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#FieldMembersNight

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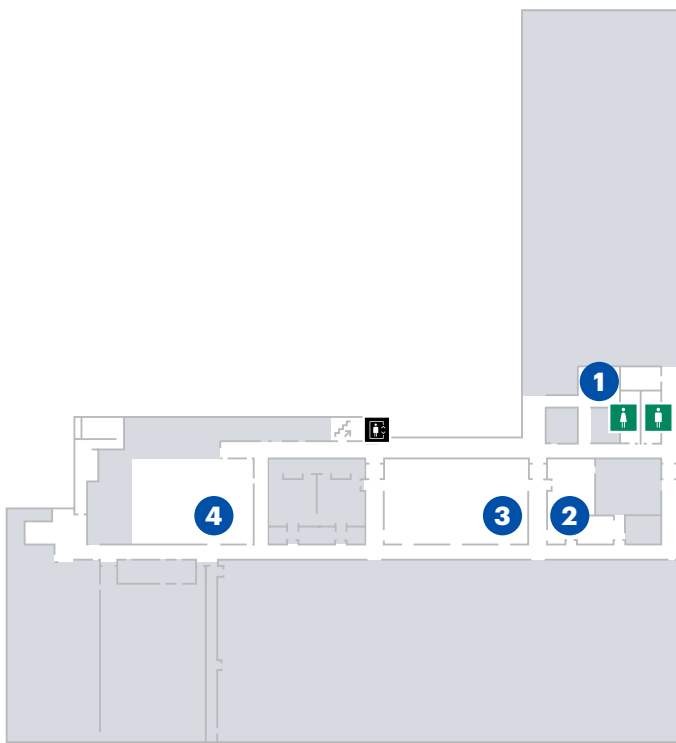
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-  Unisex Toilet
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-  Men's Toilet
-  Elevator
-  ATM
-  Information Desk
-  Picnic Seating
-  Baby Changing Station
-  Gift Shop

Collections Resource Center (CRC) LL2



1 Mammals Preparation and Scientific Illustration

Timed tickets required for entry. Pick up your tickets at station #8 on the Ground Level; tickets are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Watch as the journey of two brothers unfolds through the magic of specimen preparation. Science and art become a way of storytelling as museum preparators skillfully ready the specimens for research, and scientific illustrators bring them to life. Discover how preparation techniques help researchers and conservationists understand the mammals they study. Explore key differences between antlers and horns with one of North America's largest land animals as your guide. Learn about the methods illustrators use, and leave your mark through a hands-on stippling demonstration.

2 Fishes Inside Out

Ever had an x-ray taken? We also x-ray our specimens when we need to study certain things about their anatomy. Visit our lab and check out some of the incredible diversity of fish skeletons by seeing fish specimens and their x-rays.

3 Mammals Wet Lab

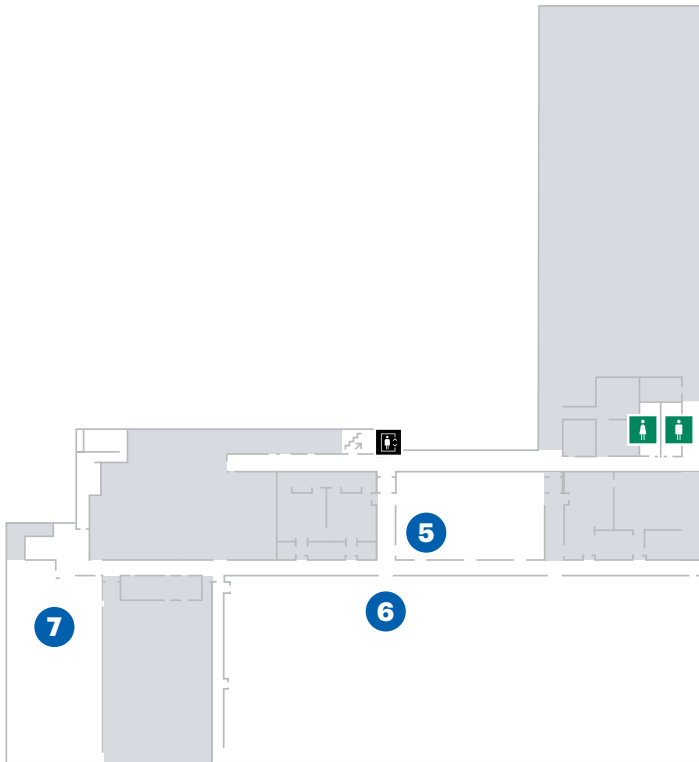
Discover how anatomy can tell scientists about a mammal's behavior and life story. Familiar woodland faces will be your guide as you explore how smaller mammal specimens are prepared.

