**Sensory Tips**

**National Museum of Natural History**

**Mammals Hall**

1. The Rotunda of the museum will be very loud, if you or your child is sensitive to noise, consider the use of noise canceling headphones when at the museum.
2. As you enter Mammals hall from the Rotunda there are three story wall cases full of mammals on both sides of the entrance as well as stand alone cases in the center of the walkway.
3. The hall is divided up by regions of the world the majority of the mammals can be found by walking though the center of the exhibit.
4. There are a number of tactile elements on the reader rails around the exhibit.
5. In the center section of the exhibit, at the top of the ramp, there are glass tiles on the floor that visitors walk over.
6. On the back right side of the exhibit is a hallway that leads to the Mammals store, there are two sound stations. When the button is pressed the glass will light up with an image of an animal followed by the sound the animal makes.
7. At the back of the museum, is the Evolution Theater, the feature playing in the theater is loud and can be heard in the surrounding exhibition area.
8. Toward the back of the exhibit is a section with “Cold” mammals. This section simulates walking through a cave of ice with a Polar Bear looking down at you from the top with seals, sea otters and smaller mammals encased around you as you walk through the space. There also is a small tunnel that children can crawl through with encased mammals on the sides.
9. At the back right side of the exhibit is the entrance into the Hall of Human Origins, there is also a movie playing there that can be loud.