

NATIONAL NAVAL AVIATION MUSEUM



I Spy Tour
for
Grades Pre-K
through
* 2nd Grade



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Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!

Who's ready to fly with the airplanes? Let's begin our flight by keeping our hands to our sides, And we must always use our inside voices, While following the leader wherever he or she may go, Let's listen to the stories of these planes of new and of old.



Upon your arrival at the Naval Aviation Museum, it is recommended you begin your visit by viewing one of our Giant Screen Theater movies all of which provide educational entertainment at all grade levels. All of our films have corresponding Teacher's Guide.

Giant Screen Theater Movie Prices

\$5.00 per student with (one) free chaperone per (ten) students.

Motion Based Simulator Ride

There are two different rides you may choose from in our Flight Simulator. In the Blue Angel simulation, riders experience (1) flying in a Navy F/A- 18 Hornet; or (2) the simulation of taking off from an aircraft carrier and doing battle in the Iraqi desert during Desert Storm.

School Rate (with no movie reservation) \$4.50

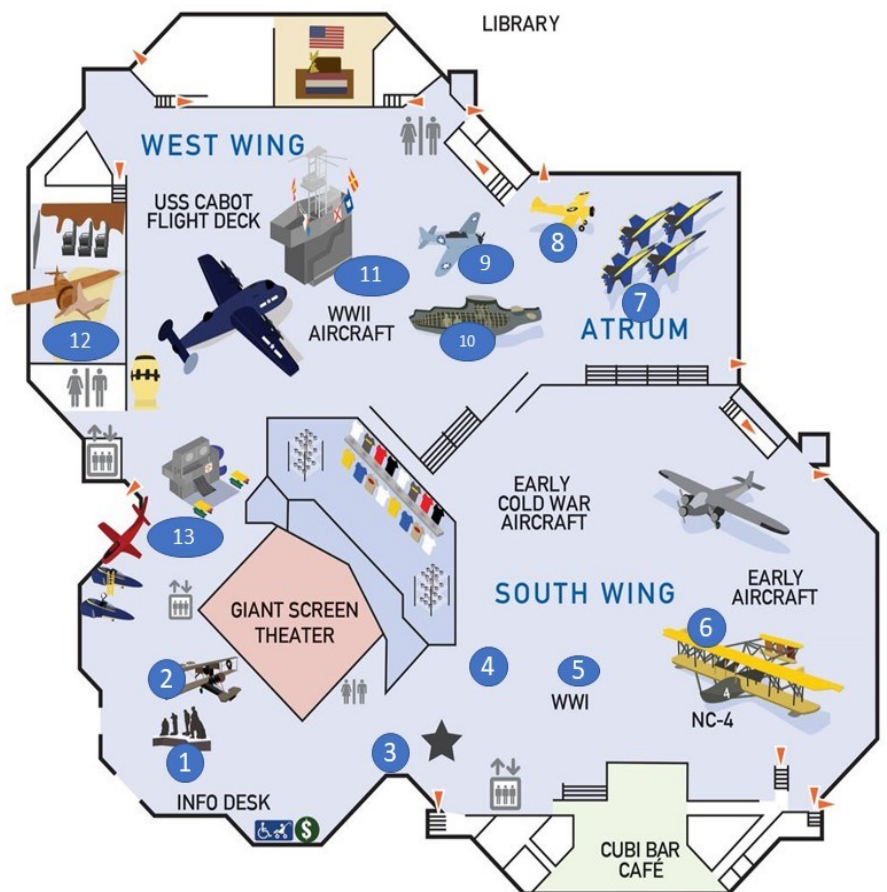
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MAP OF NATIONAL NAVAL AVIATION MUSEUM

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9. BATTLE OF MIDWAY
10. PBY CUTAWAY
11. USS CABOT
12. SUNKEN TREASURES
13. PLAY AREA



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First Sequence: *This will introduce students to the **Quarter Deck** area of the museum. Enter into this area by walking to the left after passing by the check-in table.*

1. I spy with my little eye--five men sharing their stories-- two with hats, one with a dog, and one with goggles.

Spirit of Naval Aviation (represents WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, and Desert Storm)

Ask students to share what they know of the men and woman who fight to defend our country or share with the students about these men and woman. *

2. I spy with my little eye—is that a boat or a plane – up high?

A-1 Triad Boat Plane

Have the students point out the boat features and the airplane features. Ask the students if they think this is an old plane or a new plane and to explain why.

3. I spy with my little eye—what is that “68”? Its size is great!

Explain to students that the number and the structure up the wall depicts a portion of the aircraft carrier, USS Nimitz (CVN-68). All navy ships have a name and a number.

Before you proceed to the next display, please take note of the restrooms that are available to your left.

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Second Sequence: *This tour takes students to the **Pilots and Patches** display cases by the Flight Deck Store's **South Wing Entrance**, and just past the restrooms on the left.*

4. I spy with my little eye—patches with ships, animals, letters, and numbers of all sizes—all of which a pilot prizes!

Allow the students to look at and describe the different patches. Then ask them questions about pilots:

What do you call someone who flies a plane or helicopter? Pilot

Who can be a pilot? Anyone who is willing to work hard to learn how to be a pilot.

