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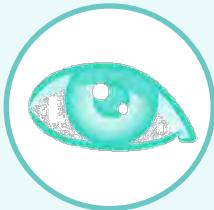
# Riverwalk



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DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP

**AUTISM FRIENDLY CARD**  


# Sensory Key



There are lots of things to see here. It might be bright or hurt my eyes in places where I see this. I can wear sunglasses or cover my eyes.



There are lots of things to hear here. It might be loud in places where I see this. I can wear headphones or cover my ears if it gets too loud.



When I see this there will be things I can taste here. I do not have to put anything in my mouth if I do not want to.



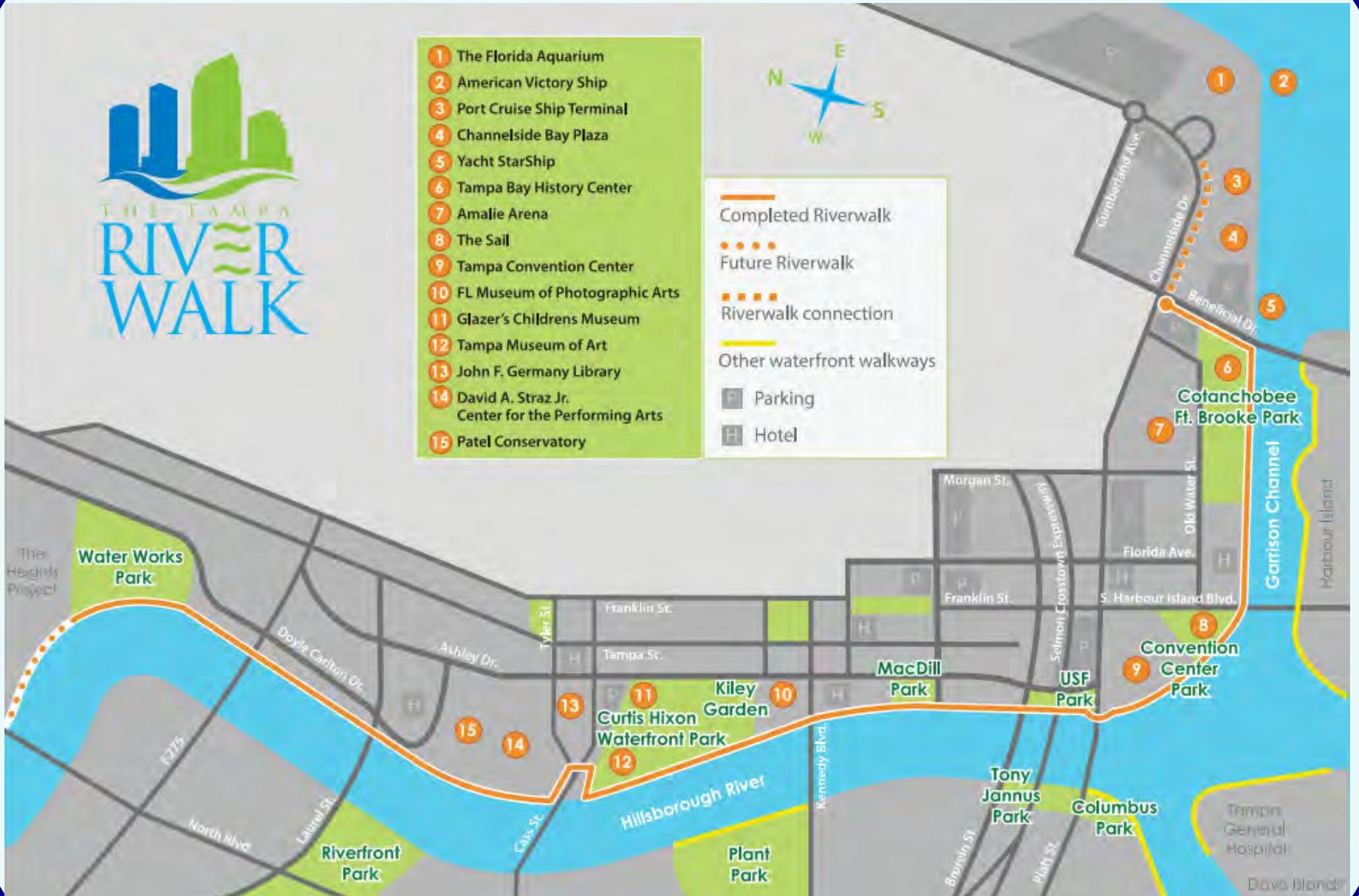
There might be a strong smell in places where I see this. I can hold my nose or cover my nose with something that smells good.