4 XCT Scanning: Natural History Inside Out

Come see the natural world turned inside out at the Field Museum's X-Ray Computed Tomography (CT) Lab! Learn about exciting CT-based research being conducted by Field Museum scientists and graduate students, and find out what we can learn with real-life X-Ray Vision.



Collections Resource Center (CRC) LL1



5 New Acquisitions Through the Ages

Discover acquisitions that were new during the first-ever Members' Night 75 years ago, 50 years ago, 25 years ago, and some that are new this year! Preparing new acquisitions for use in a museum collection is a complex and lengthy process. Learn how registration staff work to ensure the artifacts' long-term preservation as well as their accessibility for research, education, and exhibition and how that process has changed over the years.

6 Celebrating Papua New Guinea

As part of a year-long celebration of Papua New Guinea's 50th anniversary of independence, visit the Pacific Islands team to see a new, never-before-displayed collection of decorative, utilitarian, and religious items from the remarkably diverse islands of Papua New Guinea. Originally collected in the 1970s, the Nichols collection offers an overview of the Sepik River, West Papua, and Papuan Gulf artistic tradition in the latter 20th century. You will also get a glimpse into the Museum's Pacific Anthropology storage space, where staff care for over 60,000 ethnographic and archaeological items from all across the vast Pacific.

What Weighs More?

From the 17th to 19th century, the Asante Empire ruled over Ghana and surrounding areas. The Asante Empire had a bustling economy and trade systems that centered on gold and used intricate gold weights as a measurement system. They often depicted Adinkra symbols and other symbolic imagery that highlighted not only the weight of the gold, but also the weight of one's existence in society. Visit the Anthropology Collections to explore the gold weights and try your hand at guessing their proverbial meanings and making your own patterns.

7 Coloring Ancient Egypt

Take a peek into our Anthropology Oversize storage room where you'll get a rare glimpse of Egyptian stone items, as well as other large Anthropology items from around the world which are not normally on display. You can even hone your coloring skills as you learn more about two of the Museum's largest items from ancient Egypt: the Dahshur Boat and the chapel of Netjer-User.

Egyptomania: Ancient Egypt in Pop Culture

From the stage to the screen, music to comic books, video games to novels, popular culture is full of references to ancient Egypt. Explore highlights from the ancient Egypt collection and the inspiration for characters, settings, and objects in popular culture. You can even share how you have interacted with ancient Egypt in popular culture!



Ground Level

8 Mammals Preparation Live Stream and Ticket Pick-up

If you'd like to see the Mammals Prep Lab and Scientific Illustration in person (station #1, CRC LL2), 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 PlayLab

Open until 8:45pm

Attention junior scientists ages 2–6 and their families!

