



73RD ANNUAL MEMBERS' NIGHT

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5-9pm

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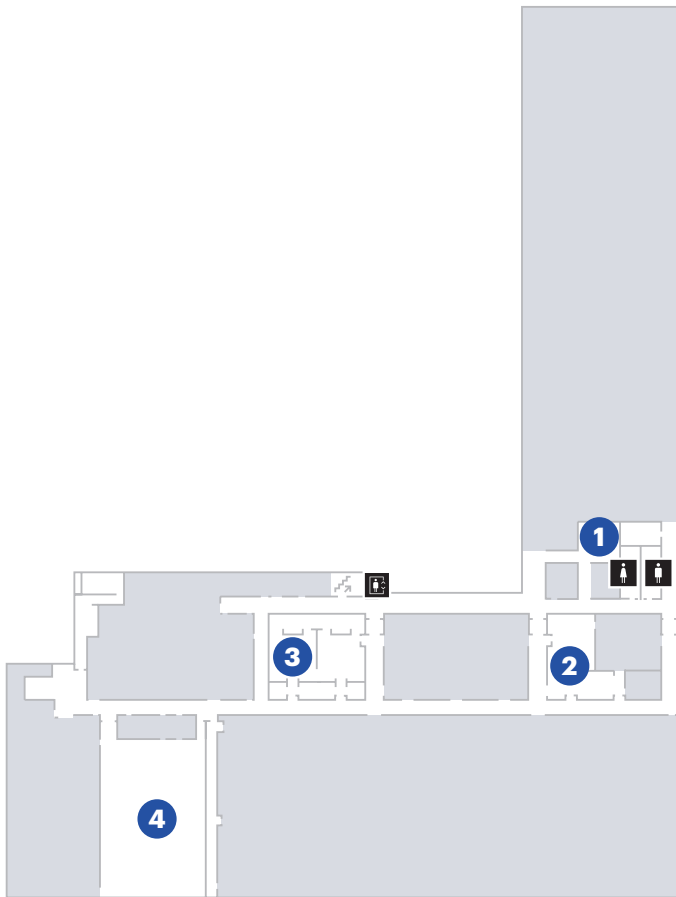
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-  Picnic Seating
-  Baby Changing Station
-  Gift Shop
-  Coat Check

Collections Resource Center (CRC) LL2



1 Mammals Preparation and Scientific Illustration

Timed tickets are required for entry. Pick up your tickets at station #5 on the Ground Level; tickets are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Learn how specimens are prepared for the Mammals Collection including a demonstration of the skinning and stuffing process. A livestream of the skinning process can also be seen throughout the night at station #5 on the Ground Level.

Watch Scientific Illustrators combine art and science together in their work for use in research publications—you can even dabble in the technique of stippling yourself!

2 Rumble at the Fish Bowl

A brawl is brewing in the Zoology Collections and the winner will be picked by YOU! Various fish, amphibian, and reptile species will go head-to-head in our single-elimination tournament. Members can vote for their favorites and decide which species will be crowned the Fish Bowl Champion!

3 Meet the Dragons at the Field Museum!

Discover some of the dragon-like reptiles and amphibians (or animals with attribution to dragons, and folklores) from our cool Amphibians and Reptiles Collections.

4 Chicago's Ancient Tropical Forests

Travel back 300 million years ago when Chicago was located in the tropics, and learn about the tropical forest that once flourished in Illinois.



Ground Level

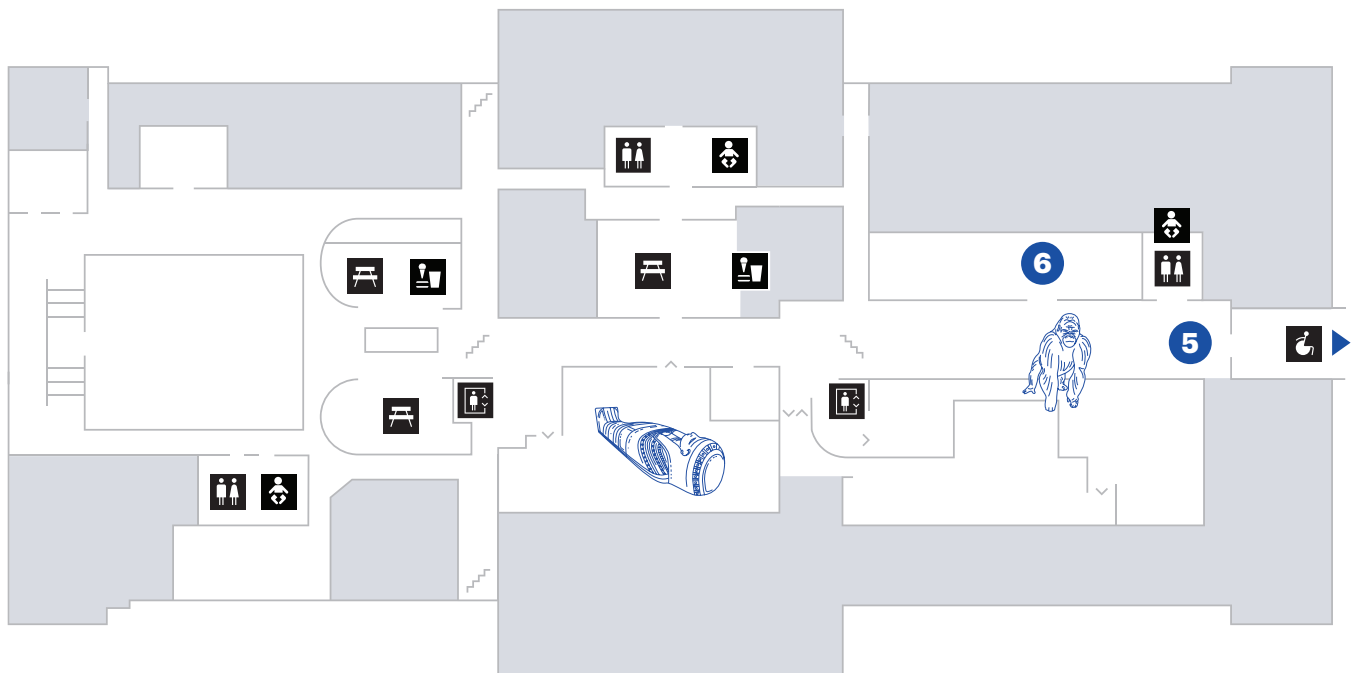
5 Mammals Preparation Livestream & Timed Ticket Pickup

