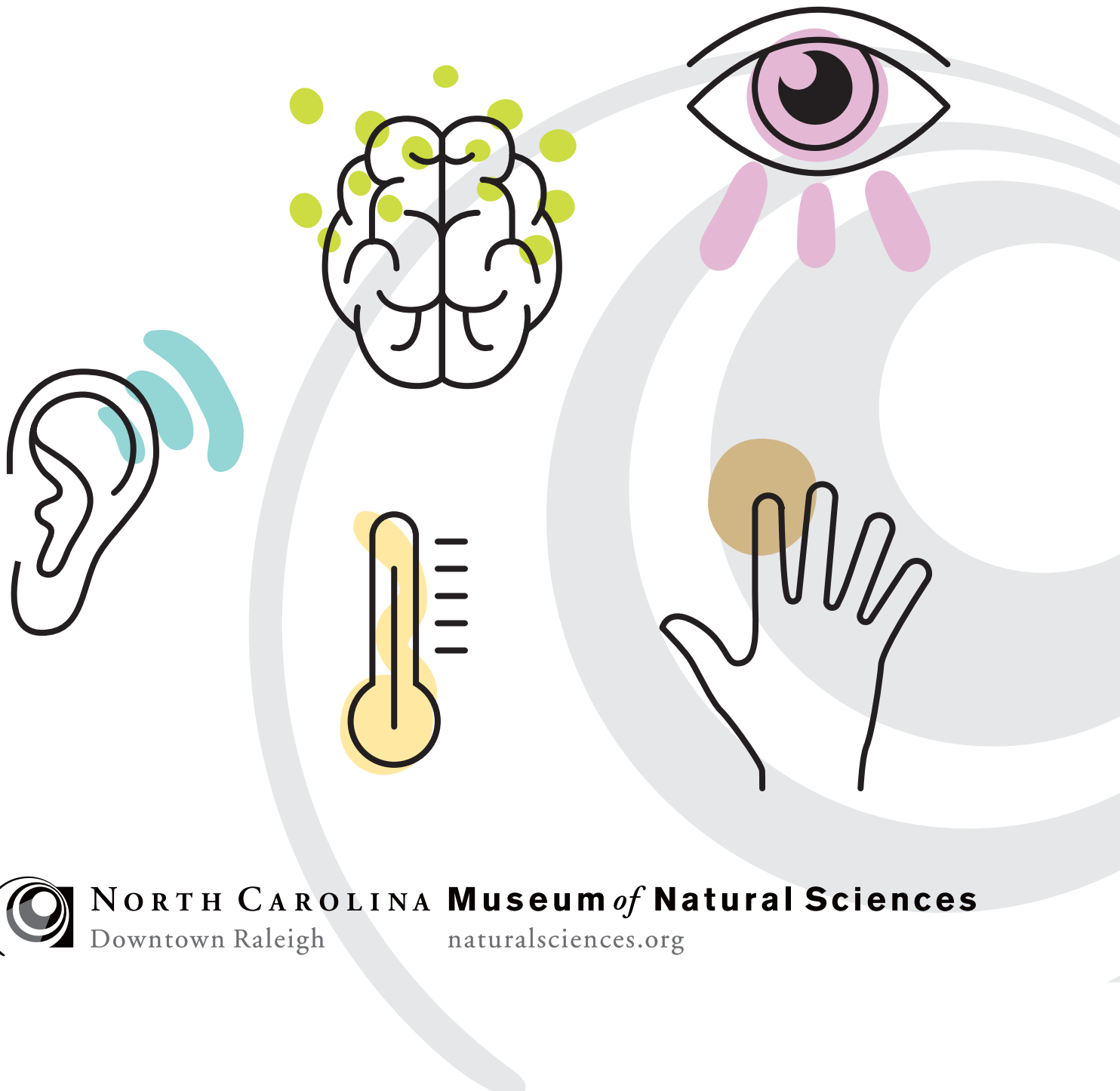


Sensory Map

of the North Carolina
Museum of Natural Sciences



NORTH CAROLINA Museum of Natural Sciences
Downtown Raleigh naturalsciences.org

Introduction

Welcome to the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences. You can use this sensory map to identify sensory-friendly spaces within the Museum. Use this as a guide for finding spaces that tend to be quieter and less crowded, spaces with tactile engagement, and to avoid spaces that may cause sensory overload.

Please keep in mind that as the Museum's buildings and exhibitions change, parts of this map may not always be up to date.

Legend



Information



First Aid



Bridges



Stairs



Elevators



Escalators



Restrooms



Café



Store



Box Office



Emergency Exit

Accessibility Tips

If you need assistance with anything during your visit, please notify a museum staff member or volunteer at either Information Desk. Wheelchairs and strollers are free and available for use during your visit.

Guided Tactile Tours

Guided tactile tours for groups with disabilities or requiring special accommodations are available for free with pre-registration on a first-come first-served basis.

Visit **naturalsciences.org/visit/accessibility** to view a full list of available services and programs.