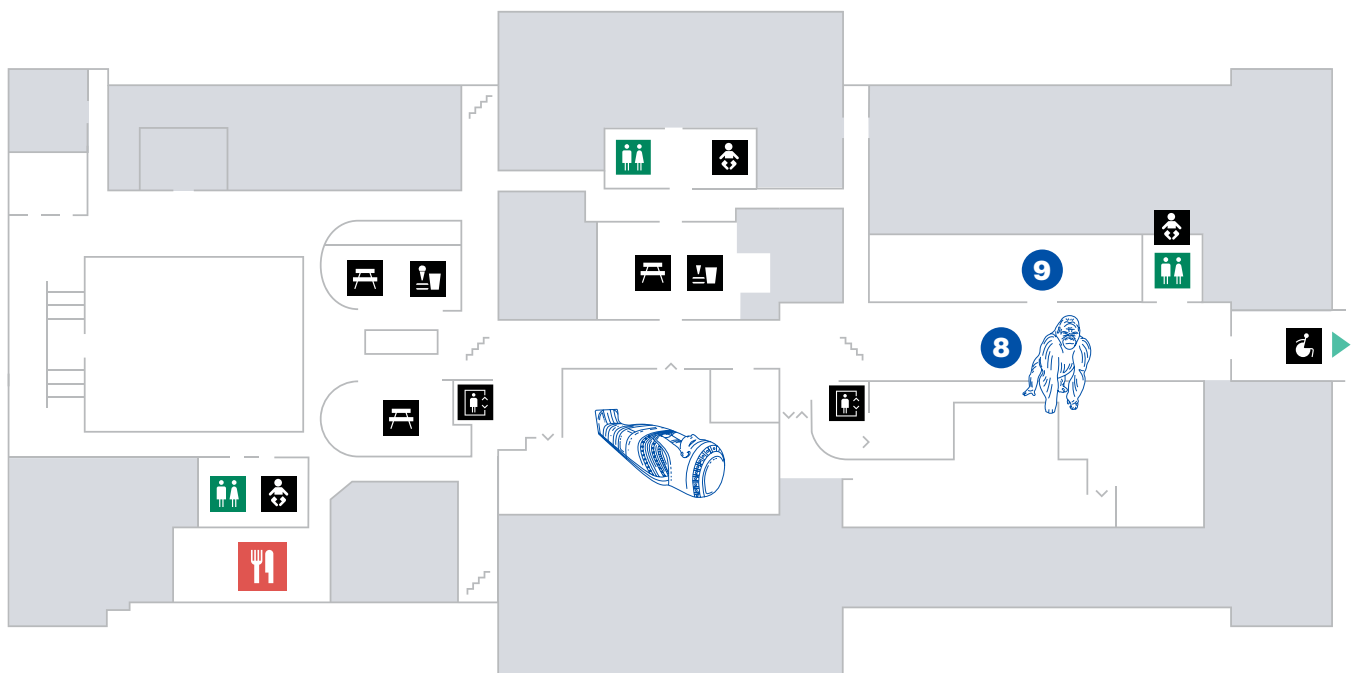
Visit the *Crown Family PlayLab* for interactive, hands-on experiences that allow young children to explore science through play.

Food

Explorer Cafe

(5–7pm)

Grab a bite to eat at the Explorer Cafe!



Main Level

10 North American Anthropology: Collections Collaborations

Join the North American Anthropology team to view items from the collections and hear the stories behind the museum's oldest and newest collaborations with Pacific Northwest Coast communities. Engage with museum experts and learn about the importance of ethical stewardship and the ongoing work of reconnecting cultural heritage with descendant communities.

11 Culture 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 test your knowledge of the repatriation process with hands-on activities. Engage with museum experts and learn about the importance of ethical stewardship and the ongoing work of reconnecting cultural heritage with descendant communities.

12 *Grainger Science Hub* Open until 8:45pm.

In the *Grainger Science Hub*, fresh science is served daily and tonight is no exception! Come explore the nano scale with demos of a tabletop scanning electron microscope. We've got birds, a bear, and a buffet of beautiful specimens!

