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I am going to the Touch Tank at Terra Nova National Park



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Working as a team, Terra Nova National Park and the Autism Society Newfoundland and Labrador, have created this social story for you and your family.

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This is the Visitor Centre at Terra Nova National Park. I am going to the Touch Tank inside the Visitor Centre.



On my way to the Visitor Centre I may smell the salt water and hear birds or music. That's okay.



The entrance to the Visitor Centre has two sets of large glass doors. There is a grate and tiles on the floor.





Just inside the entrance, there are washrooms, a drinking fountain and a gift shop.



The lobby of the Visitor Centre is an open space with lots of light. Sometimes there is music playing. Sometimes there are many people inside the Visitor Centre. That's okay.



There is a desk where Park staff can greet visitors. Park staff like to be helpful. My grownup can ask Park staff to turn down the lights and music.



The touch tank is in a large room with many displays and wall aquariums. I may hear recordings of bird songs or ocean waves. That's okay.



The wall aquariums are in one of the walls next to the touch tank. I can stand on the steps in front of the aquariums to see inside.



Sometimes the aquarium glass may get foggy. I can use a squeegee to wipe the glass clean. Sometimes the squeegee makes a squeaking sound and that's okay.



There are grates on the floor around the touch tank. Sometimes the touch tank smells like the ocean. There may be many people around the touch tank. That's okay.

The touch tank has a shallow rocky end, a middle sandy section and a deeper end. The water in the touch tank is very cold like the water in the ocean. That's okay.



Park staff may show me sea life in the touch tank. They can show me the proper way to touch the different sea plants and animals.



I may decide to touch some of the sea plants and animals. I will be gentle with the plants and animals in the touch tank. A visit to the touch tank can be fun!



When I am outside I make sure I have my grownup with me so I don't get lost, and I stay safe near the water.

If I am lost I can ask people who work at the park for help. People who work at the park wear a Parks Canada uniform with this logo:

