

NORTH CAROLINA MUSEUM OF ART

# Visiting the Museum Park

A Suggested Visual Schedule



Image description: The Welcome Center is a black, one-story building with a covered patio and glass entrance. A tall, red brick smokestack is located to the left of the building.



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Image description: Two groups of people walk toward one another on a paved path surrounded by greenery.

**1. Let's head to the Museum Park. The Park is over 164 acres and includes over 30 sculptures.**



Photo: Max Pulley

Image description: Two All-Access Eco Trail signs are positioned beside a concrete wall that runs parallel to the Welcome Center. The sign on the left is entitled “Explore the Museum Park” and has introductory text. The sign on the right shows a campus map with a key.

**2.** A great place to begin is at the Welcome Center. You may want to fill your water bottle, grab a snack that you can eat during your visit, or use the accessible restrooms. Be sure to check the operating hours.

If you wish, try the All-Access Eco Trail that pairs with a self-guided, audio tour experience. You can start your journey at the two trail signs located beside the Welcome Center. If you have an iPhone, you can download the NCMA Park App on the [Apple App Store](#), or you can access the content [online](#).



Photos: Negin Naseri

Image description (left): Adults and children swing on Daily tous les jours' *Musical Swings*, which is a large, celadon green swing set situated in front of a row of trees. There are ten seats.

Image description (right): Daily tous les jours' *Daydreamer: Kinetic Musical Benches* includes three benches situated on a two-toned green platform. Each bench is close to the ground with a yellow metal bar that arches above the bench and connects to either of the ends.

**3.** Can you spot the swings from the Welcome Center? If you want to swing your way to a musical creation, head down the path and sit on the swings with friends and family. Each swing plays notes from one of four instruments. If you synchronize your movements with someone next to you, you can unlock a hidden melody!

Another option are the kinetic benches across from the swings. The benches make vibrational sounds as you move them. What sounds are your favorite? Were you able to unlock the hidden songs?



Image description: People sit on the ellipse-shaped path overlooking an open field area. There are tables with red umbrellas.

**4.** Next you can walk to the Ellipse and sit under the shade of a tree, on the grass, or on a chair underneath a red umbrella. Take a look at the grassy meadow. How many sculptures can you spot?



Image description: The Volunteer Garden shed has a slanted roof and overhang with seats underneath. It is surrounded by various green-leafed and flowering plants.

**5.** Now you can walk to the Volunteer Garden to look at the native plants and listen to the birds. Can you identify any of the flowers? Do you hear anything familiar?



Image description (left): View of the Amphitheater stage from one of the far-end seats, which are arranged in a semicircle. The outdoor movie screen and East Building are in the background.

Image description (right): A large sandbox shaped as the letter C. The outdoor movie screen hangs above in the background attached to the facade of East Building.

**6.** After enjoying the flowers, you can walk past the Amphitheater stage to the sandbox. The sandbox is in the shape of a C and is actually part of an artwork called *PICTURE THIS*. Can you spot the other letters? What are they made of?



Image description: The pond appears in the foreground. Trees reflect in the water and are on the hill in the distance. Opposite the bank is a walking trail with people.

**7.** Another exciting area is the pond. If you wish, head that way. The pond and surrounding wetlands are home to native plants and animals such as turtles, frogs, and insects, like bees. Listen closely. What do you hear? Do you see any animals?





Image description: Thomas Sayre's *Gyre*, a large art installation made of three, rust colored rings, extends from the grassy earth. The rings are positioned one after the other receding into the distance toward a tree line and East Building.

**8.** If you have time, head up the hill to Thomas Sayre's *Gyre*, which is made of three large rings that cross the Blue Loop trail. Walk through the three rings. Do you feel like you are in a spiral? How do they appear to you? Complete the *Gyre* coloring page.

