

Pokémon Fossil Museum



Exhibition Overview

Discover a unique paleontological learning experience with Pokémon—connect the iconic entertainment franchise with prehistoric fossils.

Featuring side-by-side displays of vibrant Pokémon and extinct life forms from the Field Museum's collection, the exhibition encourages visitors to use their powers of observation to make connections and to see differences between the specimens and fossil Pokémon.



Pokémon 101

From Japan, Pokémon translates to “pocket monsters.” In the wildly popular video game series, some Pokémon can be restored from fossils into living creatures using a Restoration machine. Pokémon are mysterious creatures living in various environments, but there is still much unknown about their ecology.

Examine and Compare

Similarities can be found between fossil Pokémon and prehistoric life forms. Visitors compare real fossils and specimen casts from Field Museum superstars like SUE the *T. rex* and the Chicago *Archaeopteryx* with similar Pokémon like Tyrantrum and Archeops.

Pathways to Science

Follow the Pokémon Professors to uncover the science behind Pokémon behavior and ecology. Both fun and educational, the exhibition encourages visitors of all ages to be curious about the natural world. Explore fossil hunting, excavation, cleaning, and identification; study fossil clues and speculate about ecosystems and geological periods; compare competition in both the real world and Pokémon world; and learn why natural history museums collect.



Expand Your Reality

Immerse yourself in the worlds of Pokémon and natural history like never before! Pose for photos with models of fan-favorite Pokémon. Touch real fossil excavation and preparation tools. Experience soundscapes and media from the Field's award-winning exhibition design team. Connect and interact with other fans.

Exhibition Specifications

Size

7,500 ft2 (700 m2)

Ceiling height

12 ft (3.66 m)

Security

Exhibition requires a limited-access, lockable space with security staff during public hours

Shipping

One-way, inbound, paid by host venue

Languages

All text in English and Spanish; language may be converted by host venues

Rental fee

Please inquire

Features

- Museum-quality Pokémon in 3 categories: fossil, skeleton, and full-body
- Field Museum fossils, casts, and replications
- Intro section with video
- Hands-on interactives
- Projected media, murals, and thematic soundscape
- Bilingual English and Spanish
- Retail opportunities

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