Visual guide
for visitors on the Autistic spectrum

Bristol Autism Support

A simple visual guide to M Shed for parents with children on the autistic spectrum.

In it you will find pictures of M Shed's main spaces, its objects, and specific areas that may be of interest to children.

When visiting M Shed, you can also borrow a Little bag of calm from reception. This has been specially designed for M Shed by Bristol Autism support.

M Shed from the outside

Front (main) entrance. This faces the river.

Rear entrance. This faces the carpark.

Side entrance. This goes through the cafe and into the Bristol Life Gallery.

There are large steam cranes outside the front entrance, as well as steam trains and boats. Rides are offered on all of these at set times.

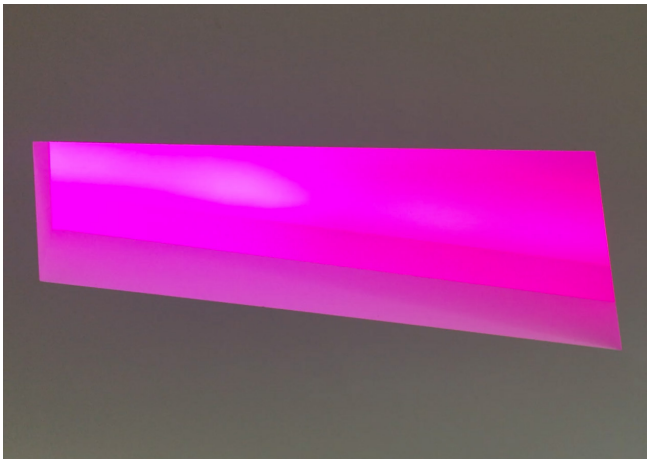
Inside M Shed

Welcome desk.

Gift shop.

The foyer - sometimes it can be noisy here!

Another view of the foyer.



When you are in the foyer, look up! There are colour changing light panels in the ceiling that are calming to look at.

Stairs.

Inside M Shed

The main cafe area.

The second area of the cafe.

Toilet stalls.

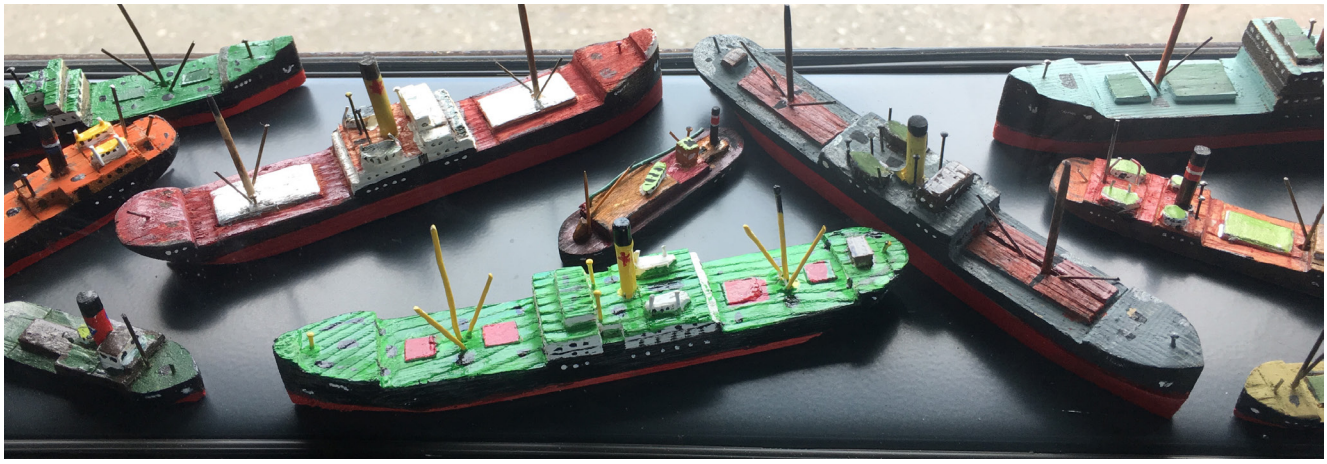
Toilet sinks. There are electric hand dryers in all of the toilets but they are not very loud.