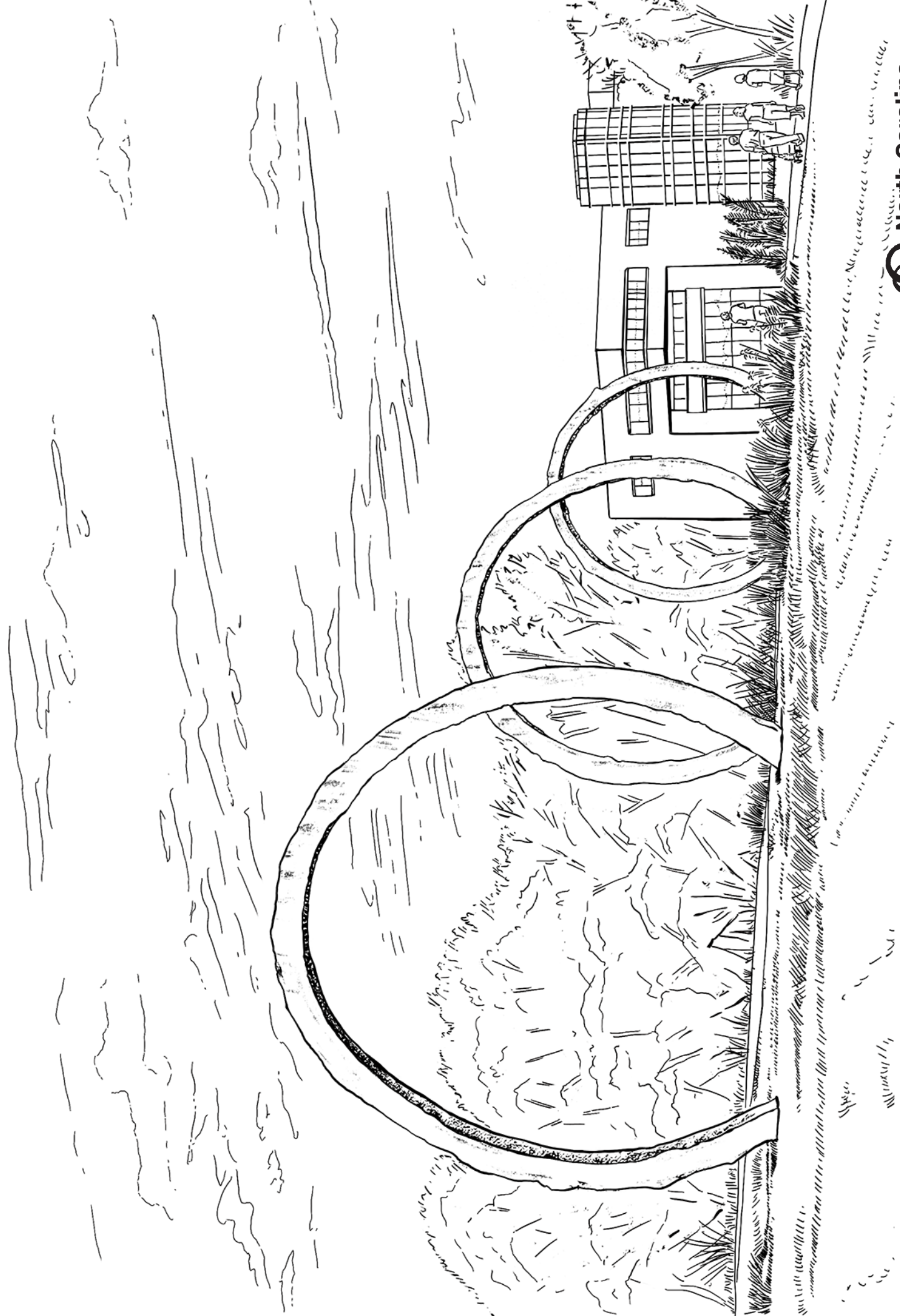


Image description: A coloring page of Gyre and the surrounding landscape.