There are lots of things to touch here. There might be things that I feel uncomfortable touching when I see this. I do not have to touch anything that I do not want to.

## Notes to Caregivers

- The Riverwalk is 2.4 miles long and can be accessed at many points along the way. However, you may want to plan for the activities you wish to do in advance and park accordingly.
- Many areas of the Riverwalk are open to traffic or open bodies of water. You will want to keep a close eye on your child in these areas.
- The Riverwalk has many unshaded areas and Tampa gets hot! You may want to bring a hat and/or sunscreen. You can also visit during morning or evening hours to avoid sun exposure.
- If you intend to play in the water, please intend to bring a towel as they are not provided.





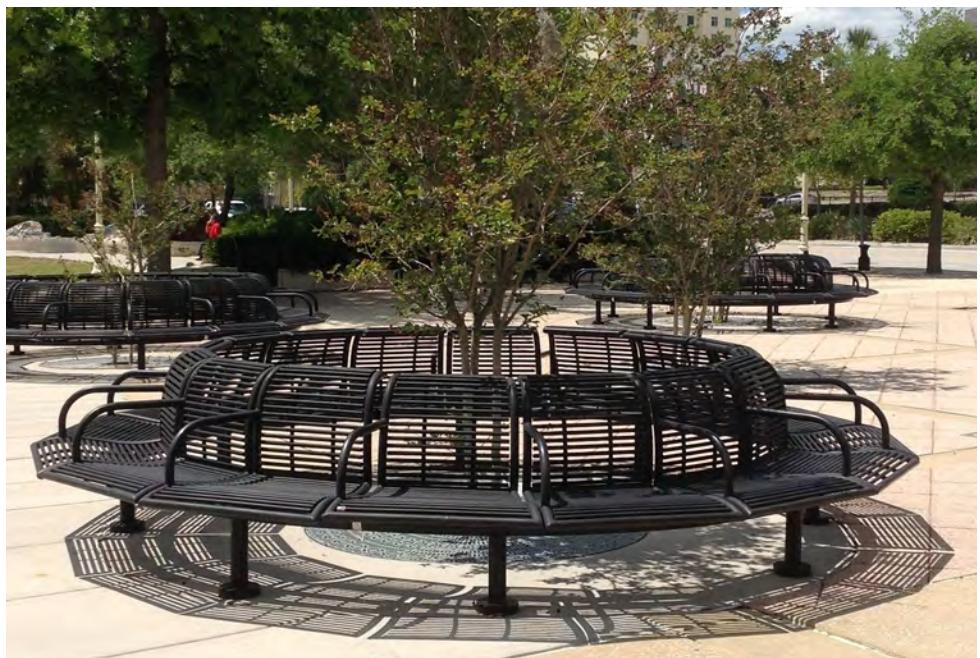
Today we are going to visit the Riverwalk! There will be lots of things to see and do there. When we are on the Riverwalk, we will see lots of signs to help us figure out where to go.



There will be rules that I have to follow when I am on the Riverwalk. There will be signs that remind me of what the rules are. Two BIG rules are **no swimming in the river** and **stay with my adult at all times.**



I will make sure I throw my trash into trash cans when I am finished with it. If I have a service animal with me I will make sure I clean up after him or her.

