

Directions to the NC Museum of Natural Sciences

The Museum is located in downtown Raleigh, between the State Capital and the Legislative Building, at 11 West Jones Street. The main entrance faces the Bicentennial Plaza pedestrian mall linking Jones and Edenton Streets.

Directions

From the North or East: Take the Capital Boulevard exit off I-440. Follow the Capital Boulevard (Downtown) designation. Continue south approximately two miles and turn left onto Jones Street. Go three blocks. The Museum is on the right.

From the West or South: Off I-40 / I-440, take the South Saunders Street exit (298-B). Proceed north for two miles (Saunders turns into McDowell Street). Turn right onto Jones Street. Go two blocks. The Museum is on the right.

For more detailed directions to the Museum, please visit <http://naturalsciences.org/visinfo/directions.html>.

Parking

Automobiles:

Paid parking is available weekdays in several public parking decks within walking distance of the Museum. Limited metered parking is available along Jones and Edenton Streets. Parking is free and abundant on weekends.

Buses:


Bus loading and unloading is available on Jones Street near the Museum entrance. Bus parking is available in the Blount/Edenton Street lot. The entrance to the lot is on Blount Street. Overflow bus parking area is located next to the North Carolina Museum of Art on Blue Ridge Road. Directions can be found on the second page of this document.

Legend

NC Museum of Natural Sciences 

Capital Area Visitor Services 
(located in the NC Museum of History)

Automobile Parking 

Bus Parking 

Bicentennial Plaza 

State Capitol 

Legislative Building 



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Overflow Bus Parking

The overflow bus parking area is located next to the North Carolina Museum of Art on Blue Ridge Road.

Note: It is strongly recommended that group leaders have radio or telephone contact with their bus driver for pick up.

From the passenger drop off area:

Continue on Jones St one block to Blount St and turn right.

Go one block to Edenton St and turn right.

Follow Edenton St which will merge with and become Hillsborough St.

Follow Hillsborough St past NCSU campus, past Meredith College and under the Beltline (440) overpass.

The next intersection is Hillsborough St and Blue Ridge Rd.

Turn right onto Blue Ridge Rd. (The State Fair Grounds are on the left after the turn.)

Follow Blue Ridge Rd until you see the entrance to the North Carolina Museum of Art on the right.

The parking lot is located before the main entrance into the Museum of Art, and is clearly marked with large white signs.

On the return trip:

Follow Hillsborough its entire length towards the capitol until the 200 block.

Make a left onto McDowell St. Get in the far right lane.

Turn right onto Jones St and proceed 2.5 blocks to the Bus loading zone in front of the Museum.