If you'd like to see the CRC Mammal Preparation in person (station #1), be sure to stop here first to pick up your timed-entry ticket. Tickets are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

6 Build a Dino in the *Crown Family PlayLab*

This exhibition will be open from 5–8:30pm and is designed for families with children ages 2–6 years old.

Attention junior scientists! Visit the *Crown Family PlayLab* for an interactive, hands-on experience that allows young children to explore science through play. Children can dress up like their favorite woodland animal, dig up dinosaur fossils, harvest corn in a miniature pueblo, play percussion instruments from around the world, engage with real animal specimens, and more! Stop by to play a towering Box-o-Saurus dino builder game, and let your creativity fly with spring-themed craft projects you can take home and enjoy.



Main Level



7 Can You Sort the Dinosaur Fossils?

Stop by this sorting activity to match dinosaur teeth or claws to the toy model. Can you tell which were herbivores and carnivores?

Medicinal Plants: Make Your Own Tea Bag

What home remedies do you use when you are sick? Learn about historical medicinal plant uses and fill your own tea bag to take home!

Teacher and Field Trip Information

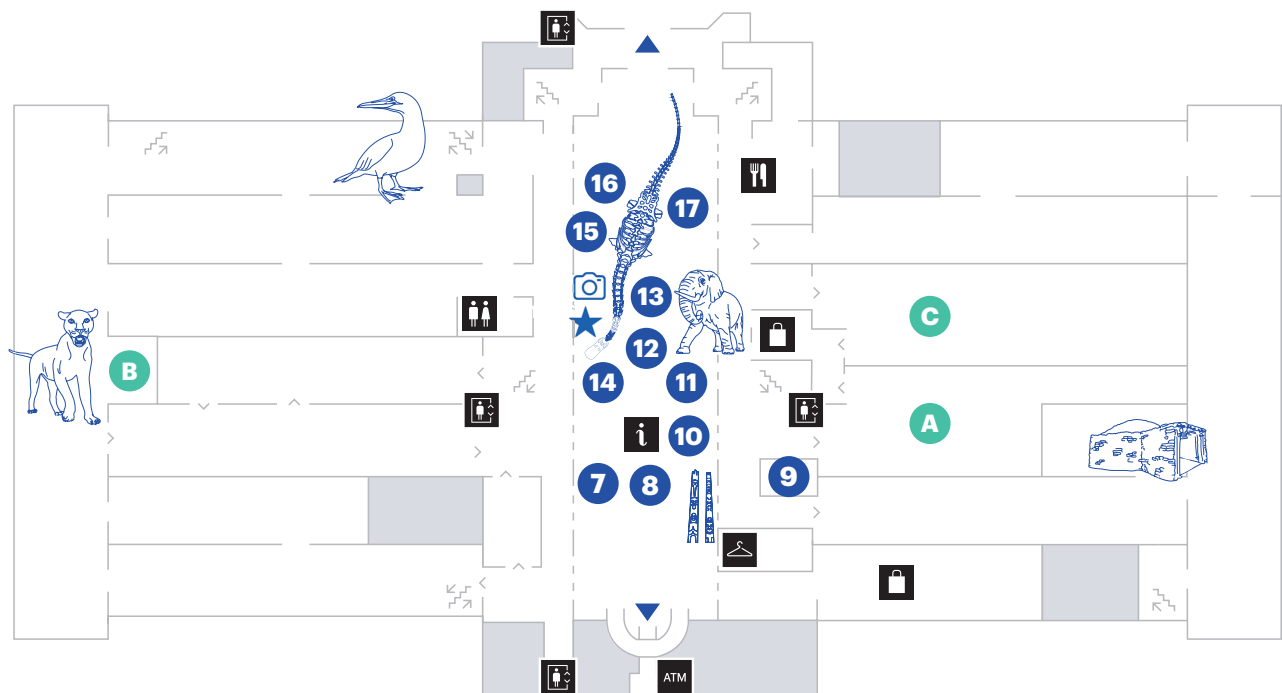
Pick up information about field trips to bring to your school or teacher, and check out resources for educators.