When to Visit

Are you looking for:

A quieter experience?



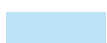
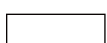
Visit on Tuesday, or any weekday during our quiet months (January–February and October–December).

A busier experience?

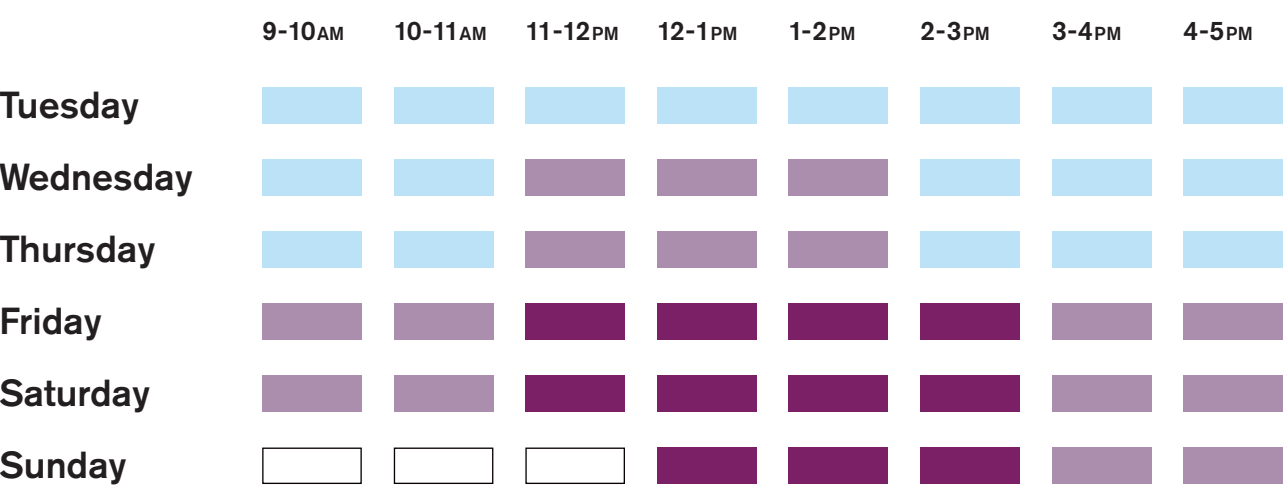
Visit on a rainy day, a weekend, or most weekdays during our busy months, March–September.

Please note we cannot always predict crowds in the Museum. The information on these pages are based on average visitation trends.

