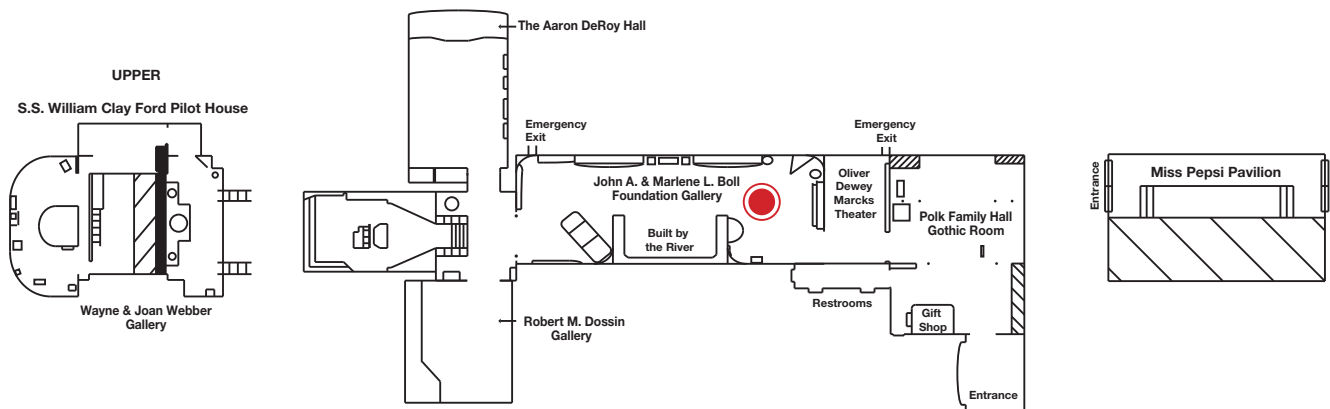
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitors can walk around and explore this exhibit • Low impact on this sense 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low impact on this sense 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sounds may echo in this wooden area • Potential for close proximity/shared space with other visitors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitors can look up and around to see detailed stained-glass windows and wooden structures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low impact on this sense
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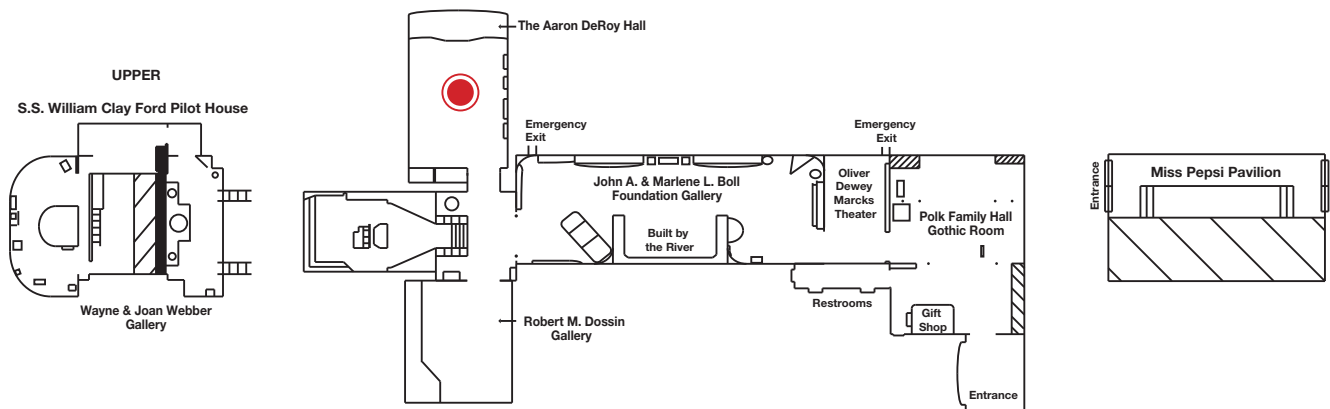
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Built By The River					Detroit, MI					ISD#9233														
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4		1		5		3		1																
PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitors can climb into two different boats for photo opportunities • Visitors can build ships from wooden blocks 					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low impact on this sense 					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audio clips playing throughout exhibit • Potential for volume to rise as more guests move throughout the area and activate the audio clips • Potential for close proximity/shared 					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Viewing of several different stationary exhibits • Some digital screens in this area 					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low impact on this sense 				
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● The Aaron DeRoy Hall Detroit, MI ISD#9235					
TOUCH	TASTE	SOUND	SIGHT	SMELL	
1	1	2	2	1	
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PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitors may walk around and explore this open area • Few opportunities for tactile engagement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low impact on this sense 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is generally a quieter area of the museum • Some background sounds from nearby exhibits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor/overhead lighting • Large windows along one wall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low impact on this sense
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William Clay Ford Pilot House Detroit, MI **ISD#9232**

TOUCH



3

TASTE



1

SOUND



3

SIGHT



3

SMELL



1

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PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES

