



AMERICA'S CAR MUSEUM®

SENSORY GUIDE













This guide was created as a part of a University of Washington Museology Master's Thesis on AuDHD accessibility in museums. The purpose of this guide is to help AuDHD visitors and their caretakers plan their visits and decide the best route to enjoy the museum based upon their individual sensory needs. Part of this project involved surveying museum visitors and incorporating AuDHD community voices in the creation of this guide.

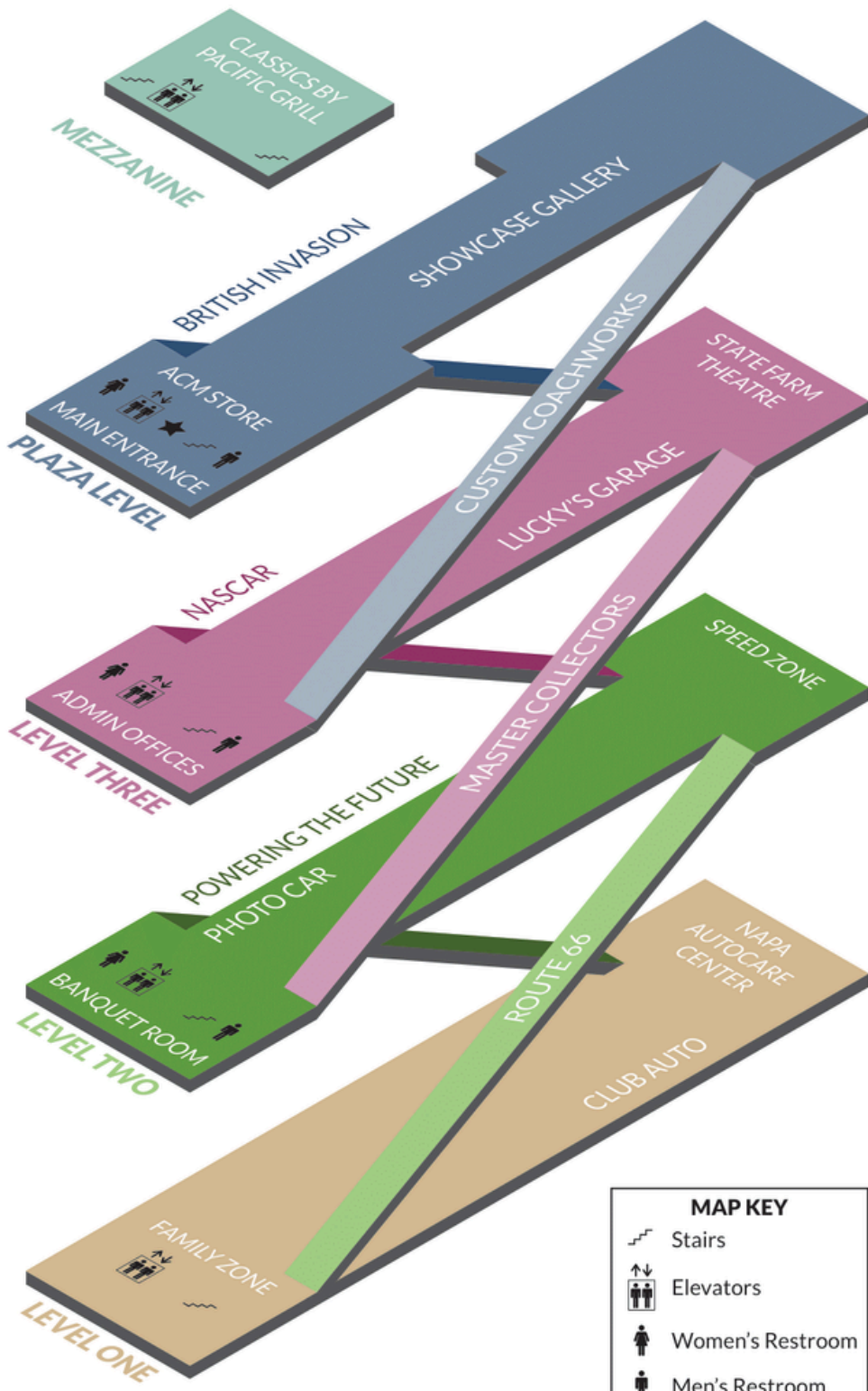
How to Use This Guide: This guide starts on the Mezzanine and works its way downward. It can be used either before or during your visit. There is a map for each floor of the museum and a corresponding page that describes the level of sensory stimuli throughout the galleries on that floor. The stimuli included are light, sounds, smell, and touch, and each one is rated from low to high.