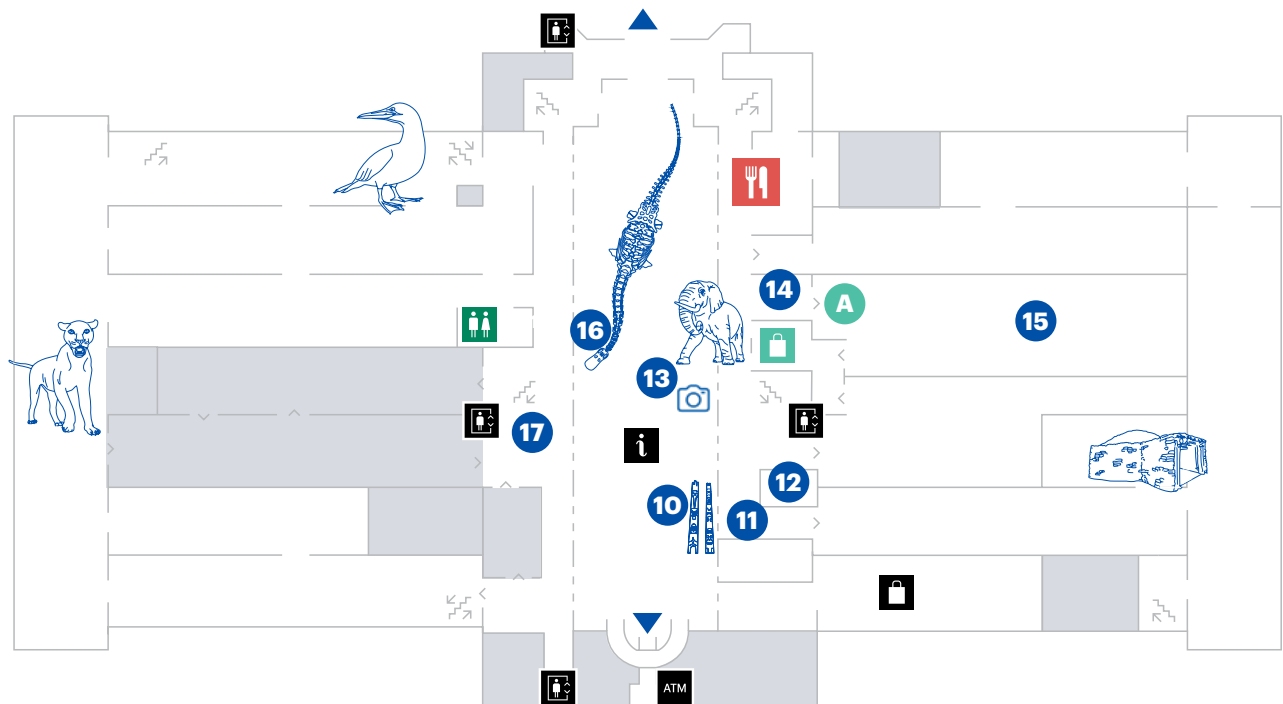


13 Education and Public Programs

Learn more about the Sue Ling Gin Center for Education and Public Programs initiatives, field trips, teacher professional development, and events like Dozin' with the Dinos!

14 Dawn of the Age of Mammals

Sixty-six million years ago a giant asteroid impact caused the extinction of non-bird dinosaurs and sparked the Age of Mammals. In the aftermath of the extinction, mammals rapidly evolved much larger sizes and many new ways of life. Come and meet some examples of these 'dawn mammals' who normally hide in our research collections, including some of the oldest large mammals, totally extinct weirdos, and early members of modern groups like primates and horses.



15 Forests after the Age of Dinosaurs (Inside *After the Age of Dinosaurs*)

Travel back 66 million years to learn about the evolution of plants and birds in the wake of the asteroid impact that killed off the non-bird dinosaurs.

16 Make a Huge Impact!

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

17 Africa Hall

Learn about the plans for the new Africa Hall design. Get a preview of the objects that will be on view and the exciting new layout.

Fotio

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

A *After the Age of Dinosaurs*

Step into a world reborn. *After the Age of Dinosaurs* explores the fascinating story of life after the extinction of the dinosaurs, when enormous snakes, tiny horses, towering penguins, and strange primates ruled a tropical Earth. Discover how surviving species reshaped the planet in surprising and sometimes alien ways. This immersive experience reveals a chapter in Earth's history that you never knew you were missing.



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.

After the Age of Dinosaurs Store (5–9pm)

Shop a wide selection of products related to *After the Age of Dinosaurs*.

