

FAMILY: *Self-Guided Itinerary*

The Ringling is the perfect place for a day of family fun! Follow this itinerary to explore fun topics for kids while learning more about John and Mable Ringling and the Museum they built. Approximately 4 hours.

TIBBALS LEARNING CENTER

HOWARD BROS. CIRCUS MODEL Welcome to the world's largest circus model! Kids and kids at heart will get a kick out of looking for details in the model. Pick out your favorite act under the big top or see if you can spot the runaway elephant! Also, make sure to visit the second floor overlook to get a bird's-eye view of this sprawling circus city.

Fun for Families: Try playing a game of I Spy as you move through the model!

CIRCUS INTERACTIVES Don't miss this awesome interactive experience with your kids. Become a circus star by walking a wire, learning a clown's makeup tricks, and balancing like an equestrian! This is a great place to enjoy some hands-on time with our exhibits. Have fun!

Fun for Families: If you were going to perform in the circus, what would be your signature act? Why?

ORIGINAL CIRCUS MUSJEM

THE WISCONSIN Look inside the railroad car that John and Mable Ringling used to travel across the country with the circus. Be sure to notice the bathtub and the elegant gold ceilings!

Fun for Families: If you were taking this train on trip, where would you want to go?

GROUNDS AND GARDENS

BOLGER PLAYSPLACE Stop by our playground where a long slide, basket swings, hand-powered fountains and other novel pieces of equipment promise to deliver good times and gales of laughter.

Fun for Families: The playground has picnic tables for a rest break or a picnic lunch!

MUSEUM OF ART

RUBENS GALLERIES Head inside the museum to find some of our largest and most well-known paintings. See if you can spot a lion whose eyes follow you as you walk. This lion is the inspiration for our Family Programs mascot, Ruben!

Fun for Families: Peter Paul Rubens was well-known for using one particularly bright color in his paintings. Can you guess what color that is from the paintings in these galleries? Hint: It starts with the same letter as his last name!

SUMMER & AUTUMN Something is a little funny with these two portraits in the Museum of Art! Copied from a famous series by the Italian artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo, these paintings are his way of playing with his food.

Fun for Families: See how many fruits and vegetables your family can find. Which ones have you tasted? What do you imagine the others taste like?