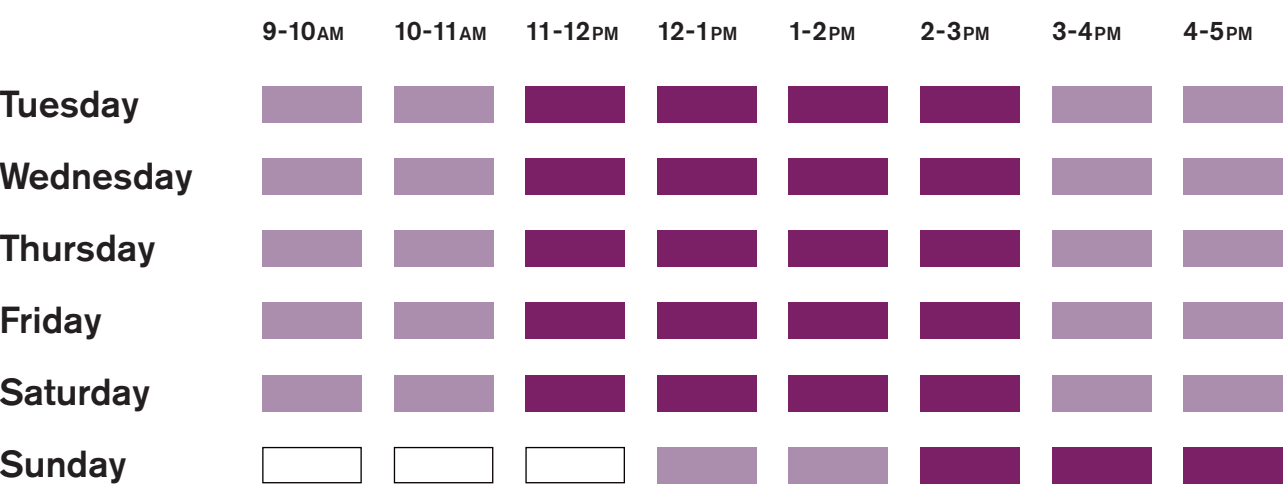
Visitation Key

	Busy
	Moderate
	Quiet
	Closed

Quiet Months: January–February, October–December



Busy Months: March–September

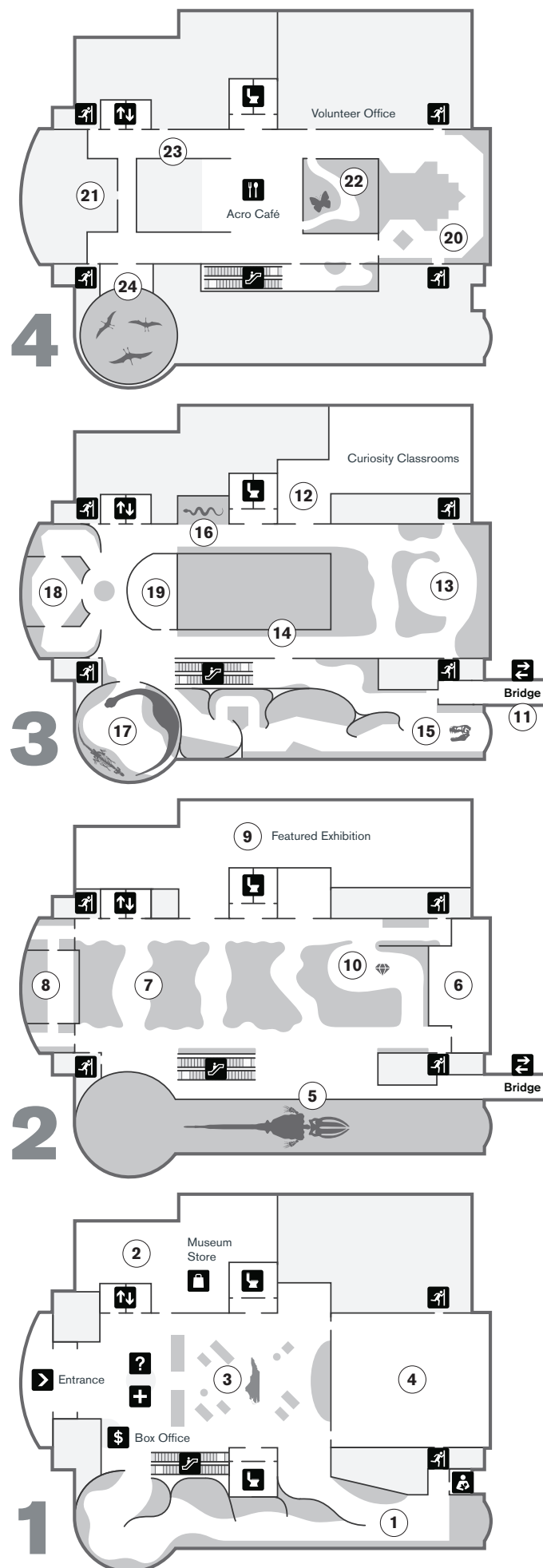


Exhibits

Nature Exploration Center

- 4**
- ②0 Arthropod Zoo
 - ②1 Explore on Four
 - ②2 Living Conservatory
 - ②3 Rotating Art Gallery
 - ②4 Terror of the South Overlook
- 3**
- ①1 Bridge Across Time
 - ①2 Curiosity Classrooms
 - ①3 Mountain Cove
 - ①4 Mountains to the Sea Overlook
 - ①5 Prehistoric North Carolina
 - ①6 Snakes of North Carolina
 - ①7 Terror of the South
 - ①8 Tropical Connections
 - ①9 Windows on the World
- 2**
- ⑤ Coastal North Carolina Overlook
 - ⑥ Discovery Room
 - ⑦ Mountains to the Sea
 - ⑧ Nature's Explorers
 - ⑨ Featured Exhibition
 - ⑩ Underground North Carolina
- 1**
- ① Coastal North Carolina
 - ② Natural Treasures of North Carolina
 - ③ Nature Art Gallery
 - ④ WRAL 3D Theater

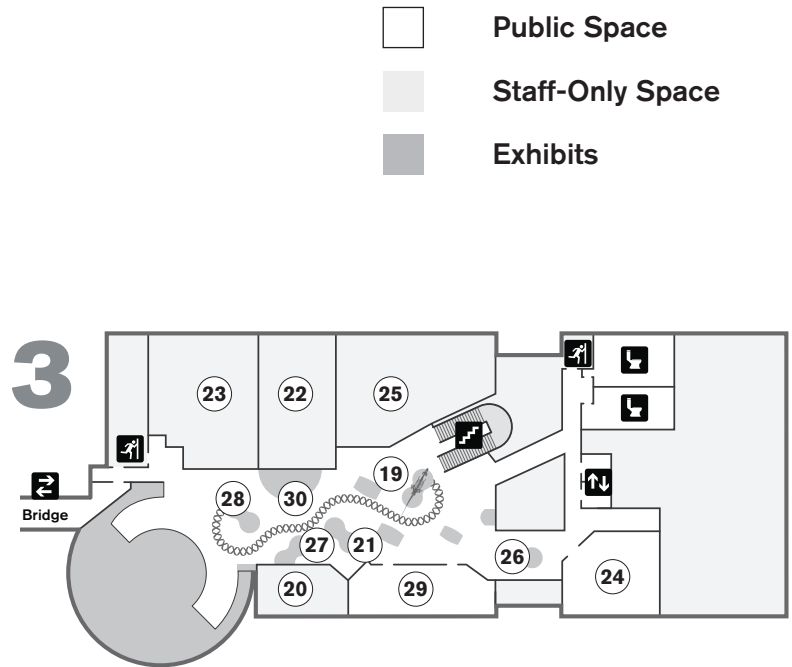
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- Exhibits