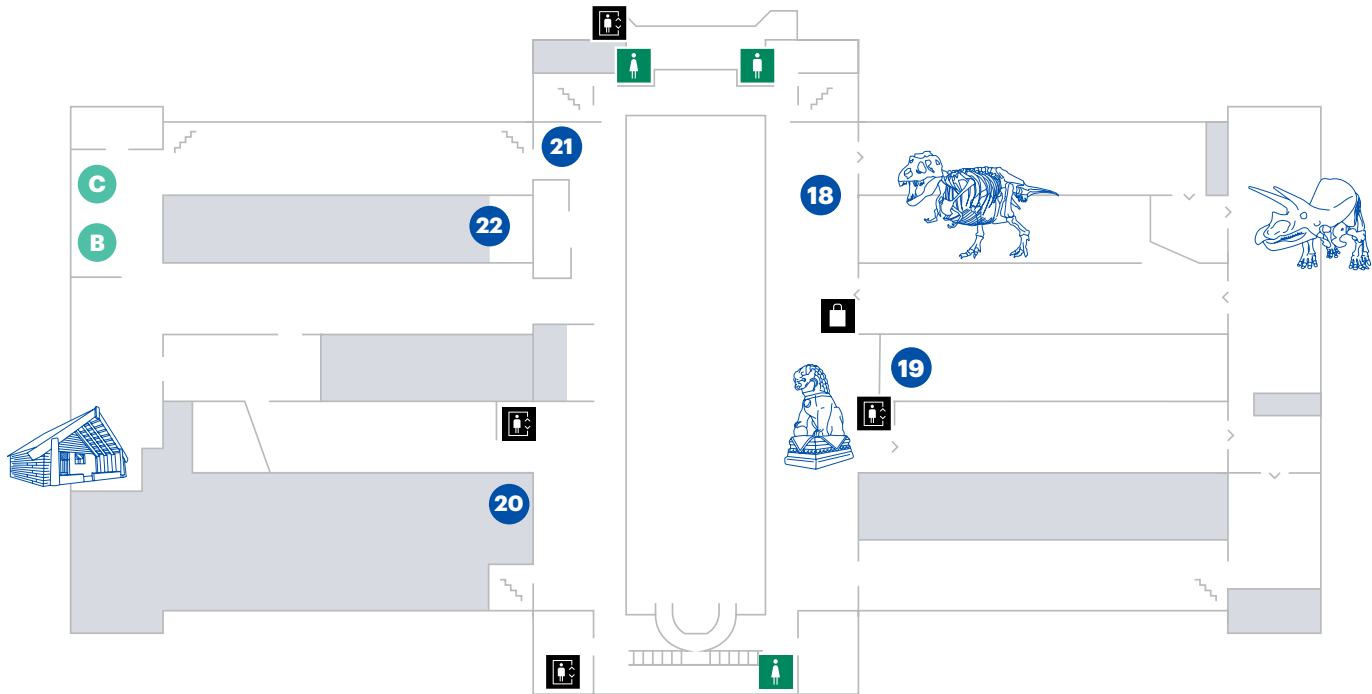
Food

Field Bistro (5–8:30pm)

Grab a bite to eat at the Field Bistro. Hot food available until 8pm, grab-and-go options available until 8:30pm.



Upper Level



18 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!

19 Ice Age LA: Fossils from the Tar Pits

The Field Museum has an extensive collection of fossils from the tar pits—from sabertooth cats and dire wolves to giant ground sloths. See what was living in Southern California during the Ice Age.

20 Mighty Mustelids!

(Inside the entrance of *Traveling the Pacific*)

Come learn about the MIGHTY MUSTELIDS, the largest family of mammals within Carnivora. From the least weasel to the giant otter, the family Mustelidae features an incredible diversity of 'tube-shaped' mammals. Mustelids are proficient hunters and occupy nearly all terrestrial habitats. Watch our scientists carefully dissect a variety of weasels, otters, badgers, and polecats.

No ticket needed for this mammal dissection!

21 Keller Science Action Center: Take Action for Nature

Come connect with the Keller Science Action Center! Explore our work through hands-on activities, examine real specimens from the Chicago and Andes Amazon regions, and learn about the landscapes and communities where we focus our conservation efforts. Discover how science turns into action—and how you can be part of it.

22 A Night with the Fossil Stars of the Paleozoic

For the first time in Members Night history the Fossil Invertebrate collections will lower the velvet ropes, roll out the red carpet, and open the Fossil Invertebrate collections range to the public. Visitors will be able to see 580 cabinets filled with over 2 million fossil invertebrate specimens. The stars of this year's show will be Illinois' own Mazon Creek fossils. They are older than dinosaurs (310 million years old) and located just 50 miles southeast of Chicago. Also starring will be trilobite fossils from around the world ranging in age from 250 to 530 million years old.

As at any major Hollywood premier, you can expect to see many celebrity fossils with a chance to vote for your favorite ones—including everybody's favorite Illinois fossil from the Mazon Creek, the Tully monster. You'll also learn about our digitization and educational efforts, and even encounter a trilobite petting zoo!



B *The Changing Face of Science: Meet Sara Ruane*

Sara learned to love nature during walks with her grandparents and she created a miniature “museum” for her family at age 6. As a herpetologist, Sara works to convey the value of understanding reptiles and amphibians. But being a scientist is just a part of who she is—with interests including fashion and poodles, Sara shows us that you don't need to compromise who you are to be a stellar scientist!

C *The Changing Face of Science: Lesley de Souza*

Ever since the first time she went fishing with her dad, Lesley has looked at lakes and rivers with overpowering curiosity and wonder. As a conservation biologist, Lesley's mission is to protect Amazonian freshwater diversity through rapid inventories that protect wilderness, biodiversity, and the livelihoods of local communities. When she's not exploring the Amazon, Lesley is hard at work encouraging future scientists.

