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# WONDERS OF WILDLIFE PRE-VISIT GUIDE





# WELCOME TO WOW!

Today I am going to Wonders of Wildlife to see and learn about animals that live all over the world.







# BEFORE I ARRIVE

Before I arrive, I will make sure to prepare myself for challenges and think of ways to help make my journey through the aquarium enjoyable.



# WHAT TO BRING

It is a good idea for me to bring the following items if I think I will need them:

- headphones
  - gloves
- small fidget toy
- feelings card
- water bottle

If I forget to bring mine, some of these items will be available for me at the ticket counters.







# PARKING

The parking lot is very big and has many cars. I need to be sure to walk – not run – to the main entrance of Wonders of Wildlife.



# THE MAIN ENTRANCE

I need to go into these doors to enter Wonders of Wildlife.

When I get to the lobby, it may seem a little dark, loud, and may be crowded. I can cover my ears or wear my headphones if needed.







# FACILITY LAYOUT

Wonders of Wildlife has 3 separate parts to the tour:

1. Nature's Best Photography
2. Wildlife Galleries
3. Aquarium Adventure



# ASKING FOR HELP

If I have any questions or need help, I can ask a friendly team member. They wear black or green shirts or jackets with the Wonders of Wildlife logo on it.

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# PURCHASING TICKETS

I can get tickets 2 ways. I can purchase tickets on the Wonders of Wildlife website before I arrive

or

I can wait in line in the lobby and purchase tickets at the ticket counter.



# SENSORY ITEMS

If I would like to use a sensory item to help me tour through the aquarium and museum, I can go to the one of the ticket counters and find an item that works best for me. These are the options they have for me.



Tangle Twist



Pop-It



Stretch String



Marble Mesh



Portable Fan



Headphones





# WHERE TO START

I will go to the Nature's Best Photography entrance in the lobby, wait in line, and let the team member scan my ticket.

I might get nervous about how tall the escalator is or how dark the room is, but I can ask a team member where the elevator is.



# NATURE'S BEST PHOTOGRAPHY

Once at the top of the escalator, I walk through a long hallway with large pictures, videos, and screens. This is a quiet area if there not many people around.







# BASS PRO AND NASCAR MUSEUM

The Bass Pro and NASCAR Museums, located by the large brass buck, are free exhibits. I can tour these areas if I would like to learn more about Bass Pro Shops or NASCAR.





# WILDLIFE GALLERIES ENTRANCE

I will wait in line to get my ticket scanned by a team member, then I will be ready to enter the Wildlife Galleries.







