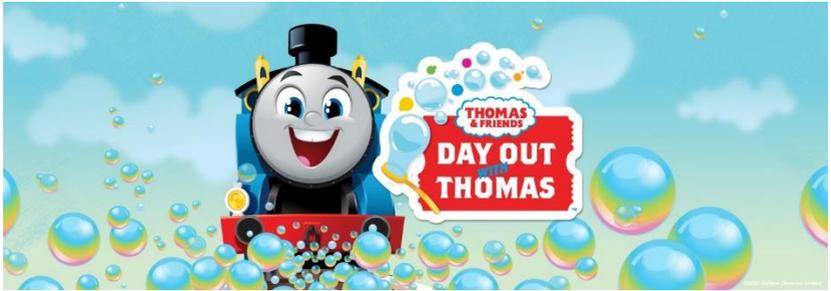


My visit to Day Out With Thomas: The Bubble Tour



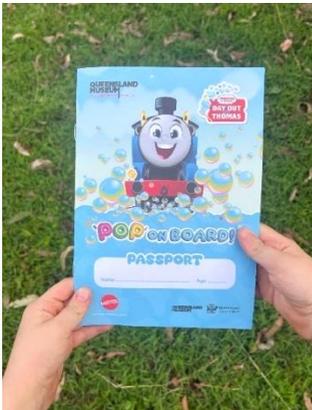
I am going to the Queensland Museum Rail Workshops, Ipswich for Day Out With Thomas. I can also call this place the Museum.



When I arrive, I will see the large entrance sign, Thomas pictures and bubbles. I will enter through the blue double doors in the middle of the building.



Once I am inside, we will show the staff our tickets or buy some if we need to. There are many friendly staff who can help me while I visit. They wear black shirts and a name badge.



I will be given a Day Out With Thomas Passport, inside is a map, activity guide and a schedule with performance times. There are also different activities I can choose to do while I visit.



Outside the entrance I see a big open area. There are colourful painted lines and a picture of a giant worker painted on the ground. I find the word 'WELCOME' and I will see coloured lines to different areas. I might hear music and see bubbles floating around the space.



The Museum is inside the huge building at the end of the red line. This building was once a workshop, it is very big because trains were made inside.



There are many places to explore outside with grass and shade. I can choose which way I want to explore with my family or friends.



If I follow the yellow line to the left, I will find bubble play activities.

This outside area is called the Bubble Zone.



I can play, make bubbles and I can watch a bubble performer make giant bubbles too.
I wonder what costume they will wear today?



Near by, under the edge of the building, I can visit the Bubble Domes. I can go inside and play with balloons or inflated balls. It is a little like a cubby house.



There are more activities outside to explore.

I can have my face or my arm painted if I like. I will have to wait my turn, but that's okay, this gives me time to choose a design before I sit down.



I might like a ride in the Land Train. I will wait for the train driver to help me into a carriage. To be safe I need to sit down and keep my arms inside the train. There may be a queue sometimes, but that's okay because the wait won't be too long.



I can find the Track Builder area where I might design my own train tracks and play with toy trains.



If it's raining, or very stormy, some of the outside activities might close. This is to keep me safe so I don't hurt myself. This is okay, because there are lots of other fun things to do under cover and inside the Museum.



Not far away I will see Thomas! Thomas blows steam and bubbles, and his face moves!



A man with a big black hat and yellow waist coat sings and performs with Thomas. His name is Sir Topham Hatt, and I can watch his performance if I want to.

He will have a microphone and loud enough for everyone to hear him. Sir Topham Hatt will sing songs and talk to Thomas.



There may be lots of people in this area watching the performance. I can sit on a chair, the ground or my carer's lap.



I can sing and dance to the music if I like or I can watch from further away if I prefer.



I will see Rusty and Dusty too! They both have brooms move around the Museum when they perform. I can pose for photo with them if I want to.



After the performance I can climb inside Thomas. I will walk carefully up the stairs and down the other side.



I can wear my ear savers anytime I like, inside or outside the Museum.

I can also borrow a pair from the ticket desk or front entrance.

Inside the Museum



There are more activities inside the Museum. To go inside I will walk between Nia and Percy, and through the bubble doors.



Inside to the right there is a red desk. My family and friends can buy more tickets for the Land Train or more craft activities here if they want to.

A staff member will be here, they can answer questions or help me find activities.



If I need directions to the toilets or where to find first aid, I can ask one of the Museum staff. I can also ask the staff for help if I can't find my adult, family or friends.



Beyond the red desk I will see giant bubbles hanging from the ceiling. Underneath I can sit at a table and choose from different Thomas activities, I can colour in or do some construction.



Nearby I can learn to make a badge with the badge machine. Or I can make a bubble bauble to take home.



Both activities use scissors, gluing and colouring, I can ask my carer to help me.



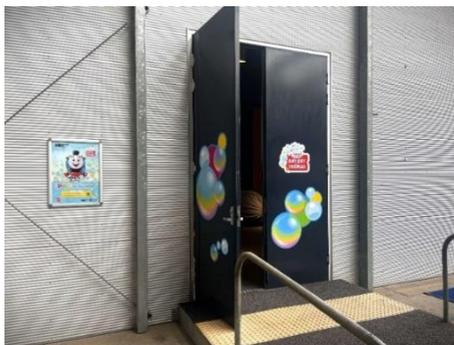
There are other activities to explore in the Museum,
I will use the map in my passport to find my way.



I can search for Thomas characters like Clarabel,
Diesel, D199, Douglas, George and Trevor. It is a
game to find them all.



I can look for a tiny Thomas and his friends in the model train display. They might be moving on the track or hiding in the display.



The Relaxing Room is inside the big blue doors to the left of the red desk. Here I can watch 'The Great Bubbly Build'. This film is 25 minutes long and plays once an hour. When this film isn't playing the screen shows bubbles through a microscope.



This is a great place to look at a book or chill out in a big blue bean bag. There is a grey mat on the floor, it is squishy under my feet. I can stay in here as long as I like.



If I'd like to be somewhere quiet, I can visit the Quiet Room. It has no screens or sounds.

It also has soft bean bags and I can draw or read a book here too.



If I have big energy I will visit Play Central. It is a play space where I can ride a bike or use the building blocks.



There are lots of vehicles to explore! A train, a boat and a truck that I can climb inside and touch.



There are different areas around the Museum I can play and touch. I can play with activities at the Sciencentre and the Thomas Play Pod.





When it's time for lunch, I can go to the Dining Hall. This is like a restaurant, and I can buy some food and drinks. I can find it if I follow the blue line on the ground.

I can also eat some food that I brought from home outside in Railway Park. I won't take any food inside the Museum.

Museums are places for sharing ideas, learning new things playing and having fun!



I will have a great visit if I remember to:

- Stay with my family or friends
- Walk when inside the Museum
- Take turns with other children and families
- Ask for help from the friendly staff
- Be gentle with the activities



Lots of objects in the Museum are very fragile, so I will ask my adult or carer before I touch something – just in case – so we don't accidentally damage it.

I'll also make sure I eat food outside.



When I am ready to leave, we will exit through the building at the front of the Museum.



Thomas will be back next year – Goodbye!
Maybe I will visit again!