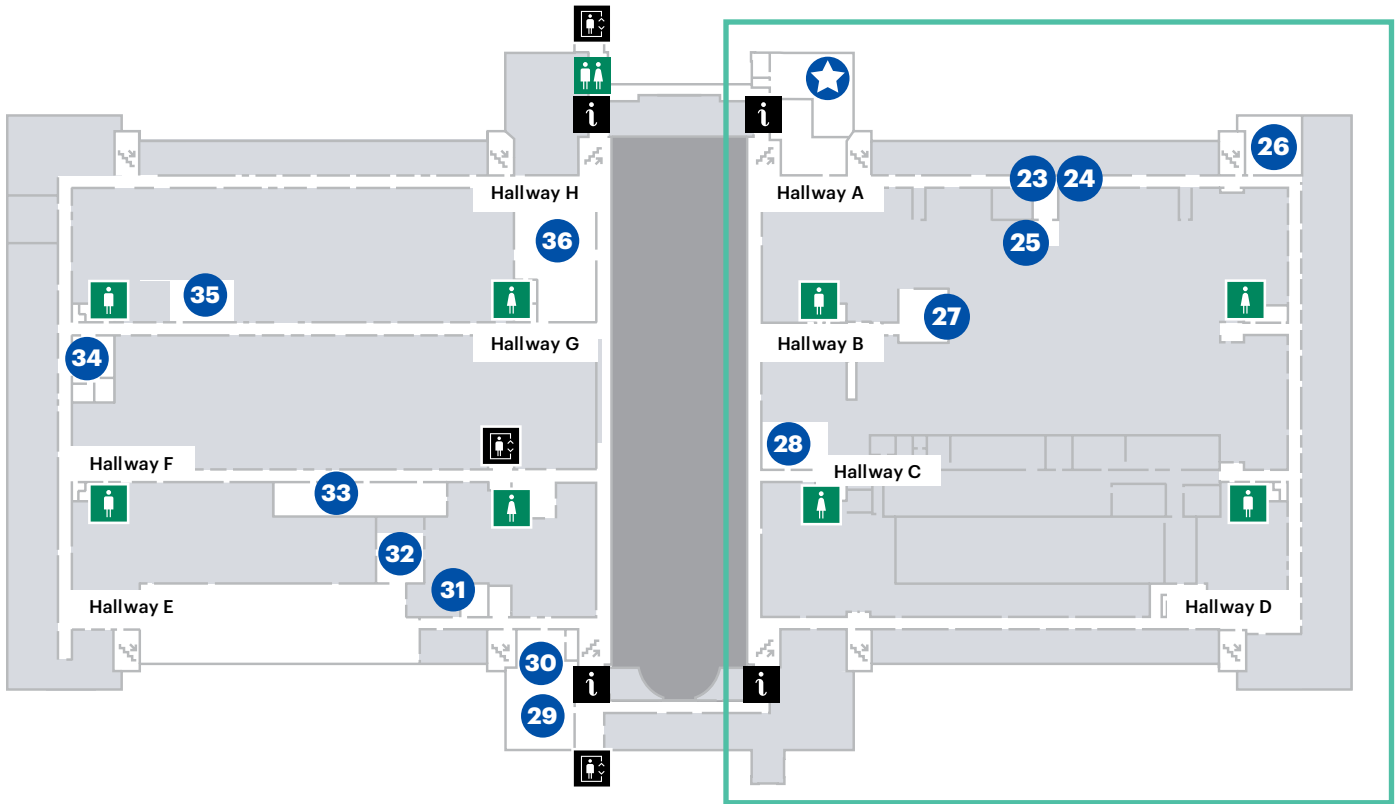
Store

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.



Third Level East



23 Silent Witnesses: Mosses, Mysteries, and Forensic Science

Step into the world of early land plants and discover how tiny mosses can crack real-life cases. Explore remarkable specimens, then test your detective skills in an interactive game where you'll analyze clues, match moss cards, and help solve a "cemetery crime." A surprising look at how botanical collections inform science, justice, and discovery.

24 Dust of Evidence: Pollen & Forensic Science

Invisible yet everywhere, pollen can reveal where a person or object has been. Discover how forensic palynology uses microscopic grains to link suspects, trace movements, and reconstruct events. Explore striking images and real case insights showing how museum collections help turn botanical dust into powerful evidence.

25 Flowering Fun

Get a sneak peek inside the John G. Searle Herbarium (5th largest herbarium in the Western hemisphere) and join in some botanical fun! See our specimens, learn about fruits, and even color and create your own herbarium sheet to take home.