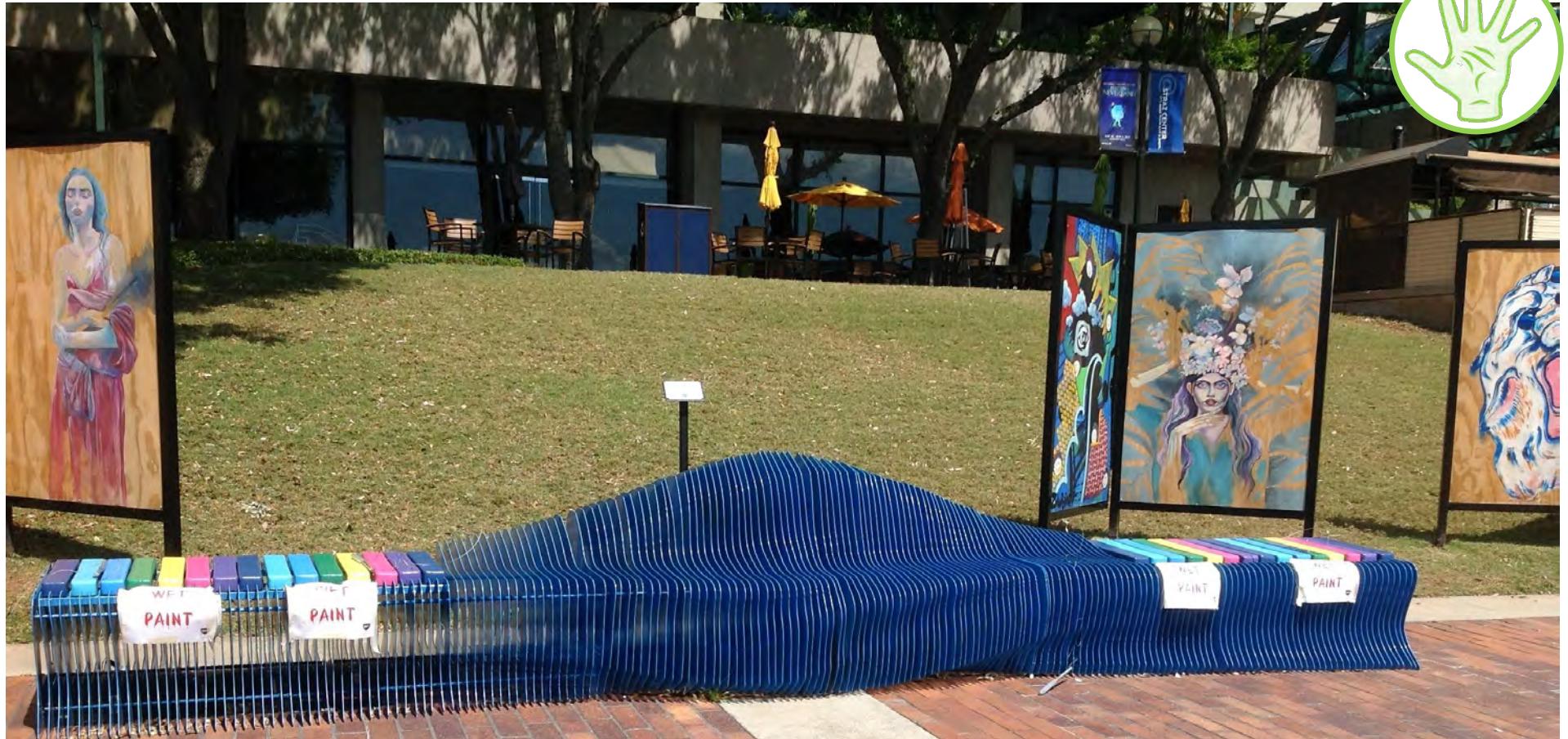


If I get tired there will be places along the Riverwalk where I can sit and rest or get a drink of water. There are water fountains for my service animal too if I have one.

