



Adventure Forest Rules & Recommendations

- Climbers must be 5 years old or 44", and be able to climb independently.
- Children must be accompanied by an adult inside the Adventure Forest "zone."
 - *Have a younger child? You can give the green light for your older child to climb, then stay low with your wee one and watch from below.*
- Adults are responsible for their children at all times.
- Children may not be worn or carried.
- Helmets must be worn at all times.
- Sturdy, closed-toe shoes are highly recommended.
- Comfortable clothing and sunscreen recommended.
- Leave loose items, bags and backpacks behind.

**Participation involves strenuous physical activity, including climbing, crawling and tight spaces. If you have an existing medical condition that would be affected, please do not climb.*

Adventure Forest Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Adventure Forest "zone"?

Adventure Forest is the large sculpture at the back of Joy Park. There is a fence around the entire sculpture, called the "zone." This is where people check in, get oriented and get their helmet, and can watch from below if they are not climbing. Everyone is welcome in the zone, including non-climbers and small children, but only 5+ or 44" tall can climb.

Why do I need to be with my child to enter the Adventure Forest "zone"?

All children need parental consent to climb Adventure Forest. You need to be with your child to check them in, hear the orientation, and go through the helmet fitting process. At that point, if they meet the requirements for height/age, they can climb on their own.

Can I leave my kids once I check them in to Adventure Forest?

Once you have gone through the orientation and helmet fitting, if they can climb on their own, you may leave the Adventure Forest fence to explore other areas of Joy Park. As is the policy through the whole Museum, parents are responsible for their children at all times.

Is the age/height is a strict rule?

Yes, 44" or 5 years old to climb is a rule, not a suggestion. We designed Adventure Forest to be for confident climbers and as we went through the testing process to refine the rules and recommendations, we designated children must be 44" tall or 5 years old to climb. These standards are set in place for safety reasons.

Do I need to climb with my child?

No. There is a fence around Adventure Forest which will allow you to check your child in and you can watch from below.

My 6 year old wants to climb, but I have a 3 year old who is too small – can I check my child in to climb alone?

Yes. Younger children can enter the Adventure Forest “zone” and children who are old/tall enough can climb on their own.

Will there be an opportunity for younger kids to use Adventure Forest?

At this time, there are no plans for early learners’ times in Adventure Forest. There are multiple experiences throughout Joy Park for younger children, including a brand new slide that was part of the Adventure Forest project.

When will Adventure Forest be open?

Adventure Forest opens on June 3, and it will be open whenever Joy Park is. In the case of inclement weather, Adventure Forest and Joy Park may close.

Are there lockers near Adventure Forest to put our things?

Free, non-locking cubbies are available inside the entrance to the Adventure Forest fence. There are coin-operated lockers inside the Museum near Fire Station No. 1, the Center for the Young Child and the Water exhibit.

Does Adventure Forest cost extra?

No. Adventure Forest and Joy Park are included with Museum admission.