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 Medicinal Plants from the Field Museum

Plants remain powerful sources of life-saving medicines. Drugs such as digoxin (used to treat congestive heart failure), Taxol (a chemotherapy agent), and colchicine (used for gout) all originated from plant compounds. As forests around the world face increasing threats of removal, conserving plant biodiversity is not only an environmental priority, it is a public health imperative. Protecting these ecosystems helps safeguard future discoveries in medicine. See specimens of plants that produce these medicines and discover how the Field Museum and its Searle Herbarium support ongoing efforts to identify and develop new plant-based therapies. You can also take part in an interactive “medicinal plant hunt” to uncover the botanical sources behind familiar medications.

28 Imaging Museum Collections

Come visit one of the Field Museum’s newest labs, the Collections Digitization Lab! DigiLab staff will showcase the Museum’s latest collections photography and cutting-edge 3D scanning projects. Enjoy live demonstrations of 3D scanning and get an up-close look at how we’re digitizing our collections to make them more accessible.

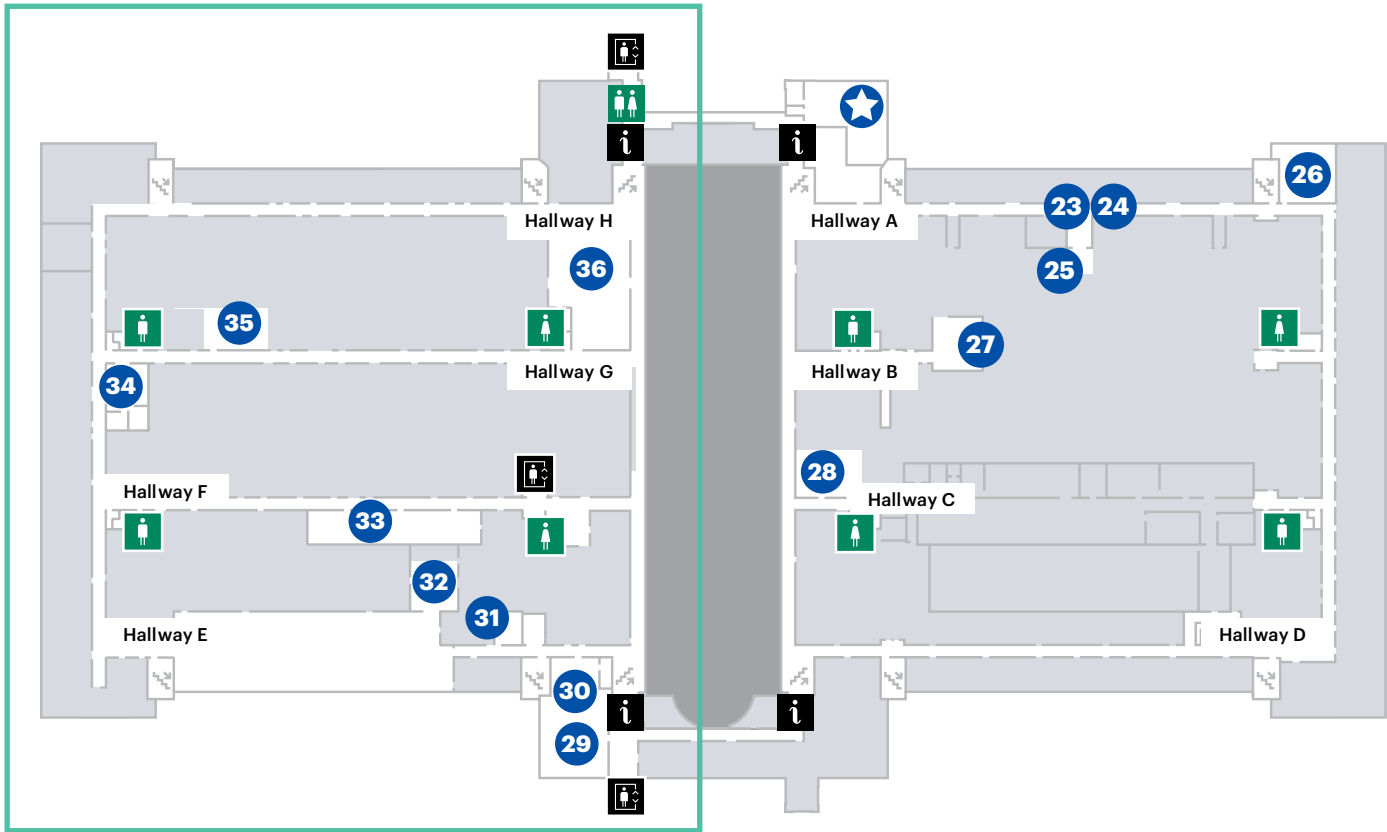
★ Founders’ Council Donor Lounge

(5–8pm)

Exclusive donor lounge available for leadership annual giving donors.



