

Florida Museum of Natural History



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Permanent Exhibits



Butterfly Rainforest & Butterfly Exhibits

Stroll through this screened, outdoor enclosure with tropical plants and hundreds of living butterflies. View thousands of Lepidoptera species on the “Wall of Wings” and see scientists working in the Butterfly Rearing Lab and research labs.



Collections are the Library of Life

Catch a behind-the-scenes glimpse of the Museum’s collections, including the skull of Albert, one of UF’s first live alligator mascots, and open drawers to investigate other specimens. The exhibit also highlights the Museum’s more than 100-year history and its internationally recognized collections and research projects.



Florida Fossils: Evolution of Life & Land

Drawing upon the Florida Museum’s internationally acclaimed fossil collections, this award-winning exhibit describes the last 65 million years of Florida’s history. Walk through time beginning with the Eocene, when Florida was underwater, to the Pleistocene, when the first humans arrived 14,000 years ago.



Northwest Florida: Waterways and Wildlife

Follow water as it flows through the unique environments of northwest Florida, the most biodiverse region of the state. Explore a hardwood hammock featuring a life-size limestone cave, a seepage bog with carnivorous plants, a Native American trading scene and more.



South Florida People & Environments

This exhibit celebrates the story of native people in South Florida and the environments that supported them. Walk along a boardwalk through a mangrove forest, travel underwater to view larger-than-life marine creatures, visit the house of a Calusa leader and more.



Fossil Plant Garden

This exhibit is landscaped with modern species of plants whose ancestors lived millions of years ago and are preserved as fossils around the world.



Florida Wildflower & Butterfly Garden

This outdoor demonstration garden showcases Florida’s native wildflowers and their importance as host and nectar plants for Florida’s native butterflies.



Our Energy Future

Explore hands-on activities about energy consumption and conservation. Discover how much energy we use daily and how individual behaviors can make a difference. Learn about renewable energy and its future potential for Florida.



Explore Research

Learn about some of the UF’s most interesting discoveries and research through this multimedia exhibit featuring videos and an interactive Smart Board.

Changing Exhibits

A T. rex Named Sue

Jan. 24 - Sept. 13, 2015 | Experience the largest, most complete and best-preserved *Tyrannosaurus rex* ever discovered! At 42 feet long and 12 feet tall at the hips, Sue’s skeleton inspires as much awe today as she did 67 million years ago. Explore how this remarkable creature interacted with its world and what we can learn from studying its bones. Revel in the sheer magnitude of a fully articulated, life-size skeleton cast while learning about Sue’s movement, vision and sense of smell. Enjoy family-friendly interactives, climb into the dig pit to uncover fossils and learn about dinosaurs through touchable bone replicas and other hands-on activities.

This exhibition was created by The Field Museum, Chicago, and made possible through the generosity of McDonald’s Corporation.



First Colony: Our Spanish Origins

Oct. 17, 2015 - Spring 2016 | Long before Jamestown, Spaniards, free and enslaved Africans and Native Americans crafted our country’s first enduring European settlement — St. Augustine, Florida, in 1565. Discover the first colony through archaeology, history and the stories of people who lived there in this hands-on, interactive exhibition. These first colonial immigrants created America’s original “melting pot” — a colorful, multicultural society that was new then, but might seem familiar today.

Discovery Room | Open indefinitely

Encourage your child’s curiosity and wonder in the ever-changing hands-on Discovery Room! View preserved specimens from Museum collections and a variety of science resources that provide many opportunities for families to learn about the world together. An all new Discovery Room is coming soon!

West Gallery Exhibits

Enjoy smaller rotating exhibits featuring photography and other art with natural history themes. Ask at the front desk or check the Museum website for a detailed list.

Earth Day Celebration | April 18, 2015

Appreciate the wonders of life on Earth at this annual spring event. Explore Florida’s natural history with researchers, view specimens, enjoy interactive activities and take advantage of an extensive wildlife-friendly plant sale.

ButterflyFest | Sept. 19, 2015

Explore the lives of native pollinators at this annual fall event. The family-friendly festival investigates butterfly gardening, conservation and backyard wildlife through hands-on activities. Enjoy butterfly releases, a Pollinator Parade and one of the area’s largest butterfly-friendly plant sales!

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