# PHOTOS

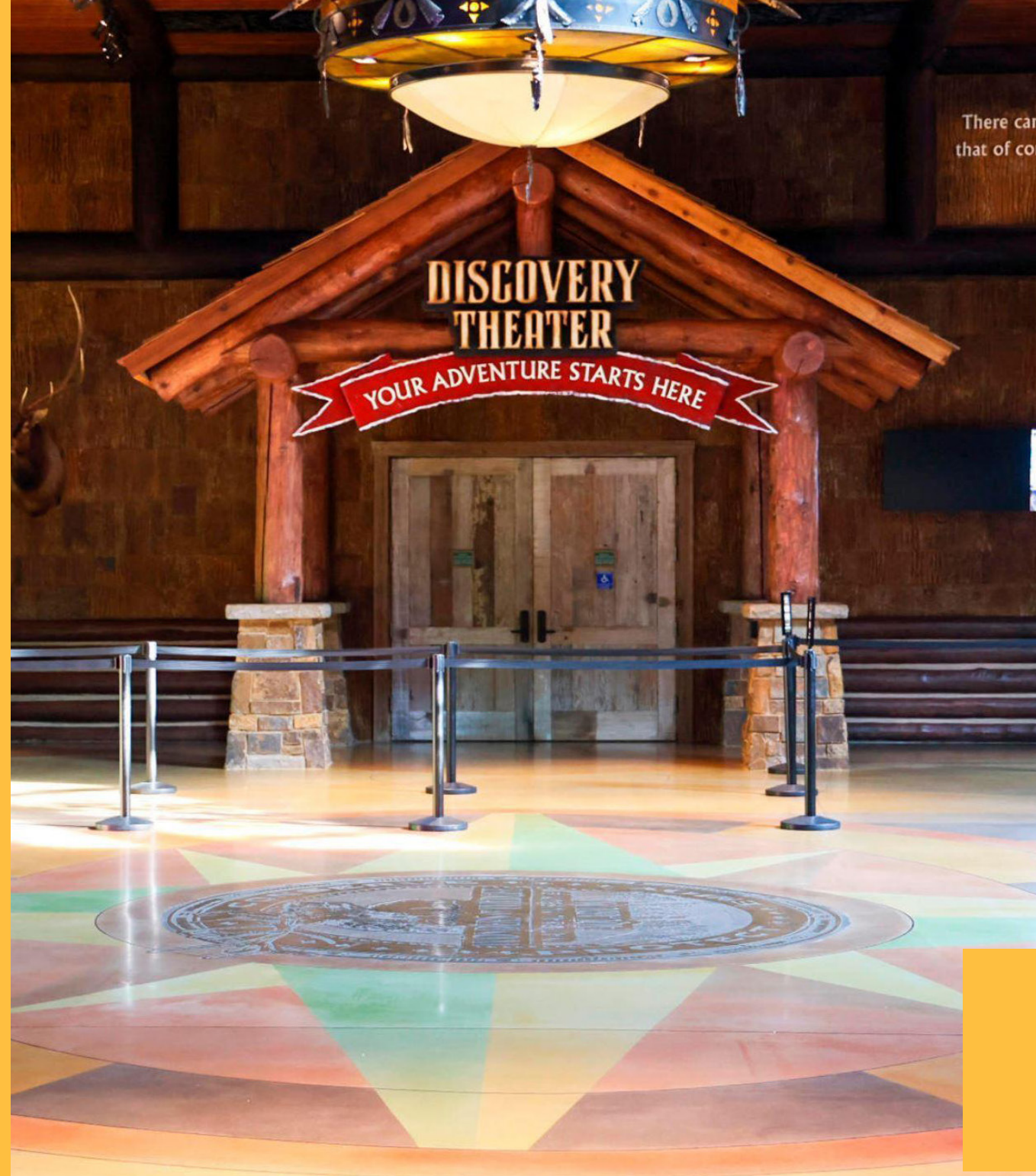
If I want, I can get my picture taken so I can remember my trip to Wonders of Wildlife. There is a flash when the picture is taken. It does cost extra money, though. The picture will be waiting for me in the aquarium lobby when I am done with my visit. I can say “No thank you” if I do not want my picture taken.



# DISCOVERY THEATER

I will enter the Discovery Theater to watch a short video when the doors are open. If I want to watch the video and the doors are not open, there is a screen to the right of the door that tells me how much longer I need to wait until the next showing.

Inside the theater, it is dark, and the movie can have loud, sudden noises. If I do not want to watch the video, I can keep walking through the hallway to start the Wildlife Galleries tour.







# WILDLIFE GALLERIES

The Wildlife Galleries have different rooms displaying taxidermy and artificial habitats. If I feel overwhelmed by the exhibits, I can calmly walk to the next exhibit, ask a team member for help, or find a place to sit and collect my thoughts.



# FLOORING

Some areas of Wonders of Wildlife have different flooring textures. Some floors are rough and unlevel, while others are smooth like glass. I will make sure to watch my step and be aware of changing floors.