Land Acknowledgement: America's Automotive Trust and LeMay – America's Car Museum acknowledge that we are situated on the traditional lands of the Puyallup People. We gratefully honor and respect their stewardship of this land throughout the generations. We recognize that this land acknowledgement is one small step toward true allyship, and we commit to uplifting the voices, experiences, and histories of the Indigenous people of this land.

Things to Note:

- The best route for viewing the museum is to go down the ramps on the right and back up the ramps on the left.
- There is a cafe inside the museum on the mezzanine floor. Their full menu is available on the museum's website
 - When certain foods are cooking in the cafe, the smell carries throughout the museum, and is especially strong on the ramps between floors.
 - Food and drink are allowed in the cafe area, the lobby, and the store. Only water is allowed in the galleries.
- There are shin-level barriers around the cars to indicate they cannot be touched. However, the height makes them easy to climb over, even for children.
- All of the floors throughout the museum are sloped. They are also made of concrete with a reflective coating that amplifies the effects of bright lights in the space.
- There are benches and some chairs on the ramps and some of the main galleries.

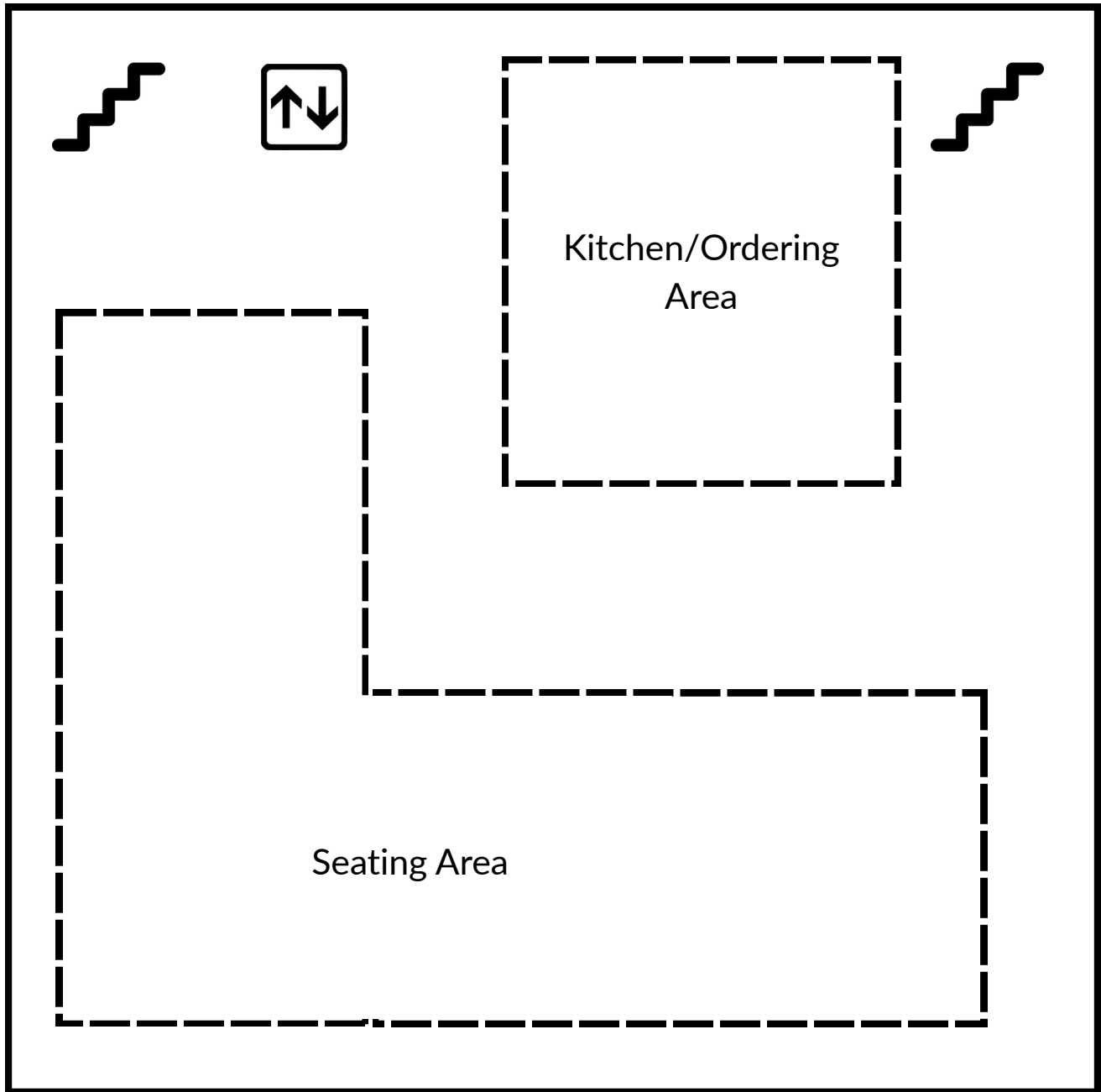
		Sound	Light	Smell	Touch
Sensory Ratings	High				
	Medium				
	Low				



