

Megalodon: Largest Shark that Ever Lived
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Major Themes and Components

Overview

The world's largest shark has returned to Gainesville! Prepare to marvel at Megalodon, the gigantic prehistoric shark that once cruised the planet's oceans. Walk through the full-scale jaws of a 60-foot-long replica of this apex predator, and get a close-up look at fossil specimens and life-size models of other ancient and modern sharks. This touring exhibit has thrilled over 1.5 million visitors in the U.S. and Canada over the past 12 years and now features brand-new graphics and updated scientific research to mark its return home!

Highlights

Enter at Your Own Risk!

- Walk through a life-size model of this dominant predator! Check out a full set of Megalodon teeth and learn why scientists still debate the shark's size.

Circle of Life

- Estimate a shark's age by counting growth rings on its vertebrae!

All About Megalodon

- How much canned tuna would it take to feed Megalodon one of its daily meals? Calculate the volume, and compare Megalodon's time on Earth to dinosaurs, humans and other animals.

Megalodon's Extended Family

- Learn about Megalodon's closest relatives! View models of sharks from 400 million years ago and the specimens that give scientists clues about their history. See replicas of the fish most closely related to sharks and view six full-scale models!

Shark Research at the Florida Museum of Natural History

- The Florida Museum has one of the most active shark research programs in the world. Learn about recent Museum research, including the discovery of an ancient Megalodon nursery!

Megalomania!

- Megalodon continues to fascinate us, enjoying a near-cult status. From biker jackets to postage stamps, explore the many ways Megalodon remains a part of culture through art, literature, music and film.

Megalodon Extinction

- Several factors caused Megalodon's extinction about 2 million years ago, including climate change and shifting food resources. Learn about extinction and guess which of five modern animals are in danger of extinction today.

The 'Tooth' About Megalodon

- See Megalodon teeth from around the world and use buttons to locate where these fossils were found on a world map.

Fact or Fiction?

- There are plenty of common misconceptions about sharks. Compare Megalodon's place in time to dinosaurs and humans, and learn how unlikely it is today to be attacked by a shark.