What are some things pilots wear when they fly? Flying suits, helmets, and boots. Students may give other details.

Why do pilots wear patches? The patches are like name tags so others can know their names, their group, and/or their planes.

Third Sequence: *this sequence takes students into the **South Wing** of the museum to see planes from World War I.*

5. I spy with my little eye—are they planes or are they boats? Oh my, they are planes that float!

As students walk around the display to the right, ask them to point out the emergency jeep, pigeons, and other details. Pause and discuss the purpose of these items. *Lead students to the NC-4 behind the planes that float display. The story of this plane is a great moral lesson about not giving up.*

6. I spy with my little eye—the number “4” on an old-looking plane, the pilot would have no protection from the rain.

Ask the students why the plane's pilot would not have protection from the rain. Old vs. new. Students could also describe the differences between this plane and the other planes in the museum.

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After walking around the plane, group size permitting, have the students sit down for a brief story!

“A long time ago in May, 1919, this big plane behind us became a grand champion! At first this plane was made fun of for being too slow. It and three other planes just like it set out across the big Atlantic Ocean. This plane fell behind and no one thought she would make it. In fact, they began to call her the “Lame Duck!” But this “Lame Duck” never gave-up and with the help of her crew she kept trying and trying and trying ‘til at the very end of her trip she became the only one of the four to finish the trip across the big Atlantic Ocean.”



Have the students describe and/or share their thoughts about the “Lame Duck.” Then have them walk through the wooden deck next to the NC-4 exhibit. Explain that these men were the ones who helped the “Lame Duck” on her journey across the Atlantic Ocean.

*With backs to the NC-4 exhibit, walk between planes, toward the **Blue Angel Atrium**.*

Third Sequence: *This tour takes the students to the **Blue Angel Jets** located in the **Blue Angel Atrium**. Provided there is no ceremony in session, encourage the students to walk on the blue carpet and stand directly under the Blue Angel jets. If a ceremony is in session, the children can observe from above the Atrium level without descending the 5 steps.*

7. I spy with my little eye--the fast and famous Blue Angels Flying High! How many jets are in the sky?

There are four Blue Angels jets suspended from the ceiling.

8. I spy with my little eye –3 yellow planes – and 6 black tires.

There are three yellow planes within the Blue Angel Atrium (T-34 Mentor, SNJ Texan, and the N2S Kaydet). Three black tires are located on the N2S Kaydet (two in

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the front and a small one in the back) and three located on the SNJ Texan (two are tucked up in the plane and one small back tire). You may walk the students under the yellow planes to locate the tires.

Please take note of restrooms just to the left of the Atrium.

Fourth Sequence: *This sequence will introduce students to the exhibits of the **West Wing** of the museum, featuring exhibits from World War II. From the middle of the **Atrium**, walk toward the **Battle of Midway Exhibit**. If a ceremony is in session in the Atrium, please turn to the left, go past the aircraft carrier model and the bell and use the ramp to go to the lower level. At the end of the ramp, turn to the left and approach the Midway display.*

9. I spy with my little eye--two men wearing yellow jackets. Can you describe their tools along with their clothes?

Battle of Midway Exhibit

The yellow jackets are life jackets.	Goggles for eye protection
Radios for communication	Ammo Cans
Gun for protection	Boots
A Map	Head gear for protection
Bags	Students may point out additional exhibit details

*To the right and behind the Battle of Midway Exhibit is the **PBY Catalina Cutaway Exhibit**.*

10. I spy with my little eye—six men inside a plane: can you see them through the window pane? One sleeping, one cooking, two working and two flying the plane.

PBY Catalina Cutaway Exhibit. Have students note that these men are doing all these different activities on the plane.

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Lead the students to walk around the gun turret and then left past the bombs on yellow carts and look up.

11. I spy with my little eye—an Indian dancing on a flag of red and white, and holding two planes in his hands tight.

Located on the carrier deck of the USS Cabot (CVL-28) replica, this Mohawk Indian represents the USS Cabot's radio code name: "Mohawk."

*With the USS Cabot Mohawk flag behind you, walk to the left wall and enter **Sunken Treasures Exhibit**. This is a dark room exhibiting underwater conditions.*

12. Let's hold our breath for a little bit—under water we will go, to sunken treasure down below. To spy with our little eyes two airplanes that took a dive. Which one has a white star on its side?

These planes sank in Lake Michigan. Thankfully, no one was hurt. The SBD Dauntless on your right has the white star.

*Please take note of restrooms on your right after leaving **Sunken Treasures** and passing the atomic bomb display. There is a play area on the left, and up the ramp just above it are two Blue Angels cockpit trainers they can climb in and out of.*

This concludes the "I Spy" tour of the Main Deck level of the Museum for Pre-K through 2nd Grade.

