My Visit to the Children's Garden at

The Morton

Arboretum

I will be visiting the Children's Garden at The Morton Arboretum. I am going to play outside and explore nature.



I can borrow a Sensory Bag at the Visitor Center or by asking someone who wears a name tag. The Sensory Bag has headphones, fidget tools, and other things I can use to feel calm if I am overwhelmed in the Children's Garden.





When I arrive, someone who works or volunteers at the Children's Garden may welcome my group at the entrance. If I need help or get separated from my group, I can ask someone with a name tag for help.



I can look at the map of the Children's Garden or use the activity choice board in the Sensory Bag to help me decide where I want to go.



Some parts of the Children's Garden may be closed for winter. That is okay, I still have much to explore.



While exploring the Children's Garden, I can walk on different surfaces of the ground, like sidewalk, boardwalk, wood chips, stairs, and snow.



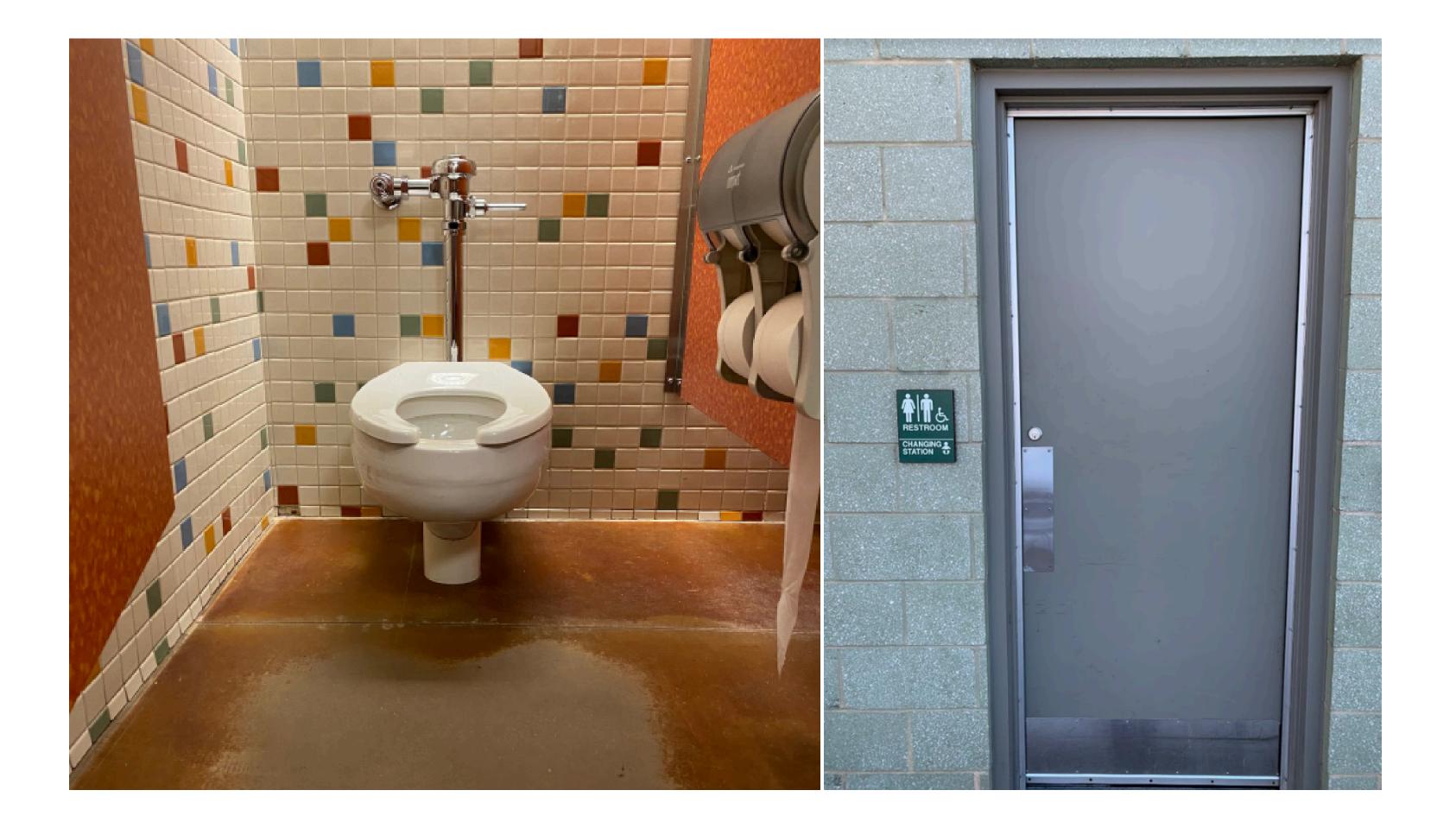
If there is snow on the ground, I can look for animal tracks. I can try to guess what animals might have left the tracks.