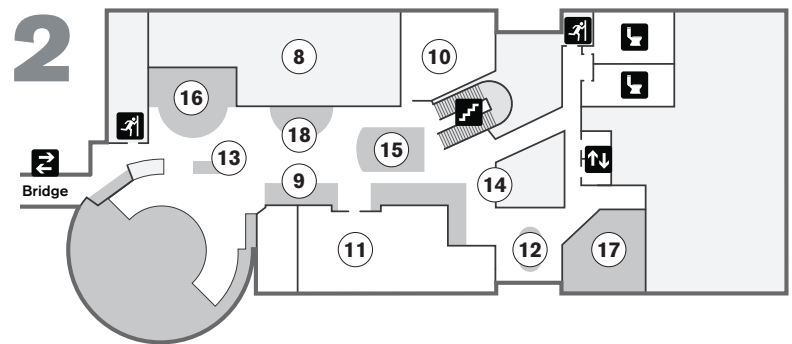
Exhibits

Nature **Research Center**

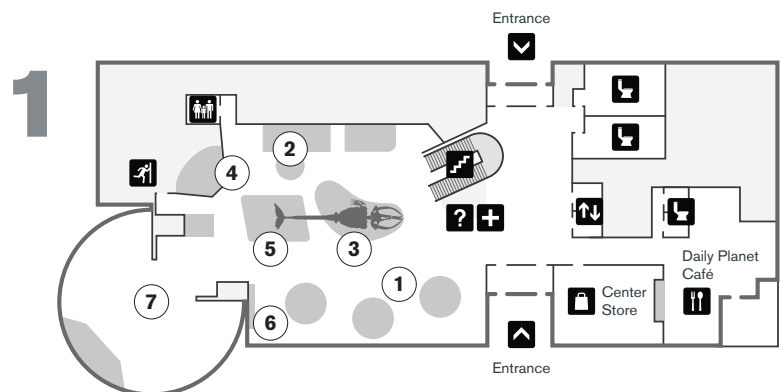
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- 19 Ancient Fossils, New Discoveries
 - 20 Astronomy & Astrophysics Research Lab
 - 21 Beyond Our Planet
 - 22 Evolutionary Biology & Behavior Research Lab
 - 23 Genomics and Microbiology Research Lab
 - 24 Micro World Investigate Lab
 - 25 Paleontology Research Lab
 - 26 Planet Micro
 - 27 Postcards from Space
 - 28 Unraveling DNA
 - 29 Visual World Investigate Lab
 - 30 Windows on Research



- 2**
- 8 Biodiversity Research Lab
 - 9 Diversity of Life
 - 10 Natural World Investigate Lab
 - 11 Naturalist Center
 - 12 One Planet, One Health
 - 13 Our Changing Climate
 - 14 Patterned by Nature
 - 15 Researching Weather
 - 16 Science Panorama
 - 17 Window on Animal Health
 - 18 Windows on Research



- 1**
- 1 Exploratory Gallery
 - 2 Exploring the Deep Sea
 - 3 Investigating Right Whales
 - 4 Our Changing Ocean
 - 5 Protecting Fresh Water
 - 6 Science News, Your Views
 - 7 SECU Daily Planet Theater