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**9. Now you've explored the Museum Park. What does it look like to you? Complete the Welcome Center coloring page. We hope you had a great day at the NCMA!**

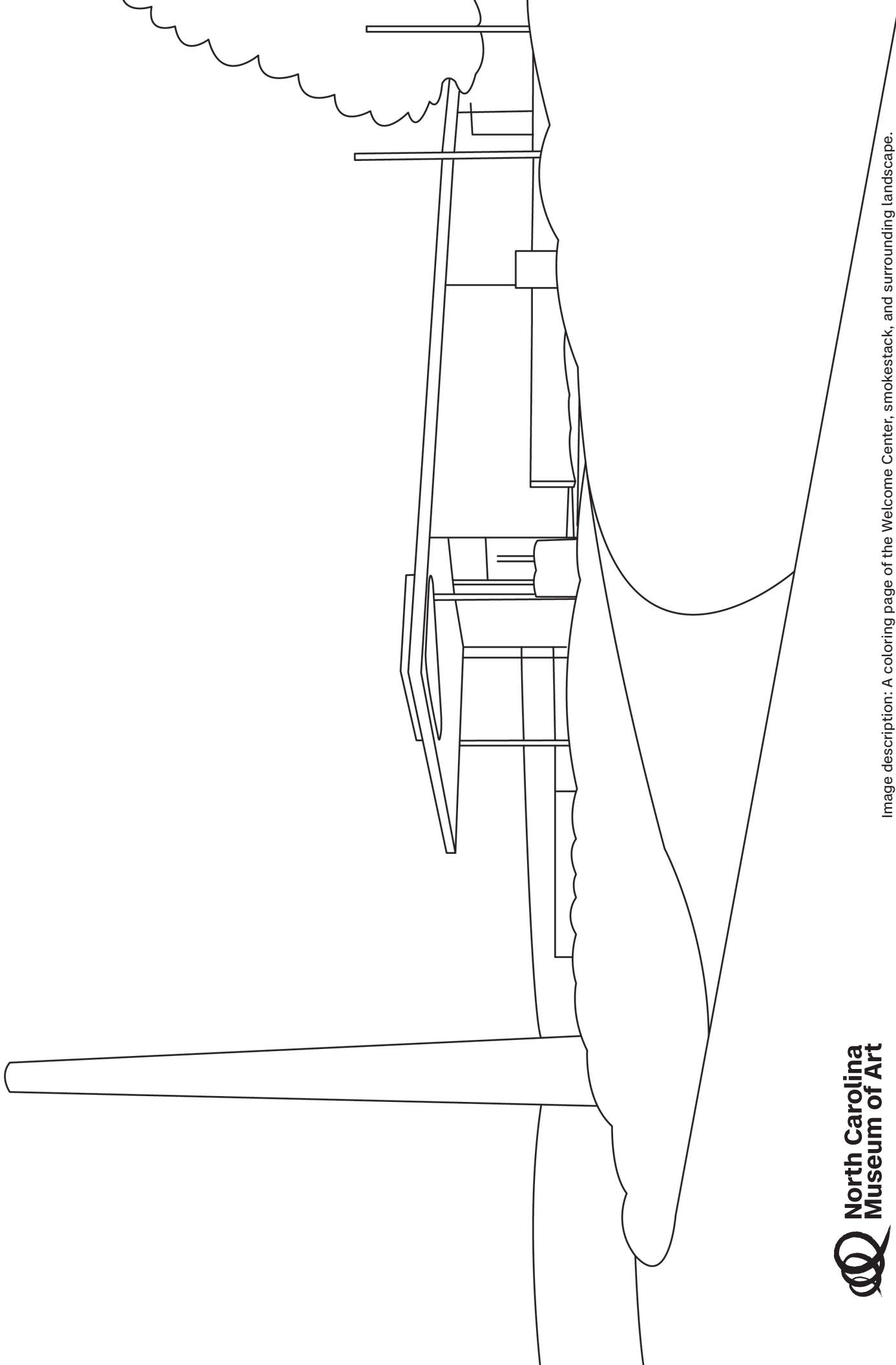


Image description: A coloring page of the Welcome Center, smokestack, and surrounding landscape.