8 Family Programs Summer Preview

Find out how you can spend your summer with the best of the best. Join the Mightiest Heroes to save the day as a superhero in your community! Then, compete with the best athletes science and history have to offer in the Field Games! Superheroes and Olympians of all ages can drop in for a preview of the activities and challenges offered at these fantastic summer events, and much more!

9 Journey to the Origins of Life: Unlocking the Secrets of Asteroids in the *Grainger Science Hub*

Launched in 2016, NASA's OSIRIS-REx spacecraft obtained a sample of the asteroid Bennu in 2020 and returned to Earth last fall. Bennu is a carbon-rich celestial body that has undergone minimal changes since its formation approximately 4.6 billion years ago in the early Solar System. As such, it may preserve ingredients pivotal to the development of planets, including Earth, and the emergence of life. Stop by and learn about the Field Museum's role in the mission, and see some of the meteorites central to our research.



10 Design a Feather

Bring your inner artist to learn more about feathers and design your own. Compare your creation to a real falcon specimen!

11 Explore Youth STEAM Projects

How do youth participate in STEAM with the Field Museum? Check out some amazing teen projects, see our 3D printer, and learn more about youth opportunities.

12 Meet Norm the *T. rex* and Learn About the N.W. Harris Learning Collection

Learn more about Norm, the life-size replica of a *T. rex* skull. Explore the N.W. Harris Learning Collection resources and offerings, such as a Virtual SUE field trip, and enter a drawing for your chance to win a free Harris Learning Collection membership package!

13 The Deep-Sea World of Invertebrates

Hundreds of thousands of invertebrate species have been described, but many have yet to be discovered from the great depths of the sea. Visit us in Stanley Field Hall and observe fascinating examples of deep-sea invertebrates and their lifestyles that are found in this extreme environment. A variety of invertebrate specimens will also be available in a hands-on display for aspiring young scientists.



14 Exhibitions Registration

Learn how Exhibitions Registrars care for the museum's precious artifacts and specimens as they travel across the country and around the world. Try your hand at condition reporting and get an up-close look at what it takes to crate and transport a full-size cheetah specimen.

15 Be A Detective, Be A Scientist

Do you have what it takes to be a science detective? Stop by to test your detective skills and learn about animal and insect blood and how it is a different color from yours. While you play a matching game, you'll learn all kinds of exciting facts about animal blood and how it relates to the science aspects of S.T.E.M.

16 CAPTURE Adventure with Rivian

Learn how Rivian and the Field Museum are partnering around our complementary missions to protect our planet and the cultures that inhabit it for generations to come and to connect all of us to the natural world and the human story. At our South Entrance, get up close and personal with the Rivian R1T that Adam Ferguson, Negaunee Collection Manager of Mammals,, and his team are using for the CAPTURE project, then visit this station in Stanley Field Hall to learn more about the science and technology of electric vehicles.

17 Volunteer and Internship Information

Thursday Only

Have you ever wanted to get more involved at the Field Museum? Learn about volunteer and internship opportunities available throughout the year.

Other Opportunities

★ Field Museum Donor Opportunities

Learn more about philanthropic support at the Field Museum and engagement opportunities available to donors.

📷 Fotio

Strike a pose with Fotio, Chicago's coolest vintage, open-air photo booth!

Special Exhibitions

A *Bloodsuckers: Legends to Leeches*

B *The Changing Face of Science: Jingmai O'Connor* (Rice Gallery)

C *Unseen Oceans*

Stores

Main Store (5–9pm)

Take the Field Museum home with you! This award-winning store offers a wide range of gifts inspired by the Museum and its diverse collections. Receive a 10% member discount on your purchase (excludes alcohol).

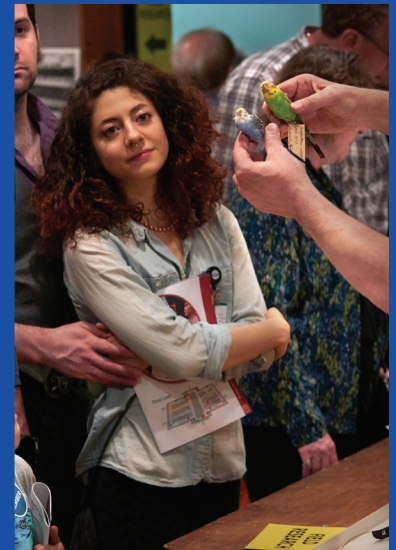
Temporary Exhibition Store (5–9pm)

Shop a wide selection of products related to *Bloodsuckers: Legends to Leeches* and *Unseen Oceans*.

