

Welcome Chaperone! Explore the Museum and be on the lookout for plants. This guide offers easy activities to help you engage your students in learning.

Throughout Museum

Plants All Around You

While exploring the Museum, look for a plant:

- ❖ that has woody stems and branches.
- ❖ that climbs.
- ❖ with needle-like leaves.
- ❖ with leaves as big as your hand.
- ❖ with leaves smaller than a quarter.
- ❖ with flowers.
- ❖ with cones.



purple pitcher plant

First floor, North Carolina's Natural Treasures gallery

North Carolina's Plants

Find the pinkshell azalea.

- ❖ Where in the world can this plant be found in the wild?
(*Only in the mountains of North Carolina.*)

Find the bald cypress cross-section and estimate the number of its growth rings.

- ❖ How old do you think this tree was when it was cut down?
(*700 years old; one ring equals one year of growth.*)

First floor, Coastal North Carolina gallery, near escalators

Ocean Plants

Find the small sargassum display case and look closely at this plant.

- ❖ Can you find the pea-sized air bladders that keep this plant afloat?
- ❖ How many different animals can you find that call this sargassum raft home?



yellow pitcher plant

Second floor, Mountains to the Sea gallery, near escalators

Carnivorous Plants

When you walk past the Savanna exhibit ...

- ❖ How many different carnivorous plants can you find?
- ❖ How does a pitcher plant capture its prey?
(*Answer can be found in the display panel text.*)