

First Floor

North Carolina's Natural Treasures

Find the pinkshell azalea.

(Hint: This plant has bright pink flowers.)

This plant grows wild only in the mountains of North Carolina. Can you find at least two other plants that grow in North Carolina?



Coastal North Carolina

Find the loggerhead sea turtle nest.

(Hint: Loggerhead females lay their eggs in sandy nests on the beach.)

After digging out of their nest during the night, hatchlings swim out to the Gulf Stream and spend several years living in large floating reefs of sargassum seaweed. As juveniles, the turtles move closer to shore and take advantage of the abundant food available in North Carolina's sounds. Adult loggerhead turtles spend the rest of their lives in the open ocean, females only returning to shore to lay eggs. Can you find a hatchling, a juvenile, and an adult loggerhead turtle?



Second Floor

Mountains to the Sea

Find the black bear and her cub.

(Hint: They are searching for food in the savanna diorama.)

Black bears are one of the more than 100 kinds of mammals that live in North Carolina. A mammal is an animal that is warm-blooded, feeds its babies milk, and whose body is covered with hair or fur. Can you find at least three other mammals in the Mountains to the Sea exhibit hall?



Third Floor

Prehistoric North Carolina

Find the *Albertosaurus* hunting for a meal near the *Edmontosaurus* nesting area.

Albertosaurus used its knife-like teeth to rip bites from its prey. Can you find other meat-eating dinosaurs?



Fourth Floor

Arthropod Zoo

Find the honeybees tending their hive.

(Note: The bees and hive are 70 times actual size.)

A honeybee's home is called a beehive. A beehive is made up of many small, six-sided cells. Worker bees make cells by secreting small flakes of wax, chewing the wax, and then molding it into place. Cells are used to store food (honey and pollen) and to house immature bees (larvae and pupae). Can you find other insect homes?



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