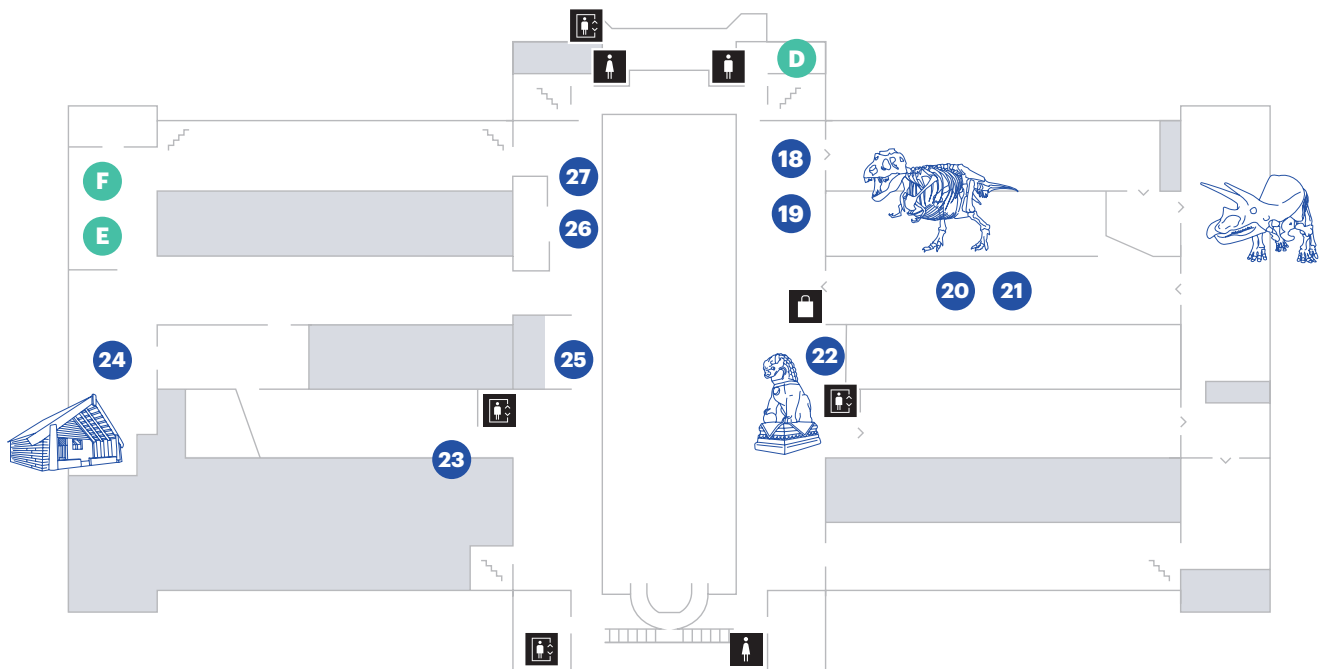
Food

Field Bistro (5–8:30pm)

Grab a bite to eat at the Field Bistro. Receive a 10% member discount on food and beverages (excludes alcohol).



Upper Level



18 The Chicago *Archaeopteryx*

Archaeopteryx is the link between dinosaurs and birds; learn about the important transformations between non-avian and avian dinosaurs and how *Archaeopteryx* fits in as the oldest known fossil bird.

19 *Archaeopteryx* Exhibit Plans

See concepts for the future permanent home of the Chicago *Archaeopteryx*, and make your own mini hologram.

20 Mammals are SICK! Bone Pathologies in the Fossil and Modern Mammal Collections

Many fossil and modern skeletal specimens hold evidence of illness or broken bones—coyotes with healed broken legs, anteaters with extra bone growth on their backbones, rhinos with arthritis, marmots with overgrown teeth, and cave bears with syphilis, and sometimes more mysterious maladies. Come to the Ice Age room of *Evolving Planet* to see a selection of currently living and fossil mammals with both known and mysterious illnesses.

21 Adventures Inside Bones: Growth, Life History, Function, and More

Paleontologists love to study bones because they fossilize easily, but it's not just the external features of the bone that are important. The microscopic structure of bone tissue can tell us about how fast an animal grew, the spongy internal bone provides information about how an animal held its limbs, and the chemical composition of a fossil indicates how it was preserved. Visit the Ice Age room of *Evolving Planet* to learn about the methods we use to study the insides of bones, and what they can tell us about life in the past.

22 White River Mammals—32 MYO Fossils from the Great Plains

The amazing assemblage of mammals from the White River Group in South Dakota, Nebraska, Colorado, and Wyoming is more diverse than the living mammal fauna of the Great Plains. Come see what sort of animals were alive 32 million years ago, and compare them with some modern relatives.

23 Splash Zone! Exploring Aquatic Mammals

Dive into the world of aquatic mammals from all around the globe. From freshwater to marine, come learn about the beautiful creatures embracing the life aquatic. But don't get too close—our splash zone isn't all water!

(Caution: Specimen Preparation in this room!)

24 What's On At The Marae?

Come learn what the Pacific curatorial team has been up to over the last year including recent outreach to Tasmania, American Samoa, and Aotearoa (New Zealand).



25 DNA Discovery Center

The *Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice DNA Discovery Center* is home to our state-of-the-art genetic research facility, the Pritzker Laboratory for Evolutionary Biology and Molecular Systematics. Watch as our scientists analyze DNA to map out the relationships among all living things on Earth!

26 Discoveries, Local People, and Field Guides

Meet our team of scientists who work year-round to protect the most diverse forests on the planet. You'll learn about our rapid inventories of remote, unexplored areas of South America, our work with local people, how we build fast and easy field guides, and what we found this year!

27 Nature in your Backyard

Meet Museum Ecologists and Naturalists who work in the Chicago Region. Learn how to connect with nature where you live and help local conservation efforts. Come gather materials to create Monarch habitats in your own backyard and discover nature opportunities for you and your family. You can also talk with our experts about climate change and adaptation in the Chicago Region.

