



74th ANNUAL MEMBERS' NIGHT

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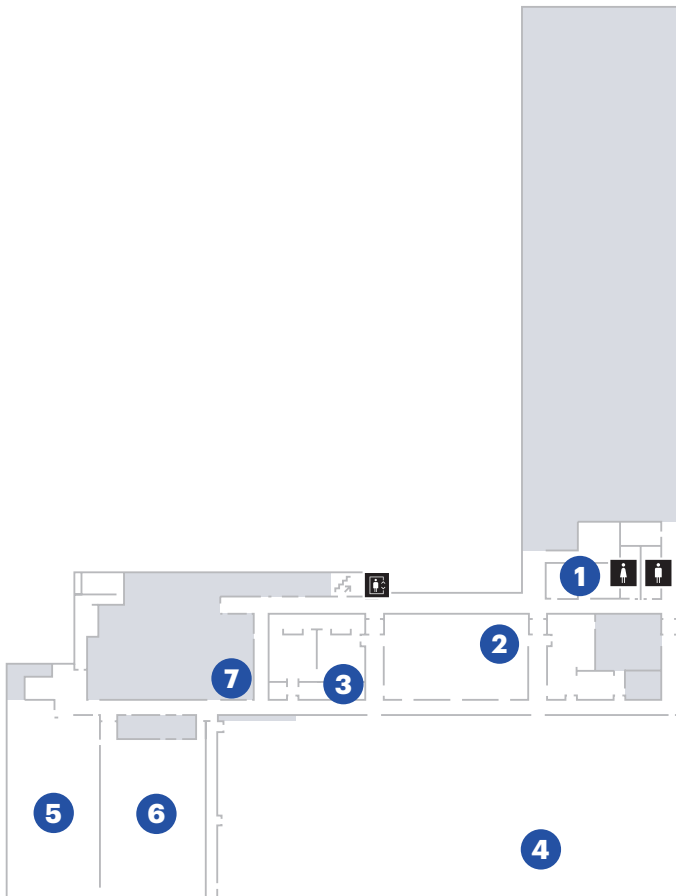
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-  Stairs
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-  Elevator
-  ATM
-  Information Desk
-  Picnic Seating
-  Baby Changing Station
-  Gift Shop
-  Strike a pose with Fotio, Chicago's coolest vintage, open-air photo booth!

Collections Resource Center (CRC) LL2



1 Mammals Prep Lab and Scientific Illustration

Ticket Required, Pick-up at Station 8 on the ground level

Come to the enchanted forest and explore the art and science of preserving and illustrating woodland creatures. Watch as museum preparators carefully prepare specimens for research and conservation, while a scientific illustrator brings their features to life through detailed drawings. Learn how these techniques help us study mammals—then try your hand at an illustration technique.

2 Woodland Creatures: Skunks

Join us as we prepare skunk and raccoon specimens for the collection and learn a bit about the on-going skunk research at the Field Museum.

3 Sssensational Snakes: The Unbelievable & the Unseen

Here in this station we will showcase some of the sensational snakes (e.g., the King Cobras, the Flying Snake, the Dragon Snake, the Leaf Nosed Snake, the Elephant Trunk Snake) in our Collections in the Field Museum.

4 Inside the Field Museum Fishes Collection

Curious about how the Museum stores our collection of over 2 million fish specimens? Visit us and tour the collection, as well as see and hear about some of the exciting research being done by our fish scientists.

5 The Dinosaur Room

Organized around the use of a forklift, the Vertebrate Paleontology Oversize Range is where we house our largest fossils including 1000lb. sauropod bones, theropods (including a disarticulated cast of SUE), duckbilled dinosaurs, horned dinosaur bones, and though they don't require a forklift, the fossil bird collection is here (because they are dinosaurs, too!)

6 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.

7 XCT (X-ray Computed Tomography) Scanners

The Field Museum has upgraded its research capabilities with state-of-the-art XCT (X-ray Computed Tomography) scanners. This advanced technology allows us to visualize the internal structures of specimens ranging from minerals and meteorites to vertebrates, invertebrates, plants, and even cultural materials – all without damaging them. Step up to the XCT Lab to see the scanners in action and hear from researchers about how this powerful tool is transforming their work.

Ground Level

8 Mammals Preparation Live Stream and Ticket Pick-up

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.

9 Crown Family Play Lab

The Crown Family PlayLab is an interactive, hands-on space where children ages 2-6 can explore science through play. You'll leave a dinosaur expert after completing our Creatures of the Cretaceous challenges!