MEZZANINE Classics by Pacific Grill
PLAZA LEVEL Main Entrance ACM Store Showcase Gallery
CUSTOM COACHWORKS RAMP
BRITISH INVASION RAMP
LEVEL THREE Admin Offices Lucky's Garage State Farm Theatre
MASTER COLLECTORS RAMP
NASCAR RAMP
LEVEL TWO Banquet/Board Room Photo Car Speed Zone
ROUTE 66 RAMP
POWERING THE FUTURE RAMP
LEVEL ONE Family Zone Club Auto NAPA AutoCare Center

MAP KEY	
	Stairs
	Elevators
	Women's Restroom
	Men's Restroom
	Guest Services

Mezzanine



Sound

Light

Smell

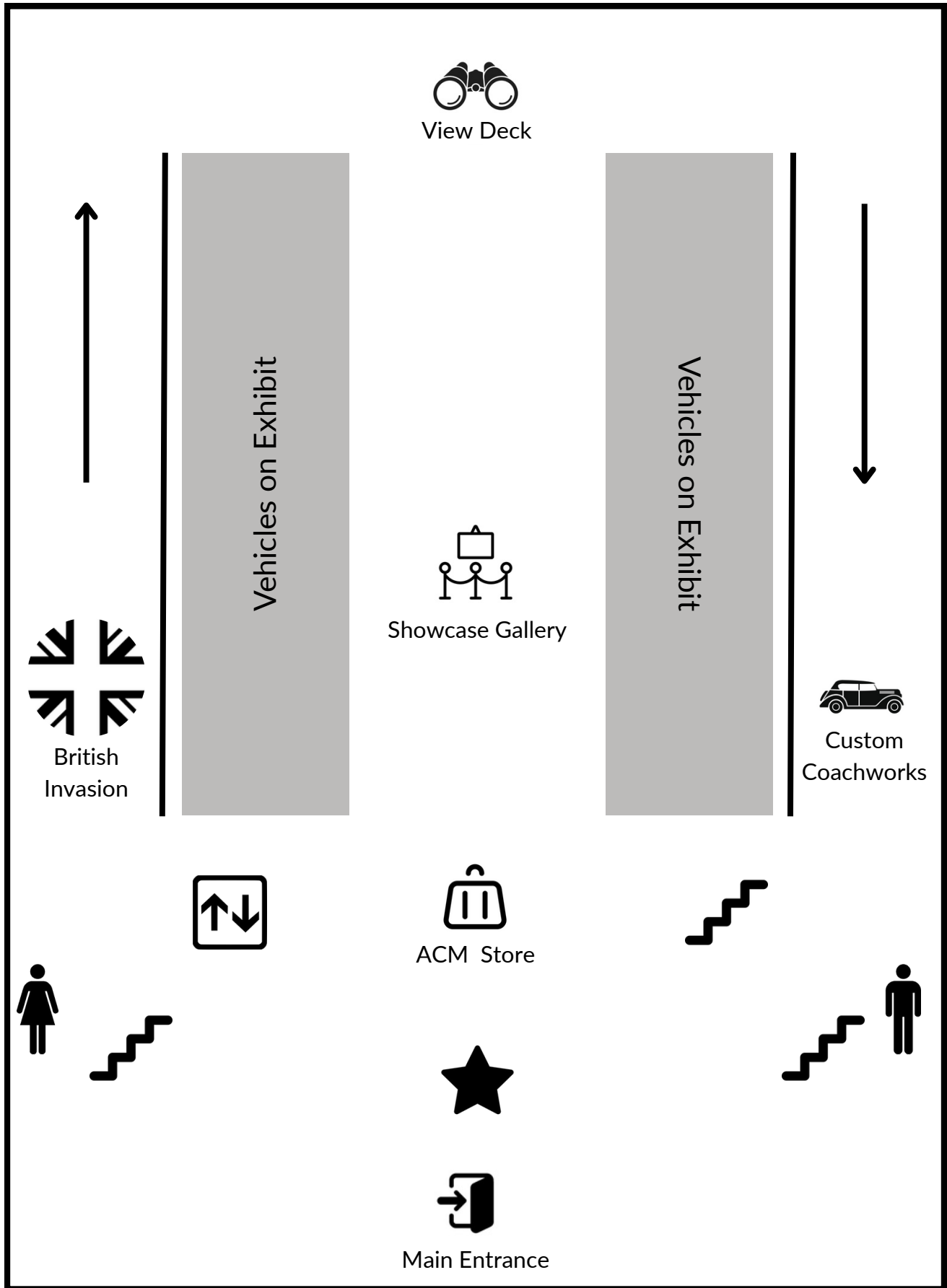
Touch

Notes



Large open space with open railing that overlooks the showcase gallery; variety of smells that can be overwhelming

Level Four



Level Four

Location

Sound

Light

Smell

Touch

Notes



Main Entrance



Lighting is dependent upon weather; can be loud if events are happening outside



ACM Store



Music playing in store



Showcase Gallery



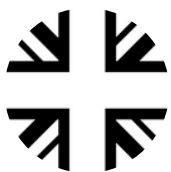
Special Exhibit Gallery: Levels may vary depending on what is on exhibit; sound echoes; food smell from cafe



View Deck



Lighting is dependent upon weather; easily accessible stairs may be a concern for elopers



