



## FAQs for the MuseumLab Experience

### What is MuseumLab?

MuseumLab is a place where children and youth can have creative experiences in art, tech and making, play with interactive art pieces, get lost in a three-story climbing sculpture and explore the “beautiful ruin” architecture and design of this historic building from 1890.

Some exhibits and activities are geared towards ages 9+ but all ages are welcome to visit and experience MuseumLab.

Admission is included with general admission to Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh. You may also purchase admission to MuseumLab alone at the MuseumLab Admissions desk.

### Where is MuseumLab located?

MuseumLab is located right next door to the Children’s Museum in the former Carnegie Free Library of Allegheny. The address is 6 Allegheny Square East, Pittsburgh, PA 15212.

## Weekend Workshops at MuseumLab

Weekend workshops at MuseumLab are 75-minute sessions where youth and adults ages 9 and up can explore hands-on art and making processes in a focused environment designed for playful learning and deep engagement.

### General information + What to Expect

#### What ages are workshops for?

Workshops at MuseumLab are for ages 9 and up as they offer a deep dive into processes that may require fine motor skills and the ability to follow safety guidelines. They also often use tools and materials appropriate for this age. Adults are welcome to participate with their child but must purchase a separate ticket.

#### Where do the workshops take place?

All workshops take place in MakeLab, the state-of-the-art makerspace in MuseumLab.

### **What should workshop participants wear?**

Please wear comfortable clothes and closed-toed shoes for safety.

### **Is MuseumLab accessible?**

Yes! Learn more details about accessibility at MuseumLab here. If you need any accommodations, please indicate your needs when you purchase your workshop ticket [here](#).

## **Workshop Ticketing & Check In**

### **Do I need to reserve tickets online or can I purchase them at the museum?**

Workshop spots are limited so please purchase your workshop tickets online [here](#) to ensure you get a spot. You will need to create an account to register. Walkup tickets may be available.

### **Does the workshop ticket include admission to MuseumLab and/or Children's Museum of Pittsburgh?**

Workshop tickets do not include admission to MuseumLab or Children's Museum of Pittsburgh. If you and your child wish to explore both buildings, you must purchase a general admission ticket at the Children's Museum Admissions desk. If you would like to explore MuseumLab only, you must purchase a MuseumLab admission ticket at the MuseumLab Admissions desk.

### **How do I check in for the workshop?**

Please arrive at the Admissions desk of MuseumLab 10-15 minutes before the start of the workshop to check in. Have your workshop ticket confirmation email ready to present. You'll be given a lanyard to wear that indicates you are participating in the workshop.

## **Parent + Caregiver Information**

### **Can I drop my child off for a workshop?**

Children ages 9 and up can attend the workshop without a parent or caregiver. You will sign a waiver and provide emergency contact information when you purchase a ticket for the workshop. If you drop your child off, please pick them up at MuseumLab promptly when the workshop is over.

### **If I drop my child off, what can I do while they attend a workshop?**

Parents and caregivers are welcome to visit the Café at Children's Museum of Pittsburgh or Buhl Community Park across from MuseumLab. If you wish to explore museum exhibits with younger children while an older child attends a workshop, please purchase museum admission for everyone in your party. Workshop tickets do not include general admission to Children's Museum of Pittsburgh or MuseumLab.

**Can I attend the workshop with my child?**

Yes! We encourage children and adults to learn together at MuseumLab. Adults who participate with their child must purchase a separate ticket.

**Can my child explore MuseumLab on their own before or after the workshop?**

Workshops tickets do not include admission to MuseumLab or Children's Museum of Pittsburgh. If you and your child wish to explore both buildings, you must purchase general admission tickets at the Children's Museum Admissions desk. If you would like to explore MuseumLab only, you must purchase MuseumLab admission tickets at the MuseumLab Admissions desk.

## Gymlacium

Move across a bridge and up ladders, wriggle through tubes, scale hills and relax in hammocks in this unique climbing sculpture by artist Manca Ahlin. There are surprises to uncover on each level!

Gymlacium has some uneven surfaces, narrow passages and spaces that can only be accessed by crawling or climbing. It contains physical challenges similar to caving and rock climbing. You must be 48" or taller to explore safely.

Gymlacium is made from hemp rope and visitors with sensitivities to natural fibers may need to take extra precautions or opt not to explore it.

**When can I visit Gymlacium?**

Sessions are offered at:

12:15 pm, 1:15 pm, 2:15 pm and 3:15 pm

**Is there a charge to visit Gymlacium?**

Tickets are:

- \$5
- Free for members and mlabPASS holders

Spots are limited.

**Where do I get tickets?**

You can get tickets to explore Gymlacium at the MuseumLab Admissions desk.

**Is admission to the Children's Museum or MuseumLab required to visit Gymlacium?**

Yes, you must purchase admission to either the Children's Museum or MuseumLab to explore Gymlacium. Admission to the Children's Museum provides access to both buildings and can be purchased at the Children's Museum Admissions desk. Admission to MuseumLab only can be purchased at the MuseumLab Admissions desk.

## What are the requirements for entry to Gymlacium?

The following rules help ensure that everyone has a safe and enjoyable experience in Gymlacium:

- You must be 48" tall to enter.

*Smaller visitors can visit the Knot Ramp and Bridge in the Garage — also created by Manca Ahlin.*

- Gymlacium is a shoes-off, socks-on experience —we have socks available if needed
- You must empty your pockets and remove all dangling, loose or looped jewelry, or hanging cords, before entering. This includes cell phones and keys. Belongings can be stored in lockers at the Gymlacium entrance.
- No running or rough play
- Gymlacium is made from hemp. Visitors with sensitivities to natural fibers may need to take extra precautions or opt not to enter the installation.

## Is Gymlacium accessible?

Visitors with limited mobility may wish to visit Gymlacium from the ground level. You can request this accommodation when reserving your spot. Other accommodations for visiting Gymlacium may be available through an advance request. Learn more about accessibility at MuseumLab [here](#).