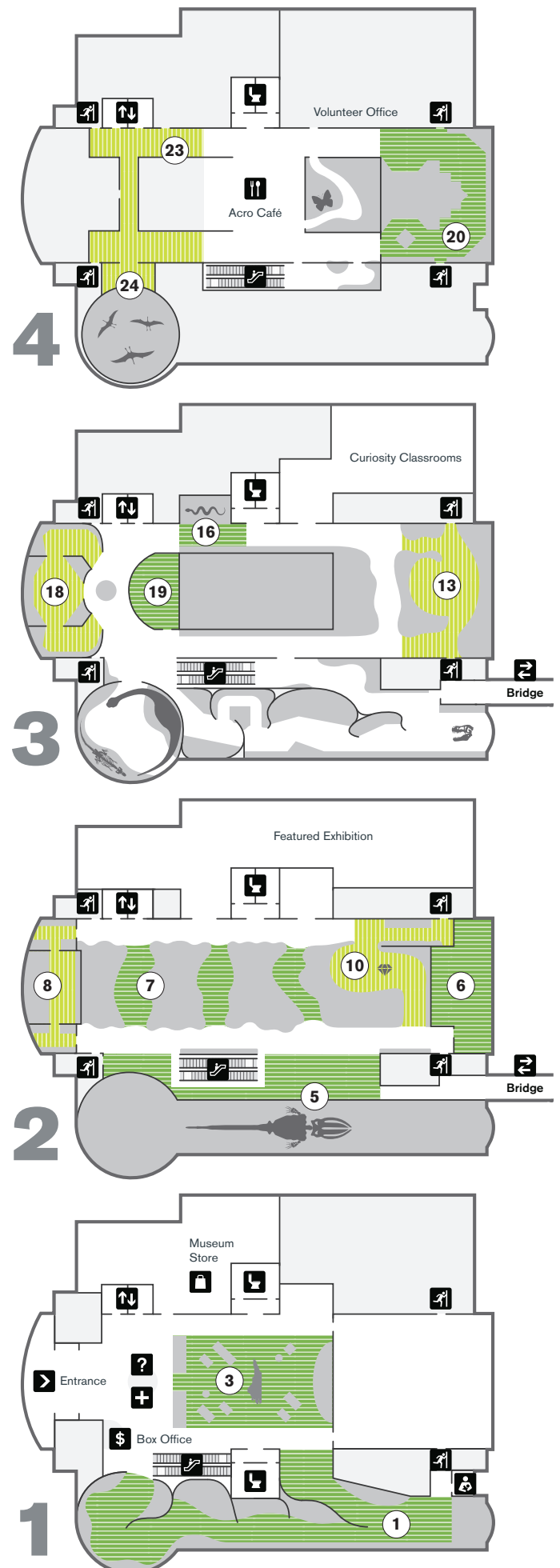


Crowded & Uncrowded Spaces

Nature **Exploration** Center

- 4** (20) ● Arthropod Zoo
 (23) ● Rotating Art Gallery
 (24) ● Terror of the South Overlook
- 3** (13) ● Mountain Cove
 (16) ● Snakes of North Carolina
 (18) ● Tropical Connections
 (19) ● Windows on the World
- 2** (5) ● Coastal North Carolina Overlook
 (6) ● Discovery Room
 (7) ● Mountains to the Sea
 (8) ● Nature's Explorers
 (10) ● Underground North Carolina
- 1** (1) ● Coastal North Carolina
 (3) ● Natural Treasures of North Carolina

- Public Space
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 ■ Exhibits
 ■ Crowded Spaces
 ■ Uncrowded Spaces



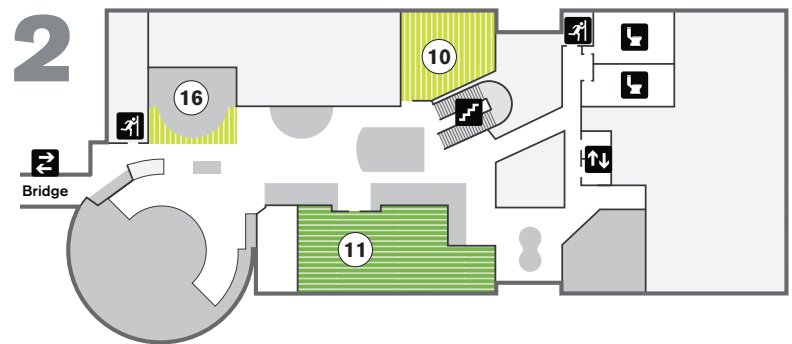
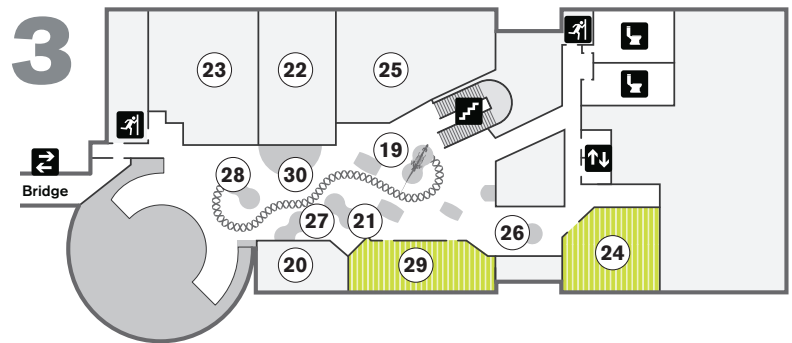
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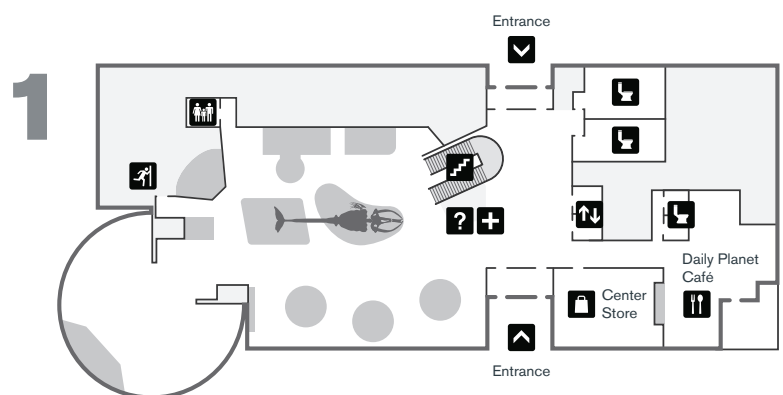