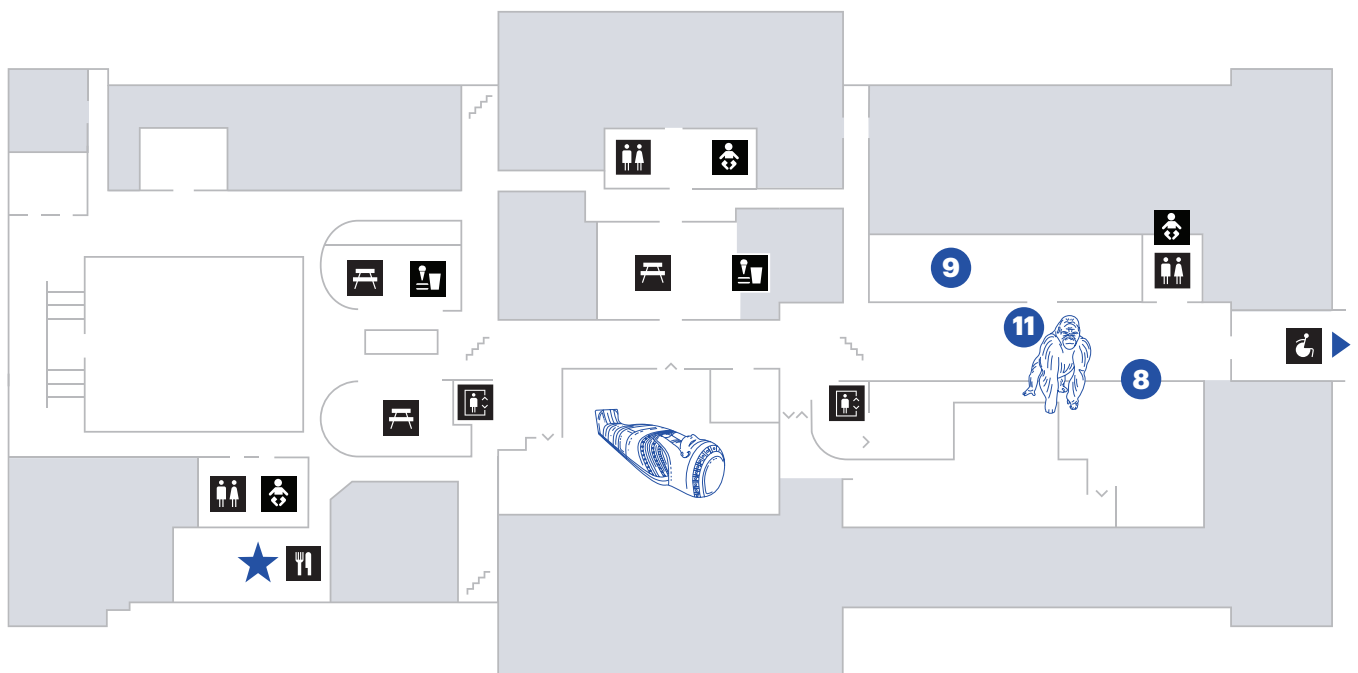
11 Family Programs

Learn about upcoming events and programs offered through the Sue Ling Gin Center for Education & Public Programs. From summer camp to sleepovers, to happy hour lectures, there is truly something for everyone!

★ Explorer Cafe (5–8:30pm)

Grab a bite to eat at the Explorer Cafe.

Receive a 10% member discount on food and beverages (excludes alcohol).



Main Level

10 Giving Day

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

12 Stories Reclaimed: The Journey of Cultural Items and Ancestors

Join the Center for Repatriation, Tribal Relations, and Provenance Research for an interactive exploration of the stories behind museum collections. Discover how cultural items and ancestors find their way home through repatriation, and try your hand at provenance research with hands-on activities. Engage with museum experts, learn about the importance of ethical stewardship, and celebrate the ongoing work of reconnecting cultural heritage with descendant communities.

13 N.W. Harris Learning Collection

Discover the Harris Learning Collection and take the Museum home with you! Sign up for a Harris Learning Collection membership to check out hands on and digital learning resources for your next educational program, event, or class!