There will be playgrounds where I can play along the Riverwalk. I will take turns on the equipment if there are other kids there. I will stay on the playground where the adult that is with me can see me.



We might see art along the Riverwalk. There will be lots of things that we can look at or play with, like this musical bench. I will ask the adult that is with me if I can touch and play with things along the way before I touch them.



## MUSICAL BENCH

*Why Sit When You Can Play?*

The Color Code Bench  
was created by The Urban Conga  
in partnership with the Straz Center  
to bring play to Tampa Bay.





1. NO FOOD, DRINK, GLASS OR ANIMALS IN FOUNTAIN OR ON FOUNTAIN DECK.
2. BATHING LOAD: 19 PERSONS.
3. FOUNTAIN HOURS: DAWN TO DUSK.
4. SHOWER BEFORE ENTERING.
5. DO NOT SWALLOW THE FOUNTAIN WATER, IT IS RE-CIRCULATED.
6. DO NOT USE FOUNTAIN IF YOU ARE ILL WITH DIARRHEA.
7. DO WEAR SWIM DIAPERS IF NOT TOILET TRAINED.

There will be places where I can play in the water! These places will have special rules for me to follow. There will be a shower for me to use before and after playing in the water. The water might be cold. If the water is too cold I can get out and wrap myself in a towel.



## Welcome to WATER WORKS PARK

Playground and Splash Pad Areas

Hours of Operation:  
SUNRISE to 10:00 P.M.

- Playground use for children 2-12 years of age.
- Please do not leave children unattended.
- Splash pad area hours will be adjusted seasonally.
- Proper attire is required in splash pad area.
- Please keep dogs away from playground and splash pad areas.
- Wheeled recreational vehicles such as but not limited to bicycles/skateboards are prohibited within the splash pad/playground area.

It is unlawful for any person, other than law enforcement officers or authorized personnel, to go upon or remain in any City park at any time when closed to the public. Failure of any person to leave after direction and request has been made shall constitute a trespass which may result in arrest.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US TAKE CARE OF THIS CITY PARK.  
For information call 813-274-8615.  
For park security call 813-931-2168 or  
for Tampa Police Department dispatcher call 813-231-6130.

If we decide to go to the Water Works Park there will be special rules for me to follow. I will take turns if there are other kids there. The ground might be slippery so I will be careful when I run around.

There is a dog park along the Riverwalk. If I have a service animal, he or she can play here at the dog park. The dog park looks fun for dogs, but it is not for kids to play on.





There will be places where we can rent bikes or boats. We can take the water ferry or we can go out to eat!

