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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.



Discovery Zone

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



Florida Fossils: Evolution of Life & Land

Experience the last 65 million years of Florida’s history and walk through time beginning with the Eocene, when the state was underwater, to the Pleistocene, when the first humans arrived 14,000 years ago. View more than 500 fossils, most found within 100 miles of Gainesville.



Northwest Florida: Waterways & 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.



Exploring Our World

Learn about current Museum and UF research initiatives in the science, technology, engineering and math fields, as well as the Museum’s more than 100-year history through videos, photographs and discovery drawers featuring objects from its world-class collections.



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.

Changing Exhibits

Permian Monsters: Life Before the Dinosaurs

Open through May 5, 2019

Step back in time 290 million years when distinctive creatures dominated life on land and sea, and learn about the greatest extinction the world has ever seen. This unique exhibition brings the past back to life with fossilized skeletons and full-sized replicas of the animals that ruled the world before the age of dinosaurs, in a time known as the Permian. Gain a glimpse into the period with paintings from award-winning paleo-artist Julius Csotonyi. See models of giant insects, bizarre-looking sharks and strange reptiles with mammal-like characteristics. Meet the top predator of the time, the giant saber-toothed gorgonopsid, and sift through interactive dig pits.

Crocs: Ancient Predators in a Modern World

May 18, 2019-Jan. 5, 2020

See the result of 200 million years of predatory evolution and learn about one of nature’s oldest and stealthiest hunters: crocodylians. This unique experience educates guests on the history and significance of these creatures using live reptiles and realistic models. Interactive elements allow visitors to test their strength against a crocodile’s bite and see how they use sound waves to make water dance. A life-size model tells the story of Gomek, the largest crocodile to be exhibited in North America, and how he became a symbol of crocodile conservation. A “digital curator” reveals the behavior and intricate social lives of these animals.

East & 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.

Shopping

Looking for a Unique Gift?

The Museum Collectors Shop and Butterfly Gift Shop offer unique gifts for children and adults including a great selection of educational and science-related items. The shops are open during Museum hours.

Butterfly Plant Sale

Turn your garden into a butterfly paradise with Florida-friendly plants sold on Friday and Saturday from early spring through fall. The Museum sale includes more than 150 host, native and nectar plants featuring a selection of at least 25 different species weekly.



Scan for additional accessibility information, including a sensory-friendly map or ask a Visitor Services representative.



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