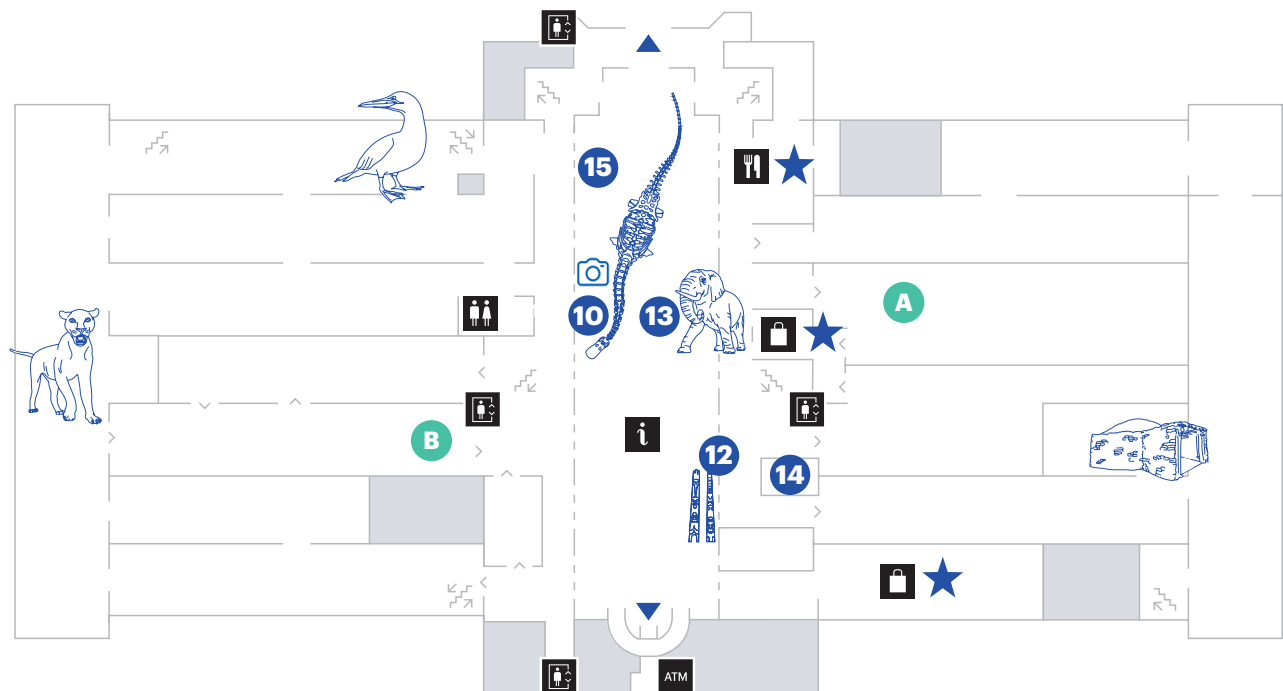


14 Cabinets Unlocked

Our cabinets are wide open to see the many specimens we use to help tell the stories of Field Museum scientists and their work. Come for the chance to touch some cool specimens.... stay for the fresh science.

15 **NASCAR** (Wednesday only)

NASCAR is excited to announce the return of its only street race, taking place in Chicago from July 5-6, 2025. This event promises thrilling racing action right in the heart of the city. Be sure to stop by and discover more about the race as summer approaches!



Special Exhibitions

Special Exhibitions are FREE for members everyday.

A *Africa Fashion*

B *Connecting Threads*

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).

★ Africa Fashion Store (5–9pm)

Shop a wide selection of products related to Africa Fashion.