Special Exhibitions

- D** *Audubon's Birds of America* (Brooker Gallery)
- E** *The Changing Face of Science: Janet Voight* (Comer Gallery)
- F** *The Changing Face of Science: Ylanda Wilhite* (Comer Gallery)

Stores

SUE Store (5–8:30pm)

An unforgettable store featuring an unforgettable dinosaur...and more! Shop a wide selection of SUE-related products for both kids and adults, plus dino-themed gifts galore. Receive a 10% member discount on your purchase.



Third Level Northeast



Plants & Fungi

28 Unlocking the Metagenome of Lichens

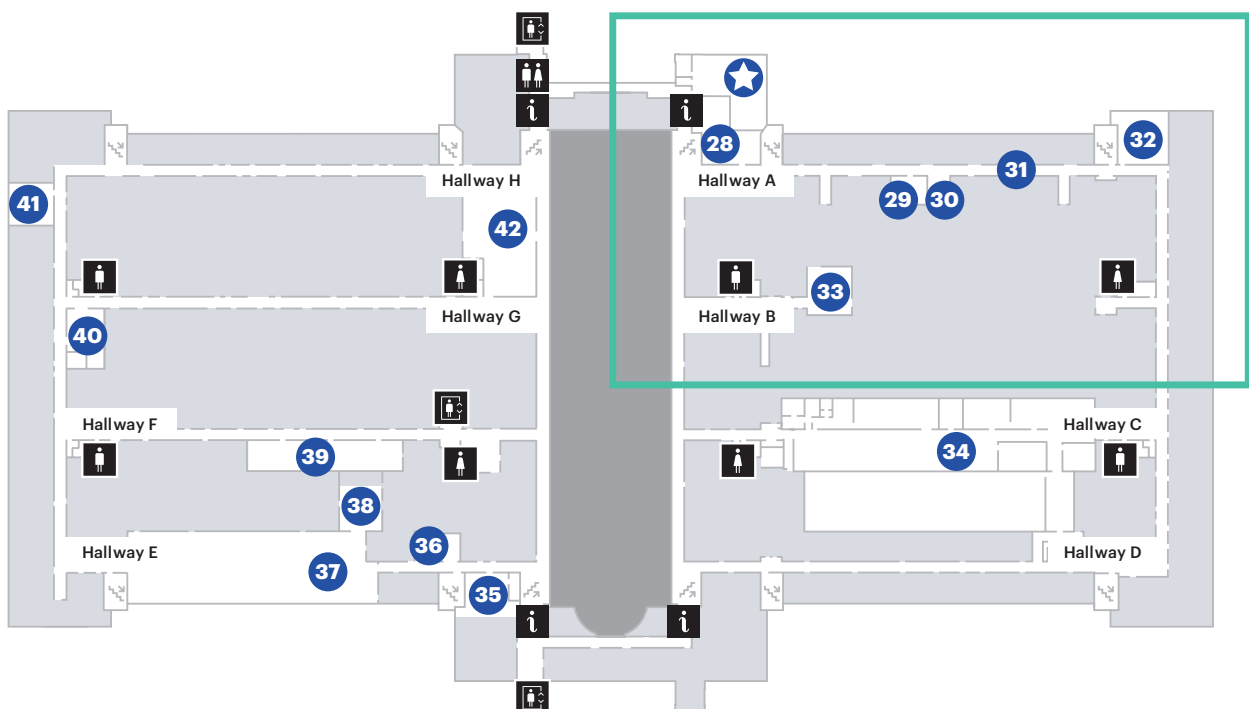
Explore the intricate world of lichen basic biology and metagenomics at this captivating station. Delve into the diverse specimens on display and engage in a live demonstration showcasing the innovative techniques utilized in metagenomics analysis of lichens. You'll uncover the mysteries of lichen symbiosis and microbial communities in this immersive experience.

29 Botany's Photography Lab

Come visit the lab where our Botanical Collections are photographed and learn how you can explore our collection online!

30 Become a Community Scientist! Unlock Hidden Biodiversity from a Microscopic World

Participate in our science! Help scientists describe and discover plant diversity—you may even discover a new species. See plants from the present and the past, spanning over 400 million years old, including algae, mosses, and ferns.



31 Forensic Palynology

Have you ever wondered how the stuff that makes you sneeze can help solve a crime? If so, come check out how pollen and spores help investigators solve crimes and aid in investigations spanning the globe.

32 Fungi: Killers and Helpers

Because Fungi can't make their own food, they get it by helping, hurting, or decomposing other species. Learn about some of the fascinating ways fungi have evolved to get food! See real-life *Ophiocordyceps* fungi and the insects they killed! Learn about mushrooms and what they are doing out there in nature and their diverse connections to plants. Examine fungi that are edible and poisonous, old and new, common and rare, helpers and killers...or just grab a crayon and relax with some coloring.

Plants in Action

The Field Museum is "home" to more than 80 Graduate Students who use our collections and collaborate with Curators on an array of research efforts. Come by and learn about the various projects that combine museum specimens and global fieldwork to investigate questions surrounding pollination, flower morphology, hybridization, taxonomy, and biogeography!