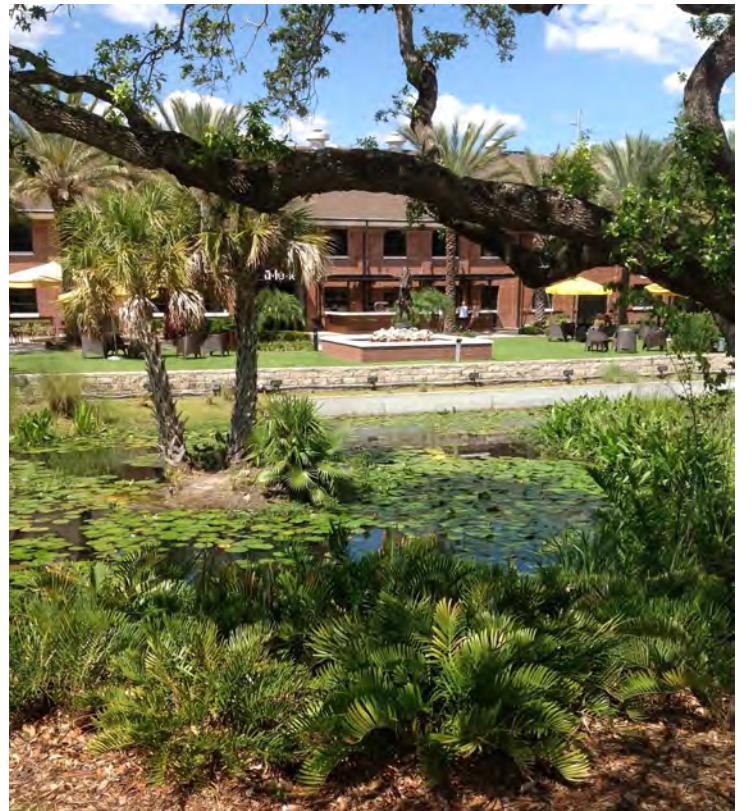


There will be places along the Riverwalk where we can get maps and information. There will also be places where we can use the bathroom if we need to.