British Invasion

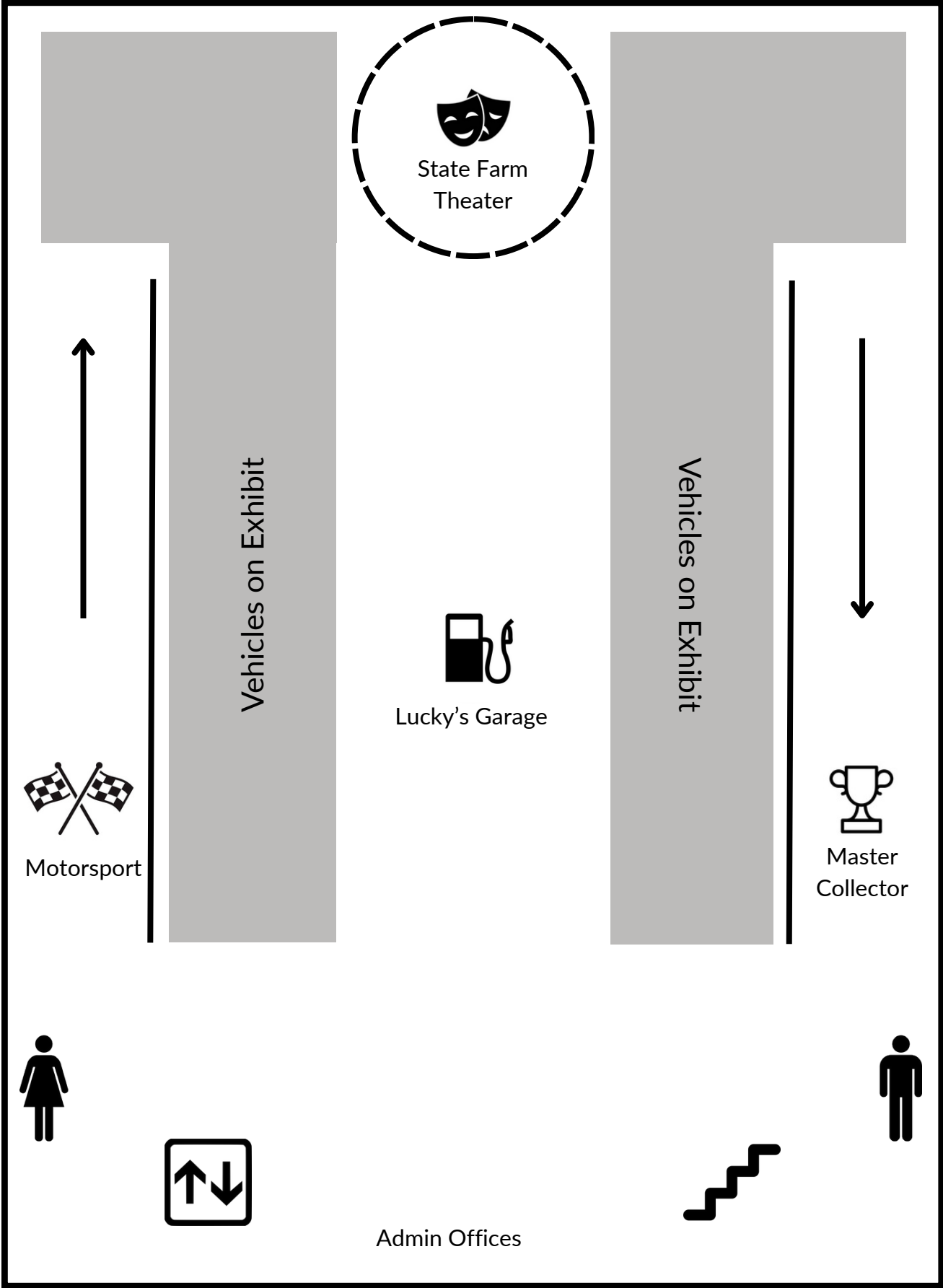


Custom Coachworks



Narrow, gets crowded easily

Level Three



Level Three

Location

Sound

Light

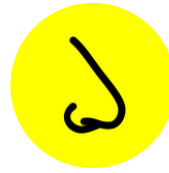
Smell

Touch

Notes



Lucky's Garage



Oil smell



State Farm Theater



Bright lighting when screens are on; moderate volume level; two exit doors at the back



Motorsport



Master Collector



Level Two



Speed Zone

Vehicles on Exhibit

Vehicles on Exhibit



Powering
the Future



Photo Car



Route 66



Banquet Room

Level Two

Location

Sound

Light

Smell

Touch

Notes



Photobooth:
possibility of flash