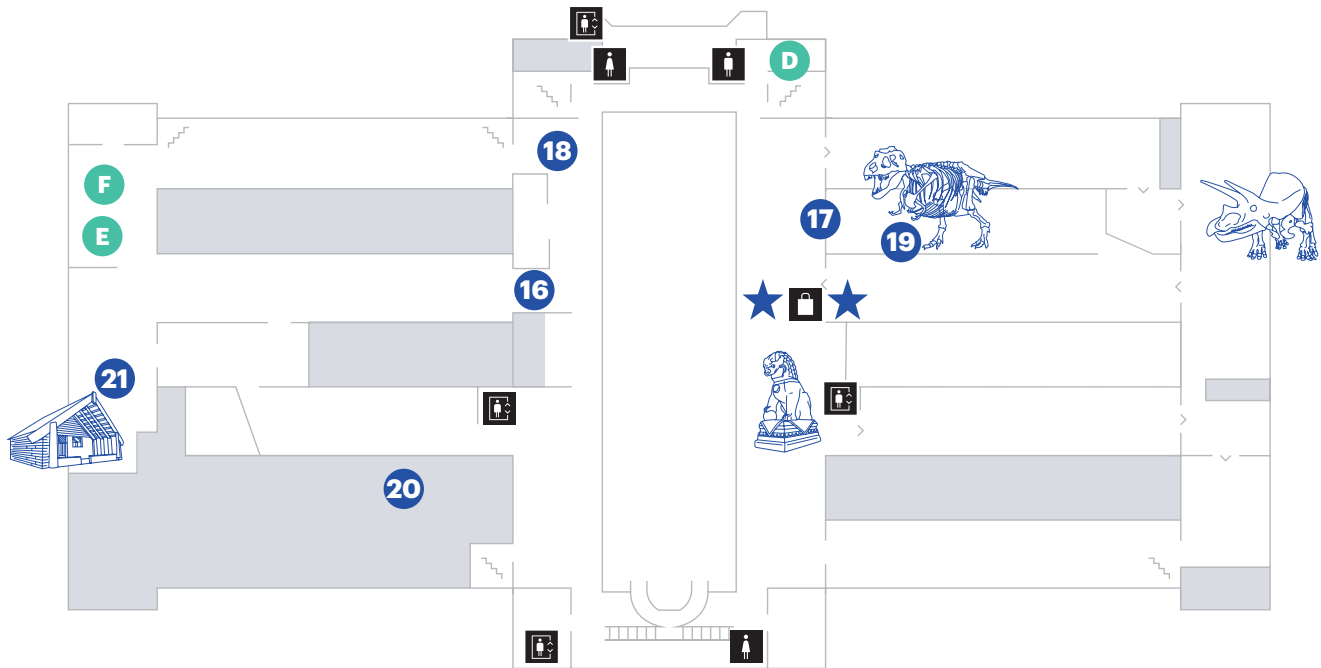
Food

★ 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



16 Meet the Curators of Chicago's Legacy Hula

Follow the music and come meet the co-curators of Chicago's Legacy Hula! The exhibition traces the arrival of Native Hawaiians to Chicago and shows how Hula has been preserved, protected, and perpetuated here for generations. Come by to say hello, and find out what's coming next to the Regenstein Halls of the Pacific!

17 Fossil Preparation Lab

Ever wondered what it's like to work in the Fossil Preparation Lab? Now is your chance! Meet our expert fossil preparators, get an up-close look at incredible prehistoric discoveries, and uncover the fascinating process of fossil preparation. See what we see, touch the past, and experience the thrill of bringing ancient life back to the surface!

18 Conservation Science in Action: From Chicago to the Amazon and Beyond

Meet scientists and educators who translate Field Museum collections and expertise into action for biodiversity conservation and quality of life. Learn about our rapid inventories of remote, unexplored areas in South America and our partnerships with the people who live there. Discover how to take action for nature and the climate in your neighborhood.



19 Evolving Underground: The Wonderful World Beneath Our Feet

Underground is a great place to be—if you're one of the many animals adapted for digging, that is! For many millions of years, vertebrates (animals with backbones) have been drawn to the subterranean realm and the protection, food, and shelter it provides. In particular, various mammals have independently become highly adapted for life underground...which entails some seriously strange bones and behaviors. Going subterranean has also helped mammals survive extreme events like the end-Cretaceous meteor impact and intense ice ages, and digging mammals even help their ecosystems recover after natural disasters like volcanic eruptions and wildfires. Visit us in the Ice Age exhibit in Evolving Planet to explore the weirdest and wildest subterranean mammals from today and the far past. Learn how naked mole-rats use their teeth to dig, how the star-nosed mole's famous star helps it hunt and navigate in total darkness, how golden moles "swim" through sand, and much more!

20 Armored Wonders: Mammals with Built-in Protection

Join the mammal crew of the Field Museum for an immersive experience celebrating some of the most fascinating mammals equipped with nature's own armor. Watch our expert team perform live taxidermy demonstrations of diverse species from around the world, including African pangolins, Australian echidnas, European hedgehogs, and American armadillos. Perfect for all ages.

21 Maori Meeting House: A Living Ancestor

Step into the heart of Māori culture with an immersive experience at a traditional Marae, Ruatēpūke, a Māori Meeting House. Learn about Māori customs, rituals, and traditions that are vital to Māori communities, particularly when entering the Marae. Through interactive learning and guided tours, you will explore the significance of the Marae as a place of gathering, cultural exchange, and spiritual connection.

Special Exhibitions

D *Audubon's Birds of America* (Brooker Gallery)

Art and science intersect on the three-foot-tall pages of one of the world's rarest books. Learn about the life of John James Audubon. Be sure to visit the Field Museum Library (station #46) on the Third Level Northwest to see another copy of Audubon's *Birds of America* in our collection.

E *The Changing Face of Science: Sara Ruane* (Comer Gallery)

Learn more about Sara's multifaceted life, including her passions for reptiles, fashion, training her poodles, and collecting epiphytic plants and orchids. Discover her path to herpetology, from exploring and finding reptiles with her grandparents as a child to discovering new snake species through DNA sequencing.