I can go down slides and climb tree roots. I can wait for my turn if other children want to use the slide, too.



I can use the bathrooms in the Children's Garden. They are located right by the picnic tables.

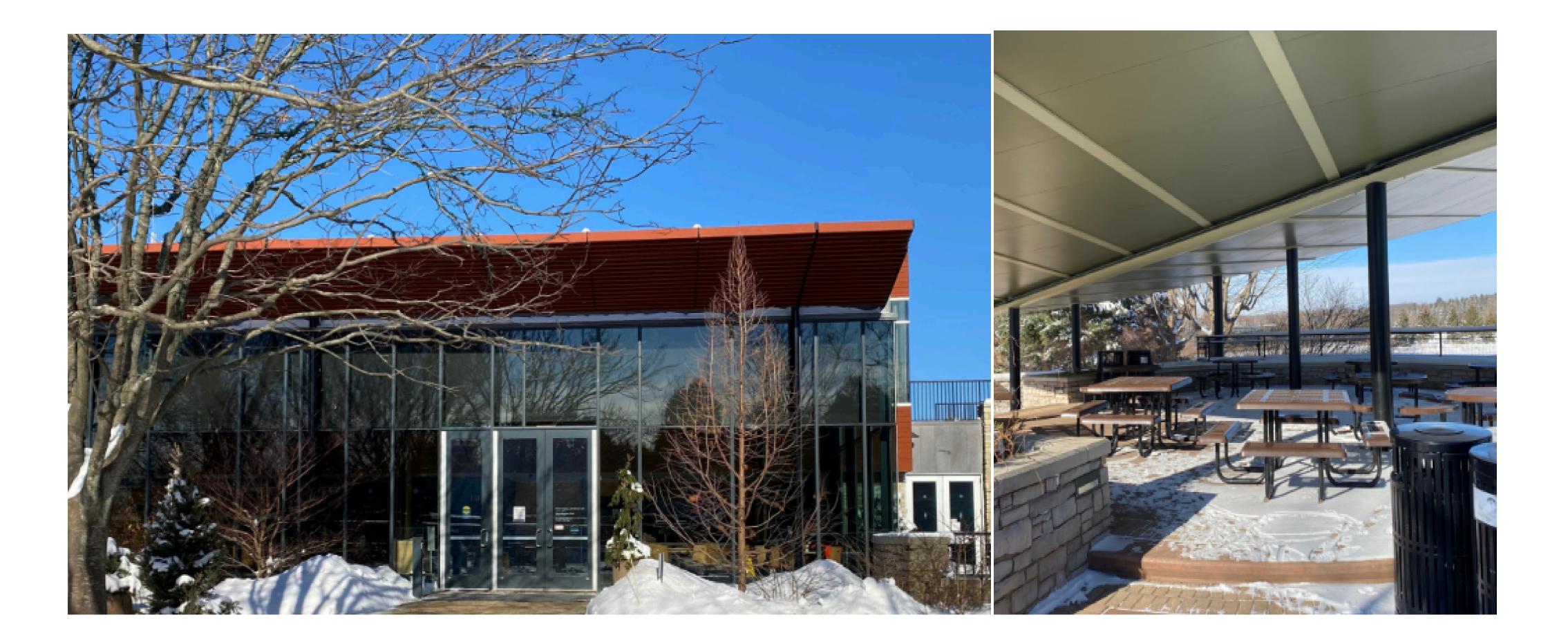


I can see water bubbling in the middle of the pond. Maybe I will see a squirrel or a bird having a sip of water.



If I get hungry, I can have a snack and warm up in the Visitor Center or go to the picnic

area.



If I need a break, I can find a quieter area of the Children's Garden and rest on a bench. I can use my headphones or other calming tools.



When my visit is over, I will leave the Children's Garden with my group and return my Sensory Bag to someone with a name tag. I had a great day exploring nature! Knowing what to expect made my visit fun and easy.