First Floor Landing

There are interesting things to see here, and a play area with toys.

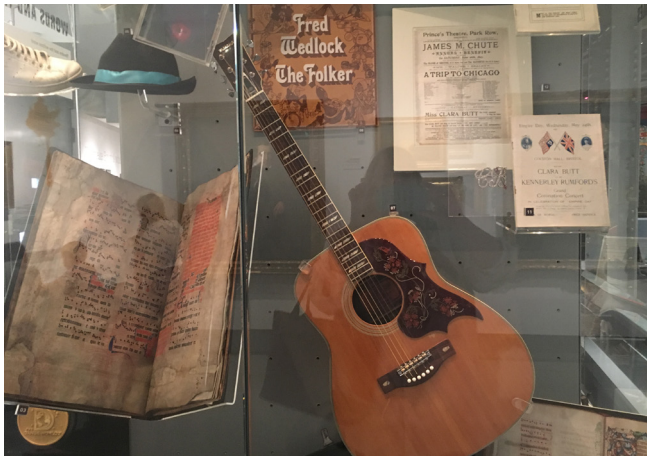
Bristol Places Gallery

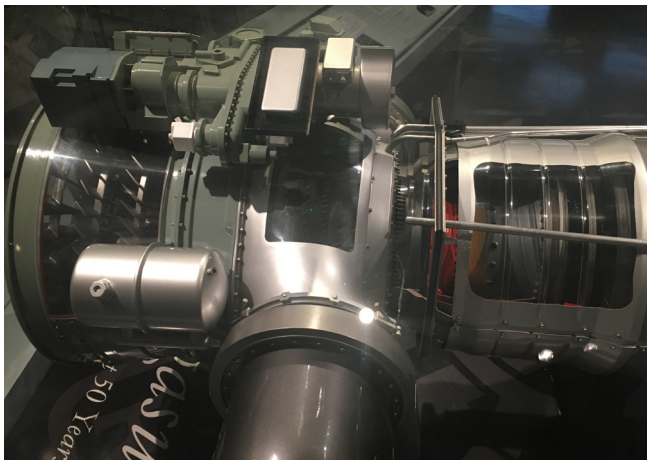
The Bristol Places gallery tells the story of how and why Bristol has changed over time. In this gallery there are vehicles people have used to travel around the city over the years. There are also displays about homes, neighbourhoods, work and the discoveries that have taken place in the city. Here are some of the things you will see in the Bristol Places Gallery.



Bristol People Gallery

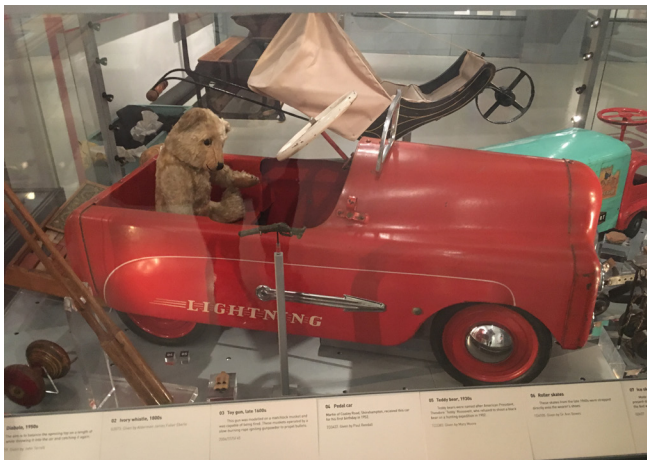
The Bristol People gallery on the First Floor explores the activities past and present that make Bristol what it is. The main themes are creating, trading, challenging and celebrating. In this gallery you'll learn about music, art, technology and industry that has developed in Bristol. Information about Bristol's involvement in the slave trade is also in this gallery, and you can learn about how civil and human rights have evolved over time.





Bristol Life Gallery

In this gallery, you will learn how families have lived, learned, worked and socialised and find out why people have moved here over the years and learn about the challenges they have faced.



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