- 3** (24) ● Micro World Investigate Lab
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- 2** (10) ● Natural World Investigate Lab
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- Crowded Spaces
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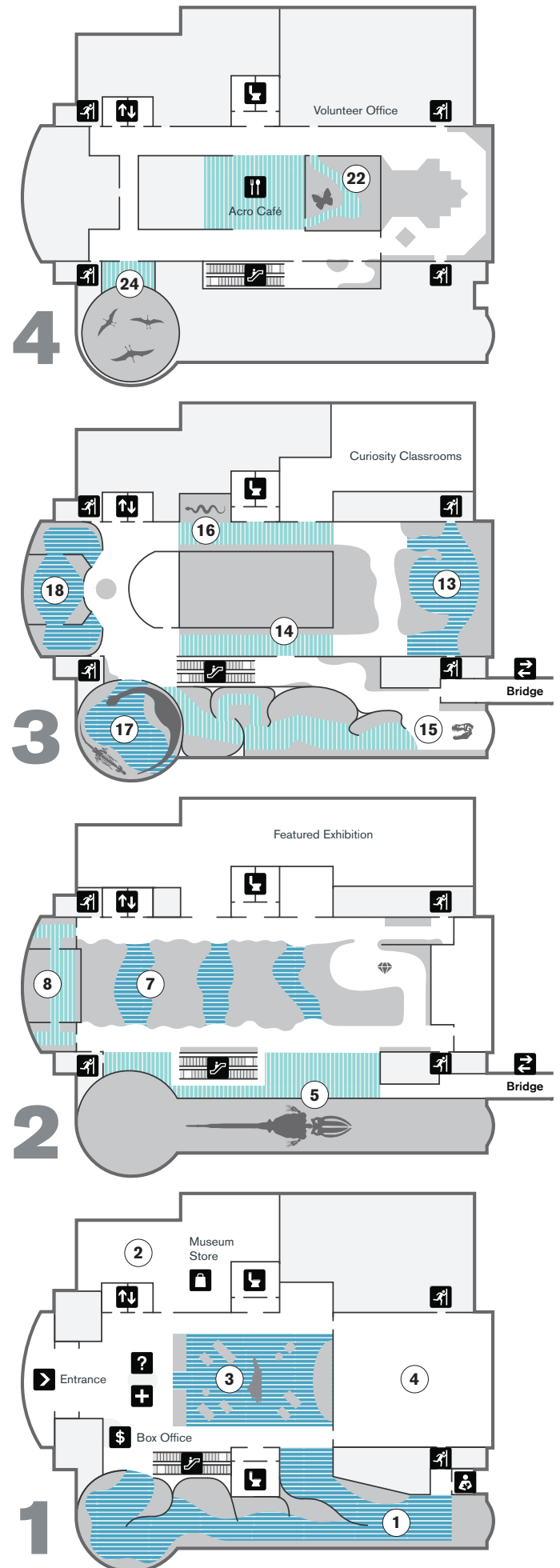


Loud Spaces

Nature Exploration Center

- 4**
- 22 Living Conservatory
 - 24 Terror of the South Overlook
 - Acro Café
- 3**
- 13 Mountain Cove
 - 14 Mountains to the Sea Overlook
 - 15 Prehistoric North Carolina
 - 16 Snakes of North Carolina
 - 17 Terror of the South
 - 18 Tropical Connections
- 2**
- 5 Coastal North Carolina Overlook
 - 7 Mountains to the Sea
 - 8 Nature's Explorers
- 1**
- 1 Coastal North Carolina
 - 3 Natural Treasures of North Carolina

-  Public Space
-  Staff-Only Space
-  Exhibits
-  Loud Acoustics
-  Loud Ambient Noises