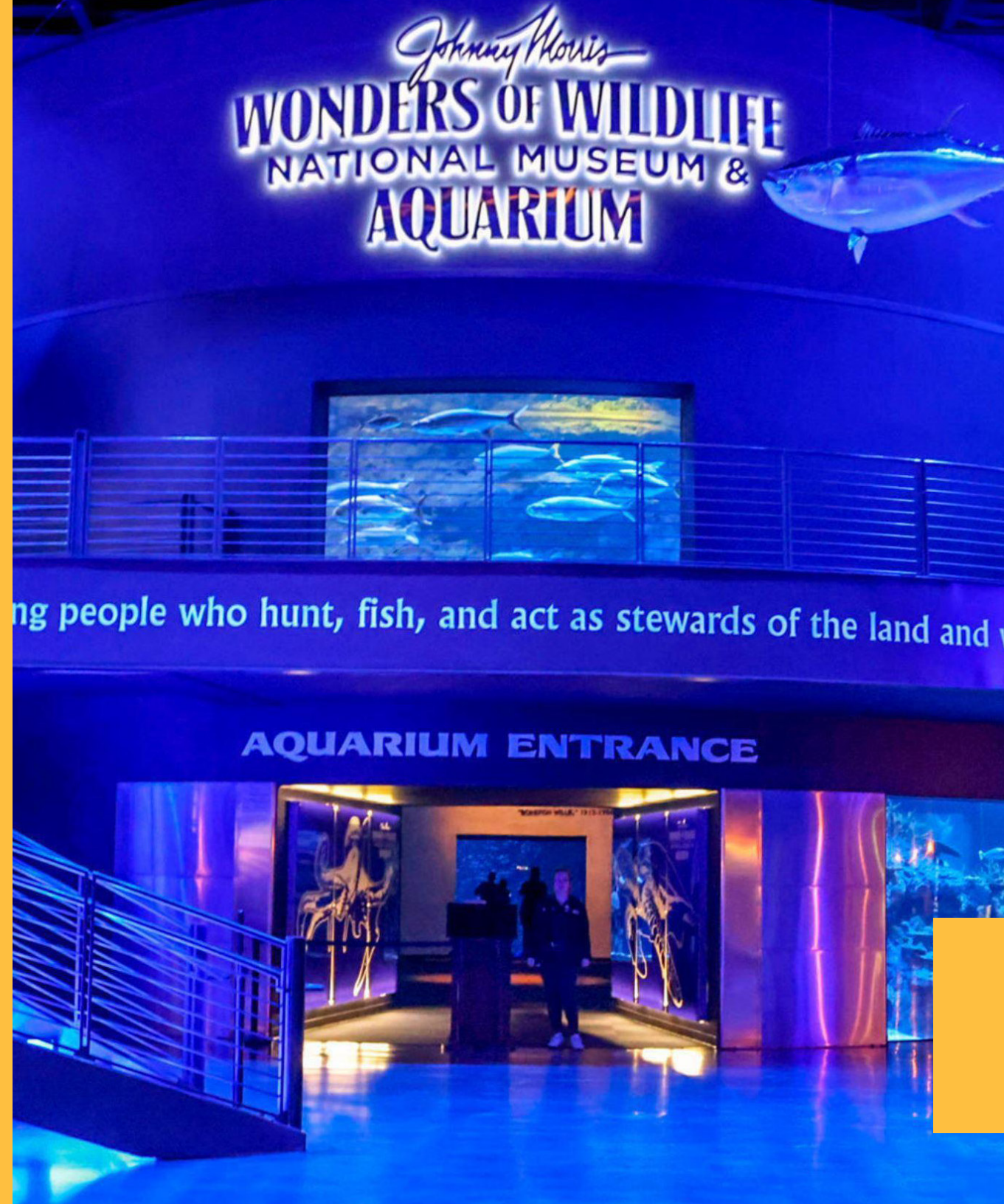
# CATWALK

At the end of the Wildlife Galleries, there is a large catwalk that is very bright and tall. If I feel nervous walking along this area, I can take the elevator to the main level of the lobby.



# AQUARIUM ENTRANCE

I will wait in line to get my ticket scanned by a team member. It may be loud and crowded in the lobby but I can cover my ears or wear my headphones if needed.







# AQUARIUM ADVENTURE

The aquarium has animals from all over the world. If I get excited about an animal, I will remain calm and keep my hands to myself. If I get nervous around an animal, I will calmly walk away and know that I am safe.



# ESCALATORS AND ELEVATORS

To get through the facility, there are escalators and elevators I might have to take to get to the next exhibit. If I am nervous about these obstacles, I can choose whichever option is easiest for me to use or ask a team member for help.







# TAKING PICTURES

I am allowed to use my phone or camera to take photos and videos at Wonders of Wildlife. I will make sure that my flash is turned off so I do not frighten the animals that live here.



# BRIGHT EXHIBITS

There are a lot of fun exhibits at Wonders of Wildlife. Some of them are bright, but I can shield my eyes if they're too bright for me.







# DARK EXHIBITS

Other exhibits may be dark, but I'll still be able to see well enough to walk around. I can always ask a team member for help if I need it.



# TEMPERATURES AND SCENTS

Many rooms in the Wildlife Galleries and Aquarium Adventure have unique scents and temperatures. If I am uncomfortable with the temperature or the scent of a room, I can continue walking to the next area in my tour.







# TOUCH POOLS

When I tour the aquarium, I can gently touch animals like horseshoe crabs, stingrays, or small sharks. Team members will show me how to touch safely. If I do not want to touch them, I can just watch them swim. Sometimes the tanks will be closed to give the animals a rest. If they are not open, I can come visit these animals next time.



# LEARNING

I can learn a lot at Wonders of Wildlife! I might get to see a team member giving a talk about an exhibit or animal. I can also read the signs or watch the videos to learn more about the animals in each exhibit.







# RESTROOMS

There are several restrooms located all around the facility. If I need to use the restroom, I can look for a restroom sign or ask a team member to help me find the closest one.



# RESTAURANTS

If I get hungry, I can visit Fish Tales Café in the aquarium lobby or the Shipwreck Reef Snack Bar in the aquarium. These cost extra money.