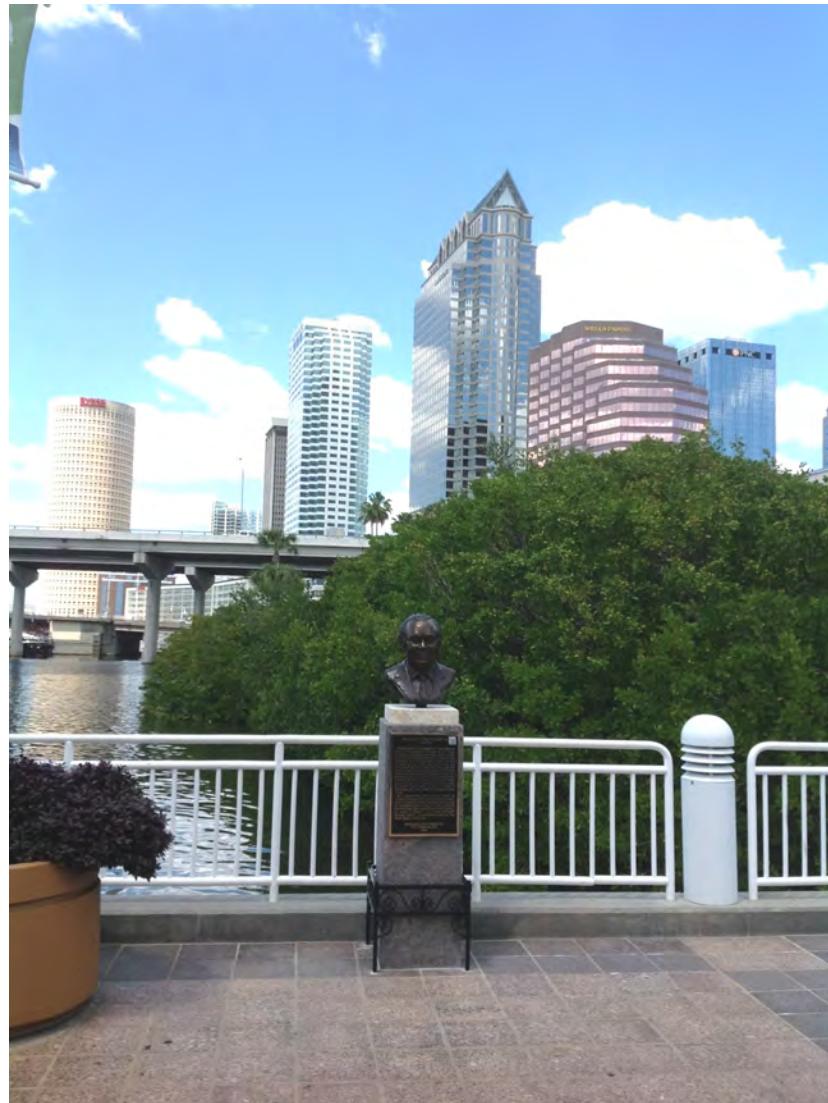
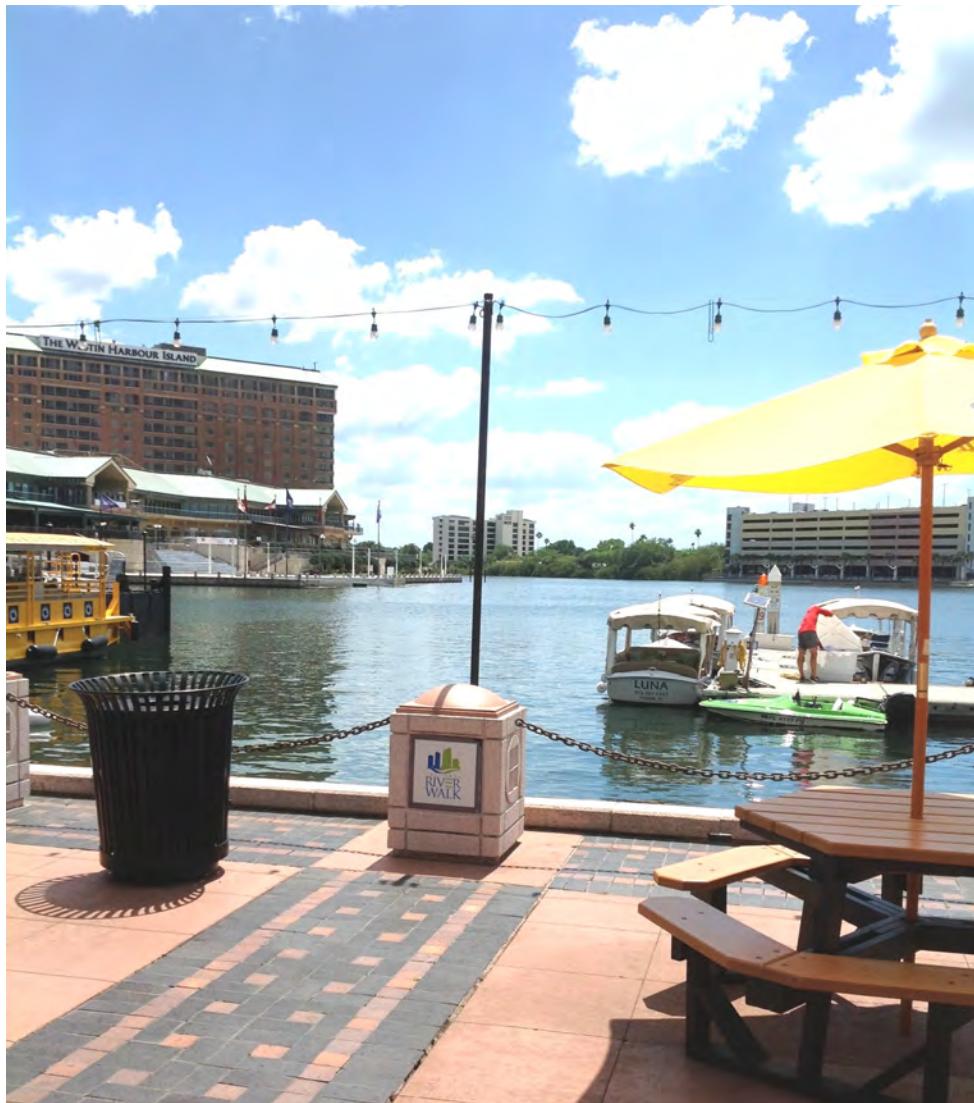


There are a lot of places along the Riverwalk that lead out to traffic or open water. I will stay close to the adult I am with and not run out into water or the street.





There might also be a lot of noise on the Riverwalk. I can cover my ears or put on headphones if it gets too loud.



The Riverwalk is so much fun! There is so much to see and do. It is okay if we did not get to see everything I wanted to see. We can come back another time. Thank you City of Tampa!



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