Loud Spaces

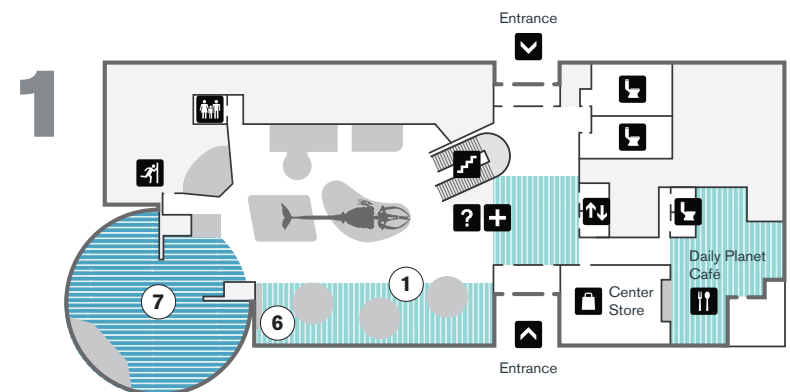
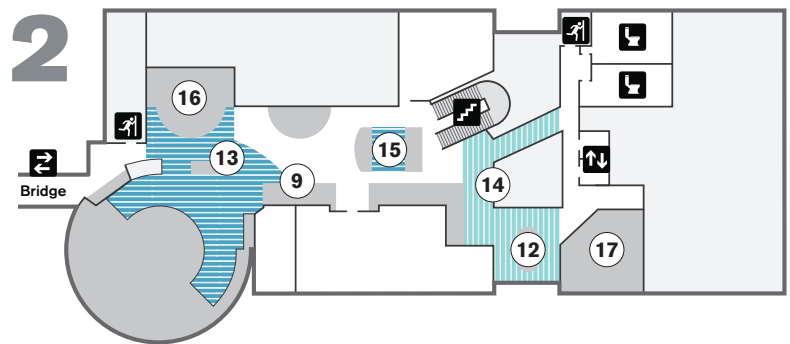
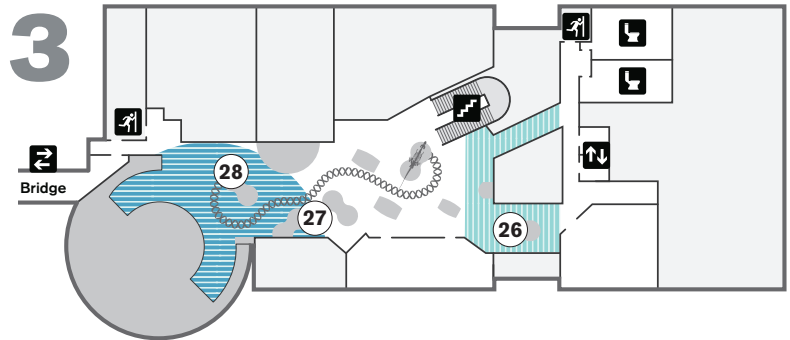
Nature **Research** Center








- 3**
- ②⑥ Planet Micro
 - ②⑦ Postcards from Space
 - ②⑧ Unraveling DNA

- 2**
- ⑨ Diversity of Life
 - ⑫ One Planet, One Health
 - ⑬ Our Changing Climate
 - ⑭ Patterned by Nature
 - ⑮ Researching Weather
 - ⑯ Science Panorama
 - ⑰ Window on Animal Health

- 1**
- ① Exploratory Gallery
 - ⑥ Science News, Your Views
 - ⑦ SECU Daily Planet Theater
 -  Daily Planet Café



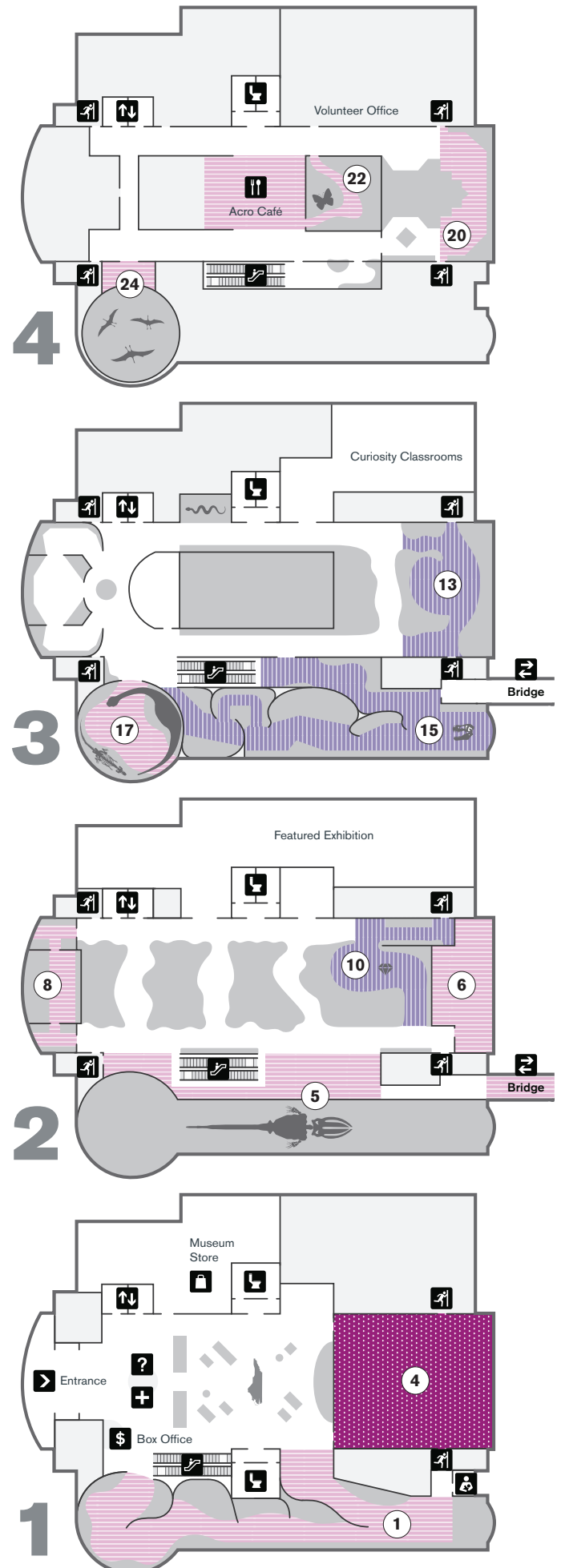
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Natural, Low, & Colorful Light Spaces