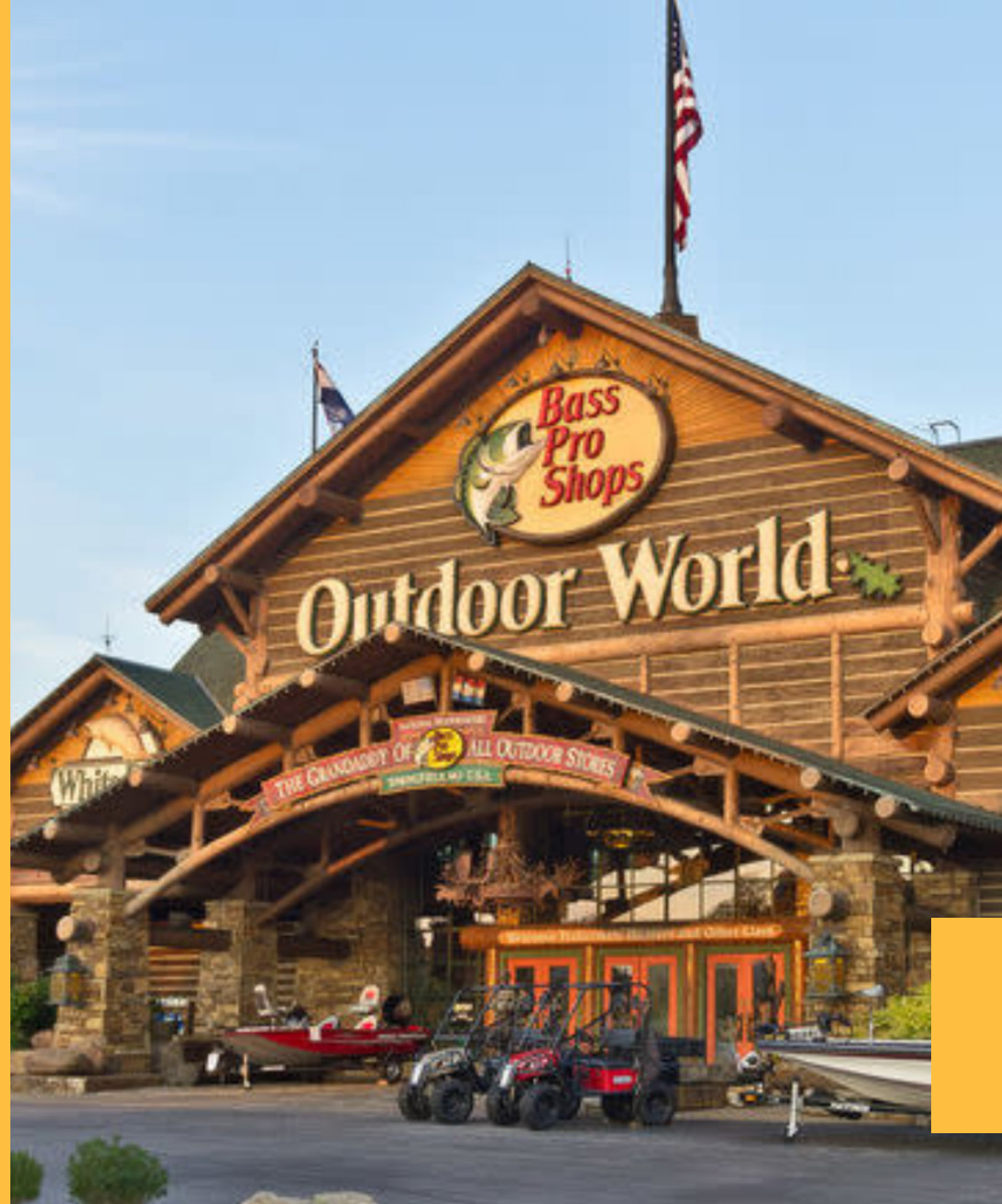
# THE GIFT SHOP

When I exit the aquarium, I will walk through the gift shop. If I brought money and would like to purchase an item, I can. If not, I can walk through the gift shop to get back to the main lobby.



# BASS PRO SHOPS ENTRANCE

I can still access the aquarium if I enter through the main doors of Bass Pro Shops. I can also go shopping in Bass Pro, so I will need to bring money if I want to shop.







# BASS PRO SHOPS ENTRANCE

If I come in the Bass Pro entrance, I can find this escalator and the big brass deer. This is where I can start my tour of Wonders of Wildlife. If I need help finding my way, I can ask an associate for directions.



# BEING PREPARED

Knowing what to expect when I go to Wonders of Wildlife will help me stay calm, safe, and enjoy my visit.







**THANK YOU!**

I can't wait to come back to Wonders of Wildlife and visit the animals!