Third Level West



29 Data in the Bark: How Bioinformatics Reveals a Lichen's Secret Life

Step into the world of scientific discovery as you journey from a tropical forest to the lab at the Grainger Bioinformatics Center. Explore unusual lichens that form mysterious bumps on tree bark, examine real specimens up close, and try your hand at pipetting DNA before seeing how next-generation sequencing decodes the genetic instructions of life. Discover how powerful computers assemble genomes and reveal the hidden partners within lichens—and learn how bioinformatics helped uncover evidence that this remarkable lichen may even be capable of digesting wood.

30 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. Take a look at bird study skins while hearing about the latest discoveries being made about the species!

Avian Artist at Work!

Artist Jen Lobo will be on hand throughout the evening working on projects and answering your questions.

31 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!

32 Bird Prep!

Not for the faint of heart! Be sure to stop by the Bird Prep Lab and watch bird study skins being made. Check out live Dermestid Beetles eating the flesh off bird bones! There might even be a few 'Birds for Touching' that you can pick up and handle yourself. Gently, of course!



33 Learning from Millions of Insects

The Field Museum insect collection comprises over half of all objects in the museum. Discover how we employ technology to quickly study this amazing diversity.

Finding Bugs in Nature

Insects are the most diverse animals, and at the Field Museum we use multiple strategies to find them. We will show our field work to catch new collection samples in the tropics and our backyard, and also the devices we use to study wild insects based on cameras and the DNA they leave behind.

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.

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 to see fascinating examples of deep-sea invertebrates and their lifestyles in this extreme environment. A variety of invertebrate specimens will also be available in a hands-on display for aspiring young scientists.



34 Locked in Time: The Carboniferous Coal Measures!

Take a journey back 300 million years ago with the Mann Lab to see exciting new fossils trapped in coal!

35 Rocks of Ages

Come explore rocks and minerals through three decades: groove with funky rocks during the psychedelic 70's, get your neon on while learning about fluorescent minerals during the bodacious 80's, and don't forget your flannel as you encounter dangerous minerals during the grungy 90's.

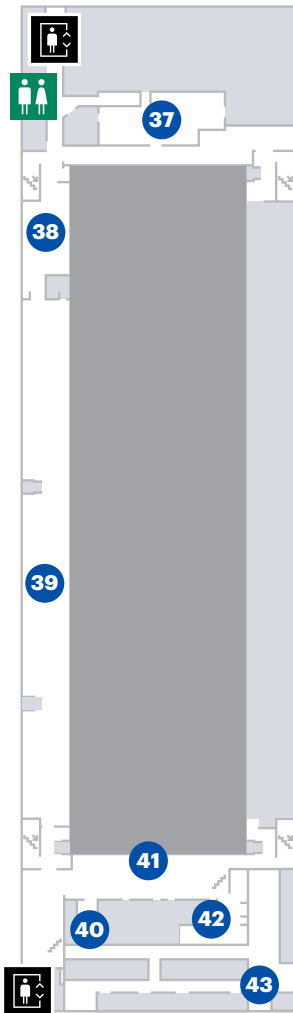
36 From the Stacks: A Members' Night Retrospective

Stop by the Marie Louise Rosenthal Library to explore a selection of historic Field Museum publications and ephemera from the Library and Archives collections, presented in celebration of the 75th Members' Night. Together, these materials document the design, people, research, and traditions that have shaped the Museum over time.

Fourth Level

Where big ideas become big exhibitions!

See how we design and build exhibitions from start to finish—right here at the Field Museum.



37 Exhibitions Mount Shop

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

38 Exhibitions Interactives Shop

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

39 Exhibitions Production Shop

Look behind-the-scenes where we build exhibitions.

40 Exhibitions Graphics Shop

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

41 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.

On the Road

Field Museum exhibitions travel the world. Follow along with our current tours and look back at the history of our Traveling Exhibitions.

What's Coming Up

Explore which temporary exhibitions are coming to the Field Museum.

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.

42 Exhibitions Replication Shop

Visit the replication shop where replicas, dioramas, molds, and casts for the entire Museum are created.

43 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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