- Opportunity for tactile engagement with parts of the exhibit

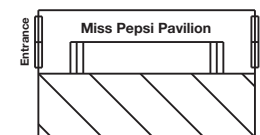
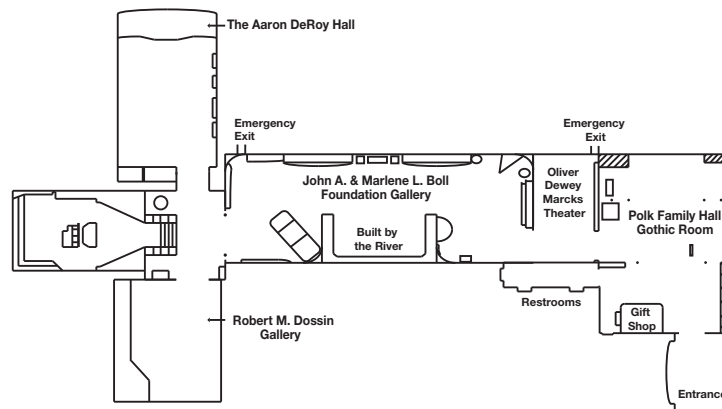
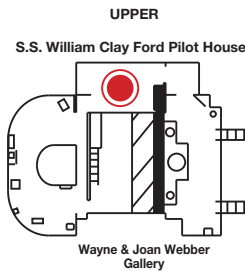
- Low impact on this sense

- Potential for volume to rise as more guests move throughout this narrow area
- Potential for close proximity/shared space with other visitors

- Windows overlook moving water
- Appears as if one is standing on a ship when looking out the windows
- Indoor/overhead lighting

- Low impact on this sense

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● Robert M. Dossin Gallery Detroit, MI ISD#9234

TOUCH



1

TASTE



1

SOUND



2

SIGHT



2

SMELL



1

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- Visitors may walk around and explore this exhibit
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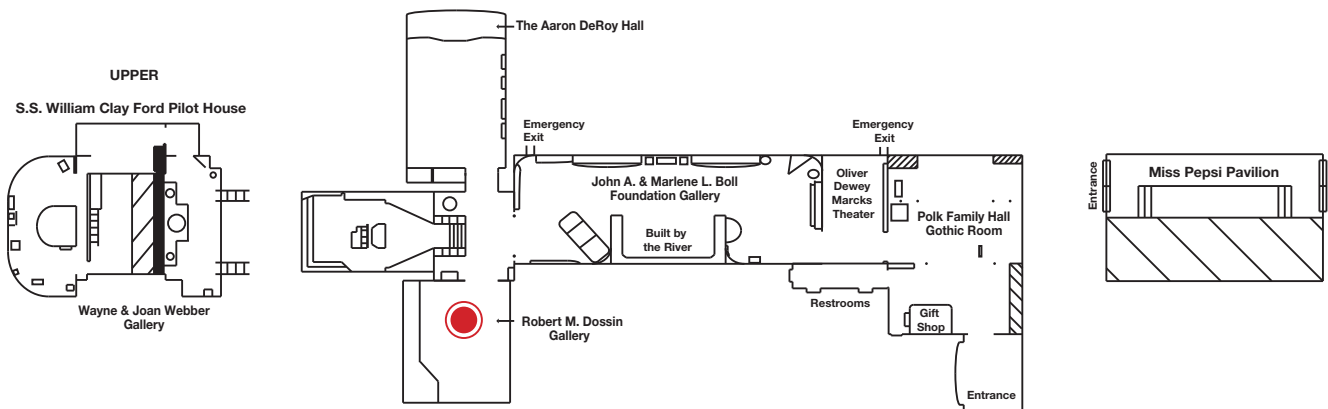
- Low impact on this sense

- This is generally a quieter area of the museum
- Some background sounds from nearby exhibits
- Potential for close proximity/shared space with other visitors

- Indoor/overhead lighting
- Additional lighting displaying parts of the exhibit

- Low impact on this sense

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Miss Pepsi Pavilion

Detroit, MI

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TOUCH



1

TASTE



1

SOUND



2

SIGHT



1

SMELL



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- Visitors may walk through and explore this exhibit
- Low impact on this sense

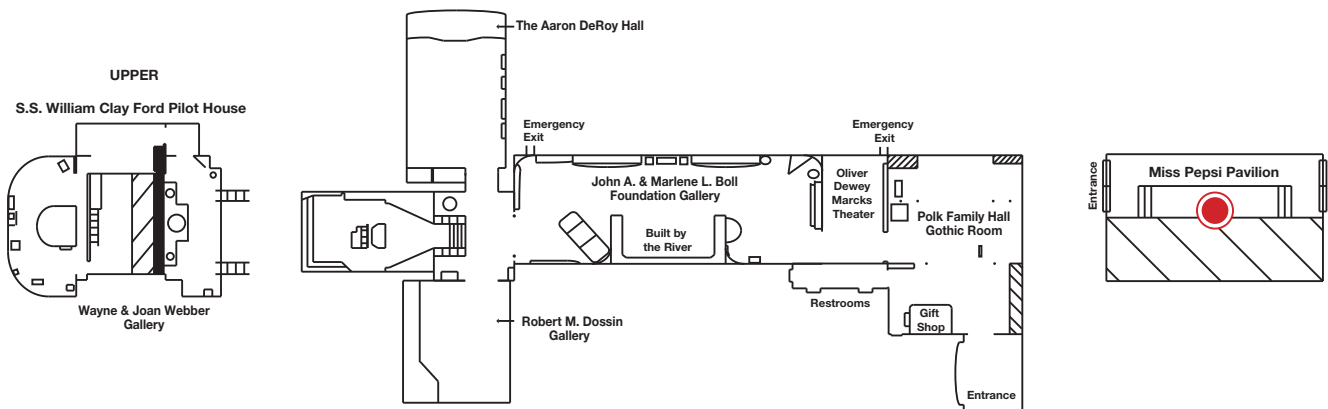
- Low impact on this sense

- Some background street noise may be present

- Large windows provide bright daylight in this exhibit

- Low impact on this sense

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Since its founding in 1921, the Detroit Historical Society has been dedicated to ensuring that the history of our region is preserved. Our vision is to be an integral part of Detroit's present and future by providing meaningful experiences that share its past.



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