PRO TIPS FOR FAMILY VISITORS

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on-site café

At épicerie at The Contemporary:
Find lunch, a snack, or a drink at our

Pavilions and explore the grounds with bilingual activity cards, looking

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stations are located at the Moody Pavilions.

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KIDS’ GUIDE
Laguna Gloria

The Contemporary
Austin

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CHECK IT OUT
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over. 11A–3P, free with registration at

thecontemporaryaustin.org/events.

Try a quick game of
everyone notices. Draw what
you see. Bring a sketchbook
and pencil along, and try drawing what's
around you! Invent
Make up a title for a work of art, then look at the artist's title change your opinion about this work? How is it different from your idea?

Close your eyes and pretend you are seeing the work. What do you hear? What do you smell? How do you feel? Write down your thoughts.

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Who can remember the most details about a work of art you just looked at? No peeking!

Ask Questions!
Open-ended questions like, "What do you think this piece means?" or "What does this piece remind you of?" For young kids, start with easier questions like, "Is this work sad or happy?" or "What colors do you see?"

Gain perspective by looking at the artworks from all angles. Stand far away. Look up close. Walk all the way around it.

Use your senses. What do you see? What do you hear? What do you feel? What do you smell? And what do you think about a work of art?

Don't just stand there! Move around the artwork. Do you notice a texture? Does the artwork have layers? Notice the color, composition, and size of a work of art.

Clara Driscoll chose these architectural features to match the style of houses in Italy so that she could relive her travels there.

The fourteen acres of Laguna Gloria provide the ideal habitat for a wide variety of plants and animals (including bugs and reptiles!).

The outdoor setting of Laguna Gloria poses a challenge to artists: what do you use to withstand strong winds and rain?

Remember:

- Nature glasses
- Nature boots
Looking at art is fun for the whole family! Try any of the prompts on this page, embark on a scavenger hunt with the images on the opposite page, or open up the map and learn more about navigating our sculpture park and its inhabitants.

**Don’t just stand there!**
Gain perspective by looking at the artworks from all angles. Stand far away. Look up close. Walk all the way around it.

**Only have a minute?**
Try a quick game of counting or I Spy with your group to see what everyone notices.

**Imagine**
If two works of art were having a conversation, what might they say to each other?

**Invent**
Make up a title for a work of art, then look at the black metal label. Does the artist’s title change your opinion about this work? How is it different from your idea?

**Use your body**
Mimic the way you think the artist moved his or her body when creating this work of art! Big, slow movements, or short, fast ones?

**Draw what you see**
Bring a sketchbook and pencil along, and try drawing what’s around you!

**Ask Questions!**
Open-ended questions like “What do you see?” and “What does this remind you of?” are great conversation starters.

**Close your eyes!**
Who can remember the most details about a work of art you just looked at? No peeking!
Over one hundred years ago, the historical figure and arts patron Clara Driscoll built her home at Laguna Gloria. Now the site is an art and nature park, offering visitors of all ages an experience like no other. Nature inspires art, art presents a new way to enjoy the outdoors, and together both add to the rich history of Laguna Gloria.

Put on your history hat, your nature boots, or your art glasses and see if you spot any or all of the following:

**HISTORY**

Clara Driscoll chose these architectural features to match the style of houses in Italy so that she could relive her travels there.

- Gargoyle
- Arch
- Balcony
- Urn

**NATURE**

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- Palm
- Spiderweb
- Turtle
- Peacock

**ART**

The outdoor setting of Laguna Gloria poses a challenge to artists: what do you use to create a work of art that will stand up to the blazing sun of Texas summers, but also withstand strong winds and rain?

- Plastic boards
- Steel
- Bronze
- Stone
You complete me. I'm a work of art that is meant for you to interact with. Try standing under/in/on/near me, and see how the view changes from inside and outside.

Listen up to what I have to say. How does the sound I make change the way you feel about me?

I'm a character. How did I get here? What is my story? Check out my label, or make up a tall tale on your own!

I'm a great pretender. At first glance, I may look like something you've seen before. Look closer: what am I really made of? Did I trick you?

Shape up. I have a shape that will kick your imagination into high gear! Am I something you've seen before, or are my curves and angles totally new? Give me a name and tell me what job I'd be perfect for!
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**Action Packs:** Check out a pack in the Visitor Center at the Moody Pavilions and explore the grounds with bilingual activity cards, looking tools, children’s books, and art materials.

**Second Saturdays Are for Families:** The Contemporary offers family-friendly art-making workshops each month inspired by the exhibitions on view. 11A–3P, free with registration at thecontemporaryaustin.org/events.

**Good to Know:** Most of Laguna Gloria is stroller-friendly. If you need ADA assistance or a golf cart to access the grounds, please ask a staff member at the Visitor Center. Water fountains and bathrooms with changing stations are located at the Moody Pavilions.

**Remember:** Keep yourself and the art objects safe. Please, no touching or climbing on the artwork. Be sure to stick to paths to keep your family safe and poison ivy–free.

**At the Art School:** Learn a new art skill, or practice an old one! Classes are available for art lovers of all ages and take place year-round. Grab a course catalog at the Visitor Center or stop by the Art School Office for more info.

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