33 Medicinal Plants from the Field Museum

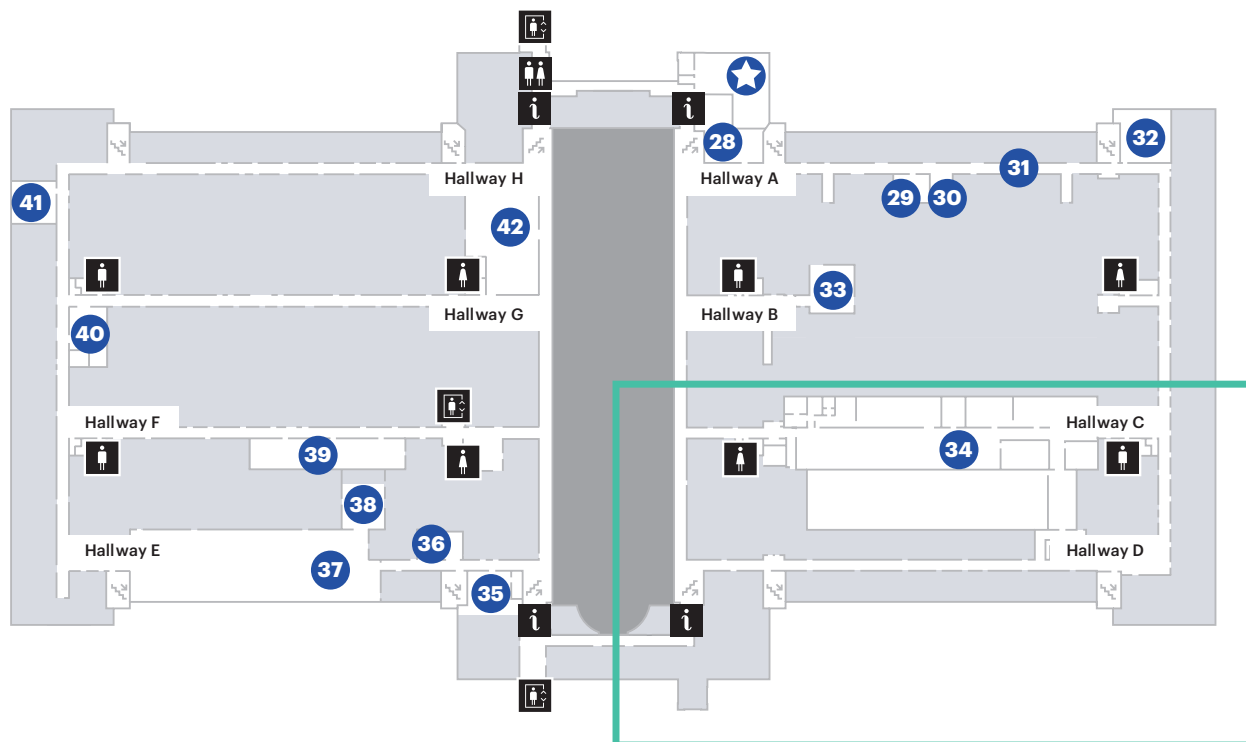
Take a look at some of the medicinal plant collection housed at the Field Museum. You'll see photos showcasing the discovery of new medicinal plants in the field, view large images of important medicinal plants, and learn about medicinal plants found in Laos.



Other Opportunities

- ★ Founders' Council Donor Lounge (5–8pm)

Third Level Southeast



Anthropology

34 Celebrating 20 Years of Archaeological Chemistry at the Field Museum

The Elemental Analysis Facility hosts cutting-edge instruments from x-ray fluorescence devices to multiple lasers for mass spectrometry. Since 2004, we have determined the chemical composition of artifacts from the Anthropology Collections to address questions regarding the production, trade, and use of objects by world civilizations past and present. Come and learn more about our research on the circulation of glass beads and Peruvian ceramics in the Museum's collections.

New Acquisitions in Anthropology

Preparing new acquisitions for use in a museum collection is a complex and lengthy process. In the case of the Field Museum's Anthropological Collections, it is also a rare opportunity to work with many types of objects from all over the world. Come see some of our latest acquisitions, hear the stories of how they were acquired, and learn how staff work to ensure the artifacts' long-term preservation as well as their accessibility for research, education, and exhibition.

Conserving Models and Taxidermy for the Upcoming Reptiles Exhibition

See examples of in-progress and completed treatments of celluloid and taxidermy reptiles. Conservators will discuss materials, processes, and difficulties. It's a sneak peek at some of our historic models—models that will be displayed alongside live specimens in the upcoming Reptiles exhibition!

Microfade Testing and Multiband Imaging

Learn how conservators use analytical instruments to determine the length of display for collection items to minimize color fading, and investigate objects through photography in infrared and ultraviolet light.