F *The Changing Face of Science: Lesley de Souza* (Comer Gallery)

Follow Lesley's career from being the only woman on an expedition to leading the largest multidisciplinary scientific expedition to Guyana's rainforest. Journey to the Amazon rainforest in a multi-sensory display with atmospheric sound, a diverse array of fish specimens, videos, and more to explore her work.

★ Virtual Reality (5–8:30pm)

Dive into prehistoric seas, blast off on Apollo 11, or race through Chicago's futuristic skyline—all in stunning 360-degree visuals synchronized with dynamic ... motion.

★ 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



22 The Grainger Bioinformatics Center Presents: Unlocking the Genetic Code of Symbiosis

Explore the hidden world of lichens through the power of genomics. Discover diverse specimens and engage with Field Museum experts in a live demonstration of cutting-edge DNA sequencing and metagenomics. In this interactive and immersive experience, see how bioinformatics reveals the genetic blueprints of lichen symbiosis and microbial communities.

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

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

24 Green Clues: Learn How Plants are Used in Forensic Science

Learn from forensic scientists how plants and the herbarium are used to solve true crime mysteries using pollen and plant fragments.





25 Wildflowers of Illinois

Make a craft and see specimens of Illinois native plants.

26 Fungi: Killers and Helpers

See some of the museum's mushroom collection and learn what fungi do out there in nature! Because fungi can't make food, they get it by helping, hurting, or decomposing other species. See real-life *Ophiocordyceps* and the insects they killed! Examine mycorrhizal mutualists that help trees grow! Inspect mushrooms that are edible and poisonous, old and new, common and rare, all colors of the rainbow...or just grab a crayon and relax with some coloring.

27 Plant Evolution and Ethnobotany

Specimens from the flowering plant and ethnobotany collections, showcasing research by museum scientists

28 Plants and People: Stories From the Ethnobotany Collection

Step into a world where human creativity meets the power of plants in our ethnobotany collection, first unveiled at the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago. Discover giant coconuts, fungus hats, and hands-on artifacts that reveal how cultures around the world have transformed nature into ingenious tools, art, and tradition.

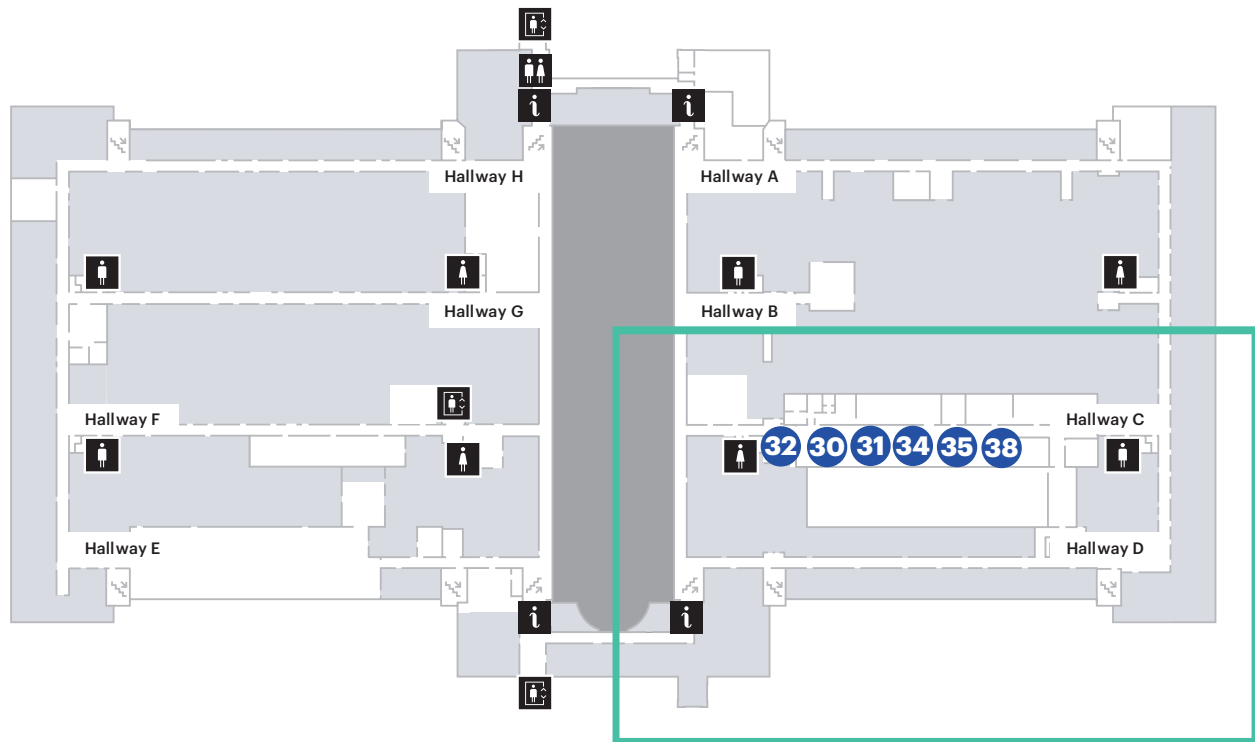
29 Medicinal Plants from the Field Museum