Photo Car



Interactive area

Speed Zone



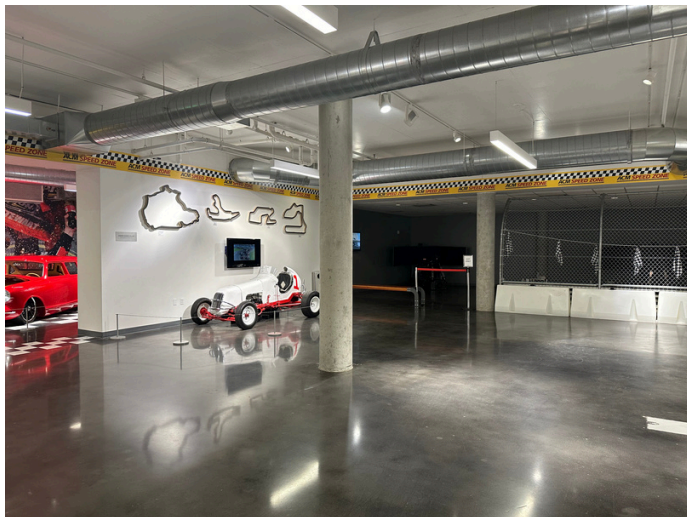
Lots of interactives

Powering the Future



Lots of interactives

Route 66



Level One

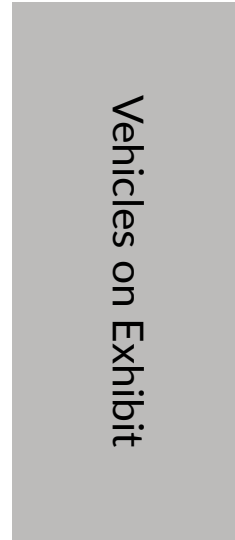
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Auto Care
Center



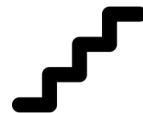
Club Auto



to Route
66



Family Zone



Level One

Location

Sound

Light

Smell

Touch

Notes



Family Zone



Lots of interactives, noise dependent upon number of people present



Club Auto



Rubber smell



Auto Care Center



Can get loud if cars are coming in and out