Third Level Southwest

Animals

35 Field Research in Birds

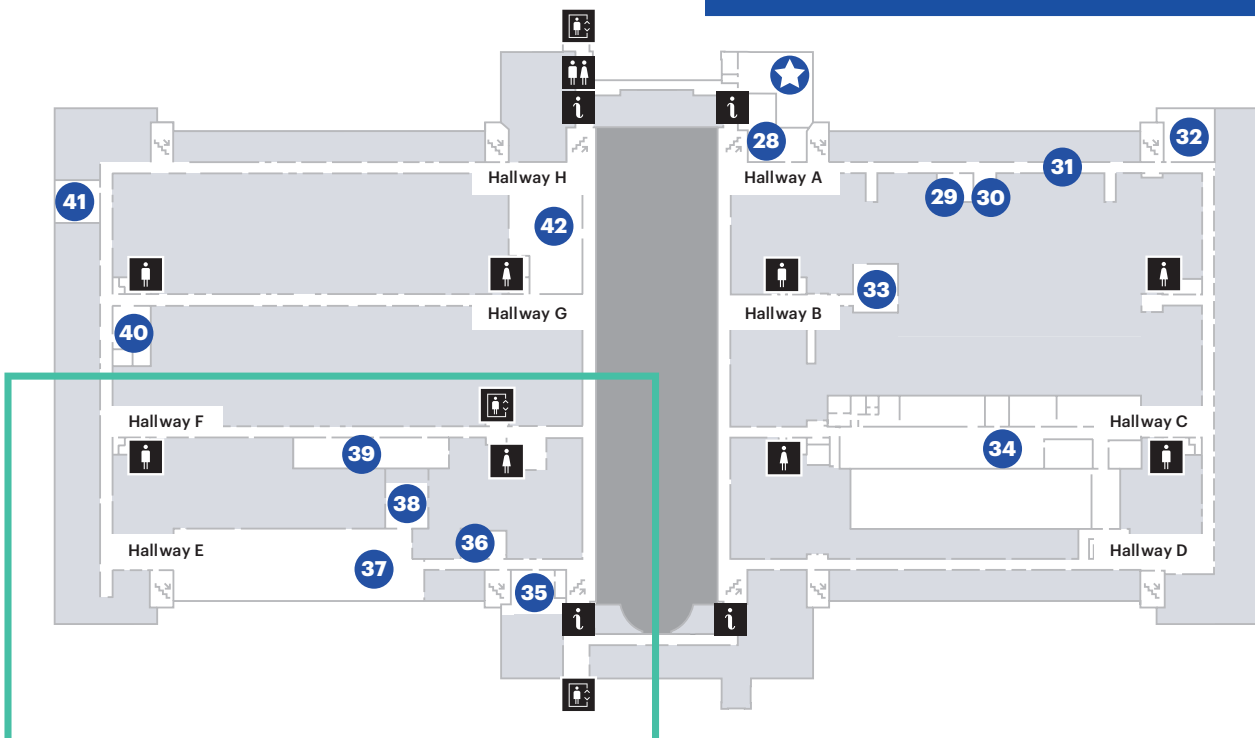
Get a glimpse into research conducted by the Bird Collections staff, research associates, and students! Learn what's happening with the latest studies on the evolution of birds at all levels of taxonomy, from how orders and families are related to genetic structures at the population level.

36 Artist in Residence (5–7pm)

You'll have to be an early bird to catch artist-in-residence Peggy Macnamara in her studio. Peggy will be around during the first two hours of the night to talk about artwork and using the collections for inspiration! She'll leave the lights on in her studio after 7pm, so be sure to stop by and peek in.

37 Anyone's Guess!

Bird Collection highlights take many forms. Stop by and get an up-close look at some avian specimens of interest in the Bird Collection. Hear what makes them unique and important to science! You may even find an artist hard at work using bird specimens as inspiration!





38 Bird Prep

Skinning, sewing, stuffing, skeletons, scalpels, smells, snipes, sparrows . . . You won't want to miss all the activity in the Bird Prep Lab!

Birds for Touching

Get hands-on experience with our education bird skins. Look at feather structure up close and check out the largest bird eggs ever laid!

Study Skin Prep

Not for the faint of heart! Be sure to stop by to learn the various ways museum avian specimens and taxidermy mounts are prepared if you dare. And what exactly is pickle?

Live Dermestids!

Forget bloodsuckers—we've got flesh-eaters! Get an up-close look at some of the hardest working volunteers at the Museum! Check out what skeletons the flesh-eating beetles may be cleaning while you watch.

39 Insects Large and Small

The diversity of insects is astounding—at about 1 million known species and counting. There are more kinds of insects than all other animal species combined. Come explore our 18-million-specimen strong collection, and get up close with beetles, ants, butterflies, both large and small. Learn how insects and arachnids shape our world!

Insect Zoo

Come visit the ever-popular Bug Zoo, filled with all your favorite live insects and arachnids featuring Rosie the Tarantula. Plus, get your copy of *Rosie the Tarantula: A True Adventure in Chicago's Field Museum* signed by Peggy Macnamara & Rosie. Books will be available for purchase.

Third Level Northwest

Fossils and Books

40 Behind-the-Scenes with Chicago *Archaeopteryx*

In celebration of the debut of the Chicago *Archaeopteryx*, we're offering an exclusive behind-the-scenes glimpse into the planning and preparation of this one-of-a-kind fossil in our lab. From the arrival of the specimen to CT scanning, to the completion of the preparation, our display showcases the photos, timelapse and videos of the meticulous process of preparation. Join us to gain insight into the fascinating world of paleontological research.