An exhibit presenting the medicinal plant collection housed in the Field Museum (herbarium specimens, medicinal plant products) as the focus of the exhibits and activity. This exhibit is enhanced by (1) a display of images of fieldwork to discover new medicinal plants; (2) large images of important medicinal plants (in color) as a template for interested visitors to make color drawings; (3) a computer set-up in which visitors will be able to learn about medicinal plants of Laos [website "Medicinal Plants of Laos,"] and lastly, (4) an activity for visitors to hunt for medicinal plants on display.

★ Founders' Council Donor Lounge

Founders' Council donors are invited to enjoy the exclusive Founders Council Donors Lounge during Members' Nights.

Third Level Southeast



30 The Indigemellows

The Field Museum lacks Indigenous voices and to improve the North American Collections space have collaborated with the Mellon Foundation to support 6 Indigenous people for one year fellowships in the course of 3 years. The Indigenous Mellon Fellows (Indigemellows) bring their Indigenous knowledge to the museum in the North American collection, conservation, and registration. They also work with tribal communities through workshops and knowledge exchanges. At this table, you will be able see the work they are currently working on and what they have done in the past.

31 Inside Egyptian Mummies

Learn how conservators gain insight into the lives of Egyptian mummies through the use of XCT scanning! Unlike the mummy unwrapping practices of the past, XCT scanning provides a non-destructive method of revealing information otherwise obscured by the mummies' wrappings. By examining bone health and features from the scans, we can learn more about the lifestyle, health, and diet of each mummified individual. The XCT scans aid our conservation department in better understanding the condition of each mummy so we can provide specialized care and treatment.

32 Neotropical Flowering Plants Digitization Project 2025

Witness firsthand the industrial-scale digitization of 500,000 Neotropical plant specimens at the Field Museum's herbarium—one of the largest efforts of its kind ever undertaken. In partnership with Picturae and using cutting-edge imaging technology, we're unlocking centuries of botanical knowledge to fuel research, conservation, and discovery like never before. Be part of this transformative moment in biodiversity science!

34 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.

35 Beetles, Spiders & Worms, Oh My! Creepy Crawley Treasures in the Anthropology Collections

Have you ever wondered about how many insects and spiders are in the Anthropology collections? Stop by to see cultural items and entomology specimens that reflect how people around the world interact with and are inspired by these creepy crawly creatures.

38 Writing in Ancient Egypt

For ancient Egyptians, writing was a way to make spoken words last forever. Explore highlights of writing from the ancient Egyptian collection and learn about writing tools and techniques in ancient Egypt. Then try your hand at hieroglyphs by writing your name in them.



Third Level Southwest

36 Field Research in Birds

Get a glimpse into research conducted by the Bird Collection 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.