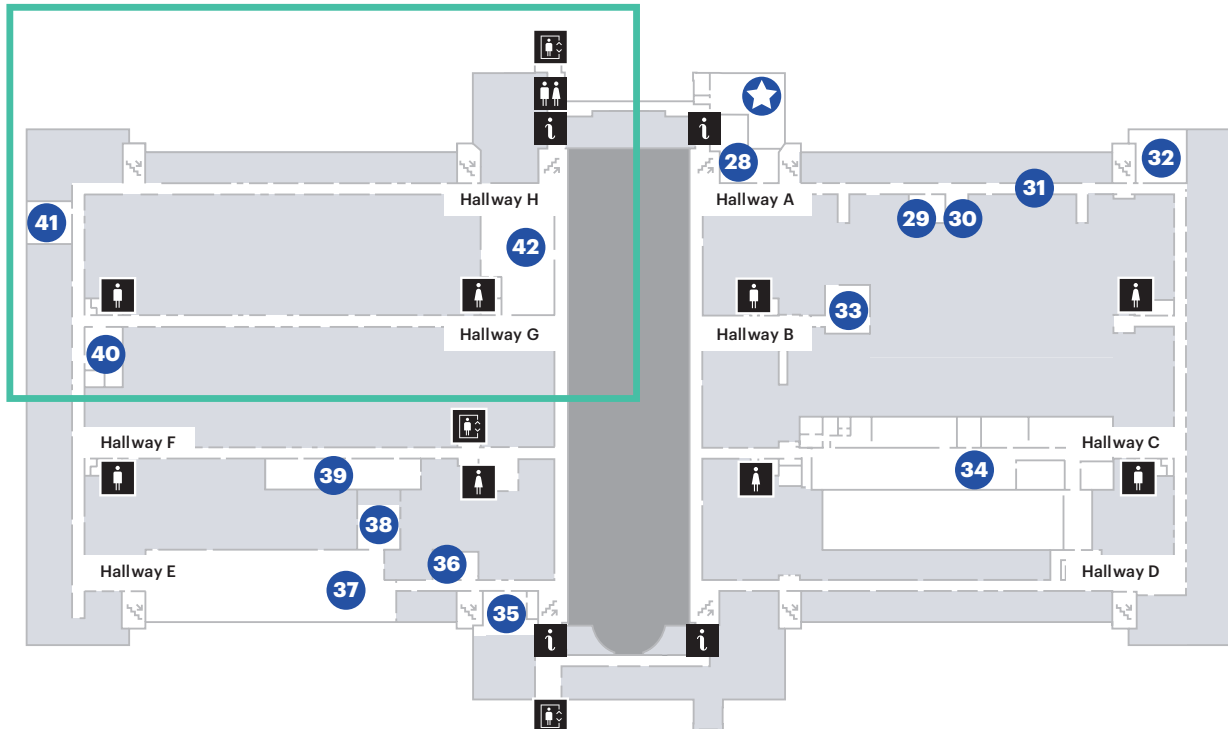


41 Trilobites, Starfish, and Tully Monsters, Oh My!

Come and see how we are working to add 25,000 fossil images and their information to our database and website as part of our Devonian digitization project, supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Examine 395 million-year-old trilobite, starfish, and crinoid fossils, beautifully preserved in black slate from the Bundenbach region in Germany. Also see Tully monsters, rare jellyfish, sea cucumbers, and many other fossils from the Mazon Creek region of Illinois older than dinosaurs and discovered just an hour away from Chicago.

42 Field Museum Library

Come see rare books—some as old as 1486—on display! Plus, pick up your very own bookmark featuring illustrations from the Library's collection.



Fourth Level

43 Exhibitions Mount Shop

Learn how precious artifacts and specimens are carefully mounted for display.

44 Exhibitions Interactives Shop

The interactives shop develops and builds new mechanical/electronic interactives for our exhibitions, along with maintaining all the existing ones in the building and traveling shows. Stop by to see what we're currently working on.

45 Exhibitions Production Shop

Look behind-the-scenes where we build exhibitions.

46 On the Road

Field Museum exhibitions travel the world. Follow along with our current tour and preview some of the special experiences available only in our Traveling Exhibitions.

What's Coming Up?

Explore which temporary exhibitions are coming to the Field Museum!

Meet the Development Team

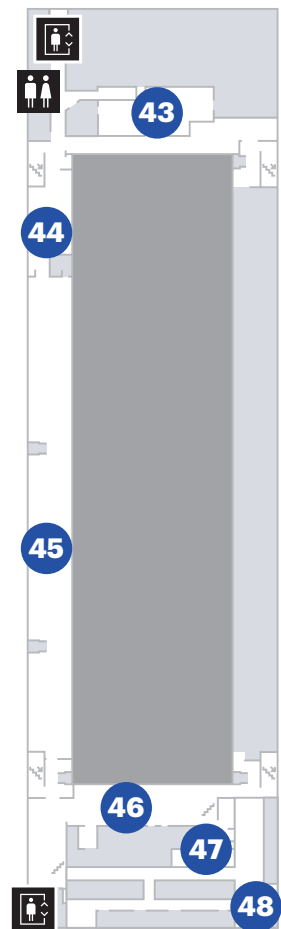
Would you like to vote on which exhibitions we should do next? Or tell us what you would like to see in some of the exhibitions we're working on right now? Stop by to chat with the Development team, and let your voice be heard.

47 Exhibitions Replication Shop

Explore the active production shop where dioramas, molds, casts, and replications are made.

48 Exhibitions Design Team

Learn about the design of Field Museum exhibitions. See graphic designs, architectural renderings, models, replicas, materials, and early concepts for past and future exhibitions.





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