37 Artist in Residence (5 to 6pm only)

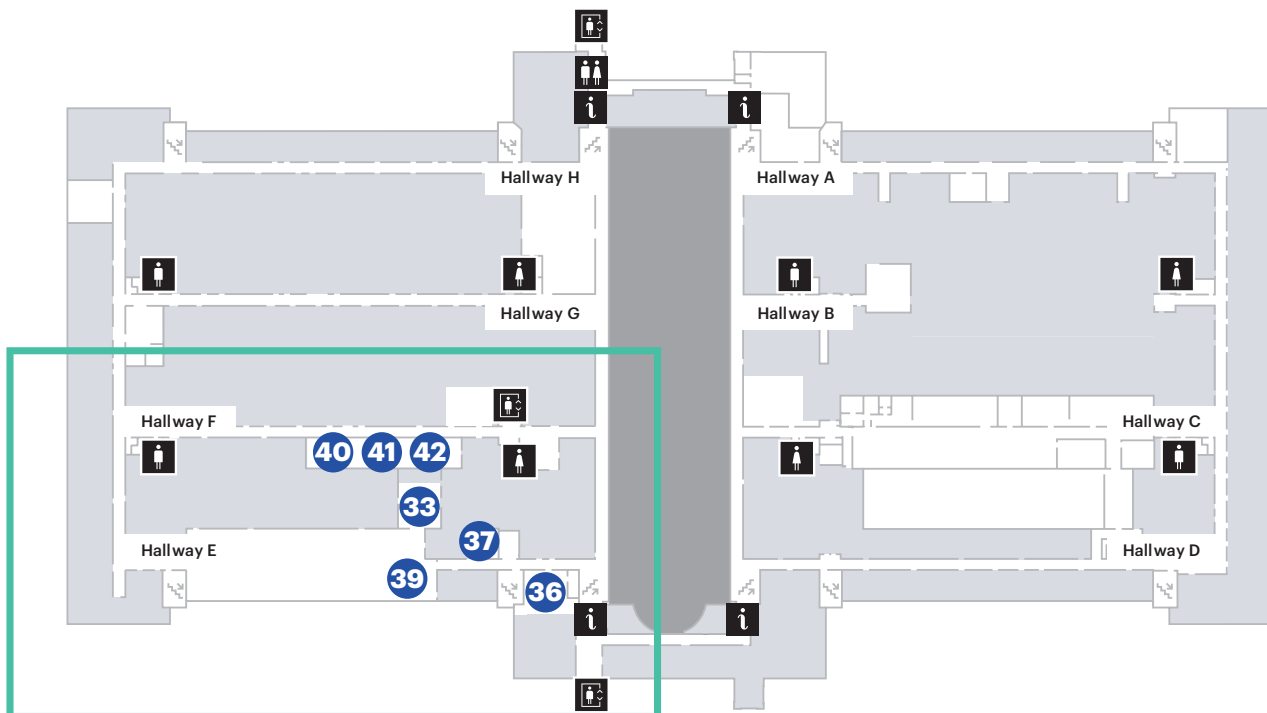
You'll have to be an early bird to catch artist-in-residence Peggy Macnamara in her studio. Peggy will be around during the first hour of the night to talk about artwork and using the collections for inspiration!

33 Bird Prep

Don't miss the Bird Prep Lab, where you can touch real bird specimens, examine feathers and giant eggs, and see how museum birds are prepared. Watch live flesh-eating beetles at work as they clean bones and see how museum bird displays are prepared.

39 Anyone's Guess!

Bird collection highlights can take any form. Stop by and you may be able to take a look at some avian specimens of interest in the bird collection. Hear what makes them unique and important to science! Or maybe you'll find an artist hard at work using bird specimens as inspiration!





40 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 how we use AI to study them. Get up close with beetles, ants, butterflies, both large and small. Learn how insects and arachnids shape our world!

41 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 and signed by Peggy MacNamara & Rosie. Books will be available for purchase.

42 The Extraordinary Diversity of Non-Insect Invertebrates

From mollusks to crustaceans, come witness the vast anatomical diversity of invertebrates and the incredible adaptations they've devised to flourish for the past 500+ million years.

Third Level Northwest

43 What Big Teeth You Have! Fangs, Tusks, and Canines in Fossil Tetrapods

Early tetrapods had simple conical teeth for gripping prey and some developed labyrinthodont teeth with complex folding for added strength. Over time, certain species evolved enlarged fangs or tusks to help capture and process food. Come see nature's version of extreme makeover.

44 Expedition to the Devonian

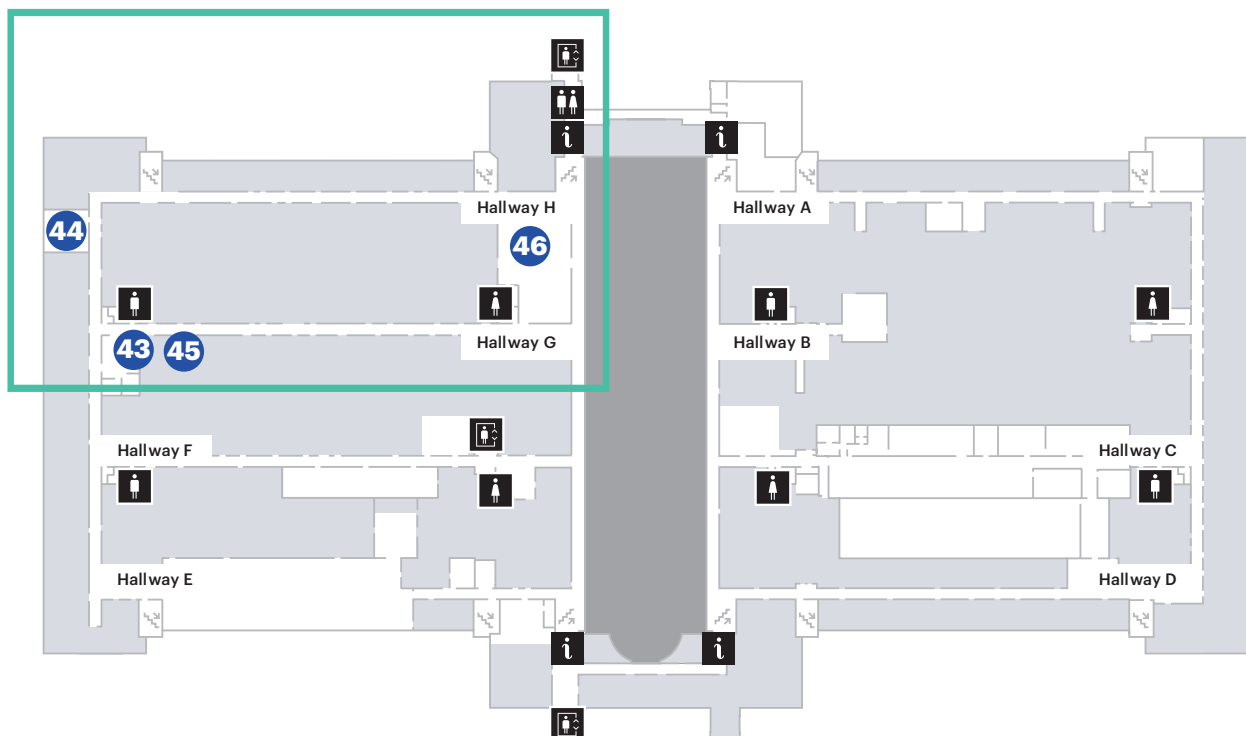
Journey back in time 380 million years to the Devonian Period and investigate ancient fossils that are older than dinosaurs. See and touch trilobites, cephalopods, brachiopod shells, and crinoids from Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, New York, Germany, and Morocco. Learn how the continents have moved and what the world and Midwest looked like during the Devonian Period. On your way back to the present, see 300 million year old Illinois fossils from the Mazon Creek including our state fossil the Tully Monster.

45 Field Trip to Mars

Come take a trip with us to one of our closest planetary neighbors and meet your Martian guides for a tour of the red planet. You will learn about what science is teaching us about Mars while marveling at the largest volcano and longest canyon in the solar system. Was there ever life or water on Mars? Find the answers to these questions and more as you gaze upon actual specimens from Mars from our collection.

46 Field Museum Library

Visit the library to see items from our archive and rare book collections.



Fourth Level

Where big ideas become big exhibits

See how we design and build exhibitions from start to finish—right here at the Field Museum. Visit Exhibitions on the Fourth Floor for a behind-the-scenes look.

47 Exhibitions Production Shop

Look behind the scenes where we build exhibitions.

48 Exhibitions Interactives Shop

See the shop where the interactives across the Field Museum are built and maintained.

49 Exhibitions Mount Shop

View fabrication shop and learn how we make archival mounts to support all the objects on display. Talk with our great crew of mount makers.

50 Exhibitions Replication Shop

Active production studio where dioramas, molds, casts and replications are made.

51 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.

52 Exhibitions Graphics Shop

See where digital graphics become physical banners, signage, and more!

53 Exhibitions Registration

Learn how Exhibitions Registrars pack, crate, and transport the museum's precious artifacts and specimens as they travel in exhibitions across the country and around the world. Touch and feel samples of the various materials used and see what it takes to keep an object safe in transit.

54 On the Road

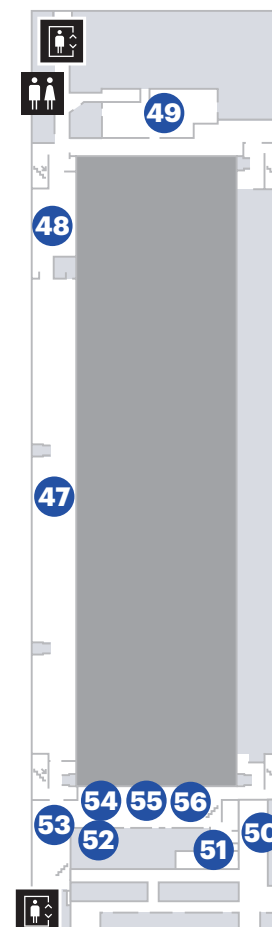
Field Museum exhibitions travel the world. Follow along with our current tours and preview some of the special experiences available only in our Traveling Exhibitions.

55 What's Coming Up

Explore which temporary exhibitions are coming to the Field Museum!

56 Talk with the Exhibition Development Team

The Exhibition Development team works with scientific, cultural, and community content advisors to structure the exhibition's content and create its visitor experience goals. Stop by to meet them and to take part in a survey designed to get your thoughts on some of our upcoming exhibitions.





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