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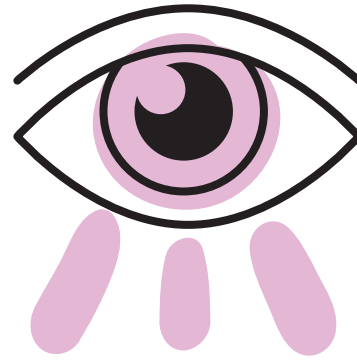
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 (6) ● Discovery Room
 (8) ● Nature's Explorers
 (10) ● Underground North Carolina
- 1** (1) ● Coastal North Carolina
 (4) ● WRAL 3D Theater

- Public Space
 ■ Staff-Only Space
 ■ Exhibits
 ■ Natural Light
 ■ Low Light
 ■ Colorful or Flashing Lights



Natural, Low, & Colorful Light Spaces

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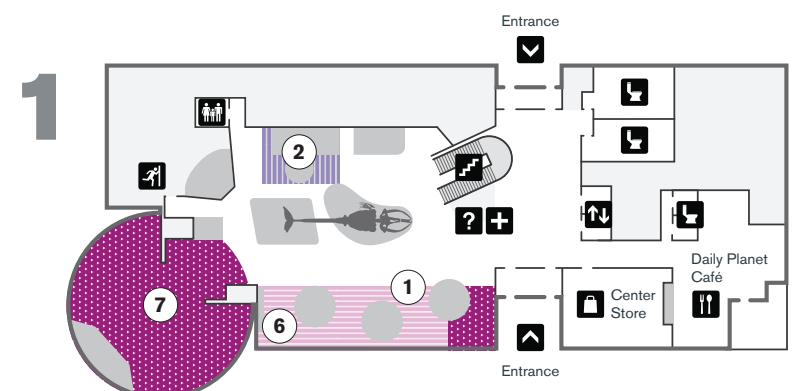
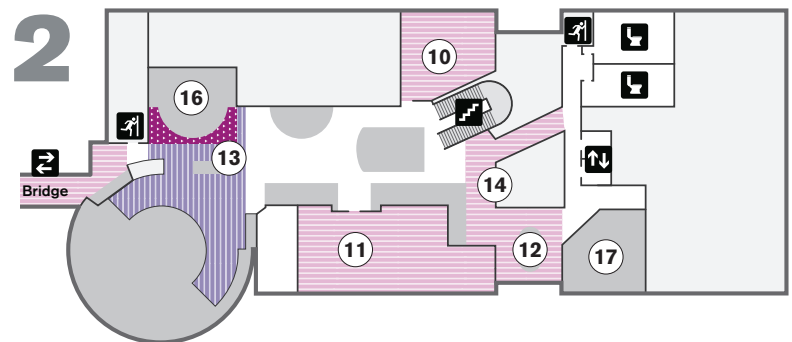
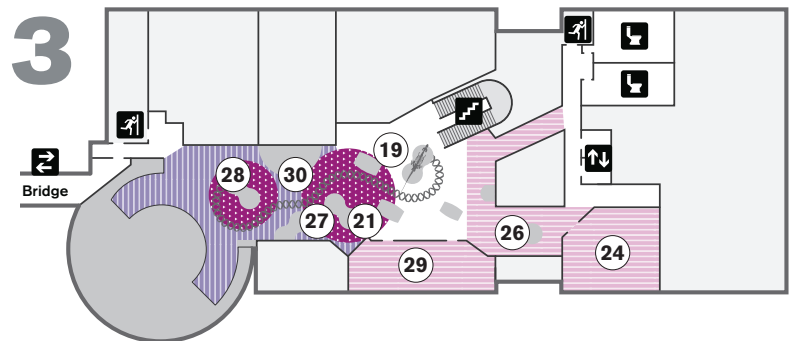


- 3**
- ①9 ● Ancient Fossils, New Discoveries
 - ②1 ● Beyond Our Planet
 - ②4 ● Micro World Investigate Lab
 - ②6 ● Planet Micro
 - ②7 ● Postcards from Space
 - ②8 ● Unraveling DNA
 - ②9 ● Visual World Investigate Lab
 - ③0 ● Window on Research

- 2**
- ①0 ● Natural World Investigate Lab
 - ①1 ● Naturalist Center
 - ①2 ● One Planet, One Health
 - ①3 ● Our Changing Climate
 - ①4 ● Patterned by Nature
 - ①6 ● Science Panorama
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



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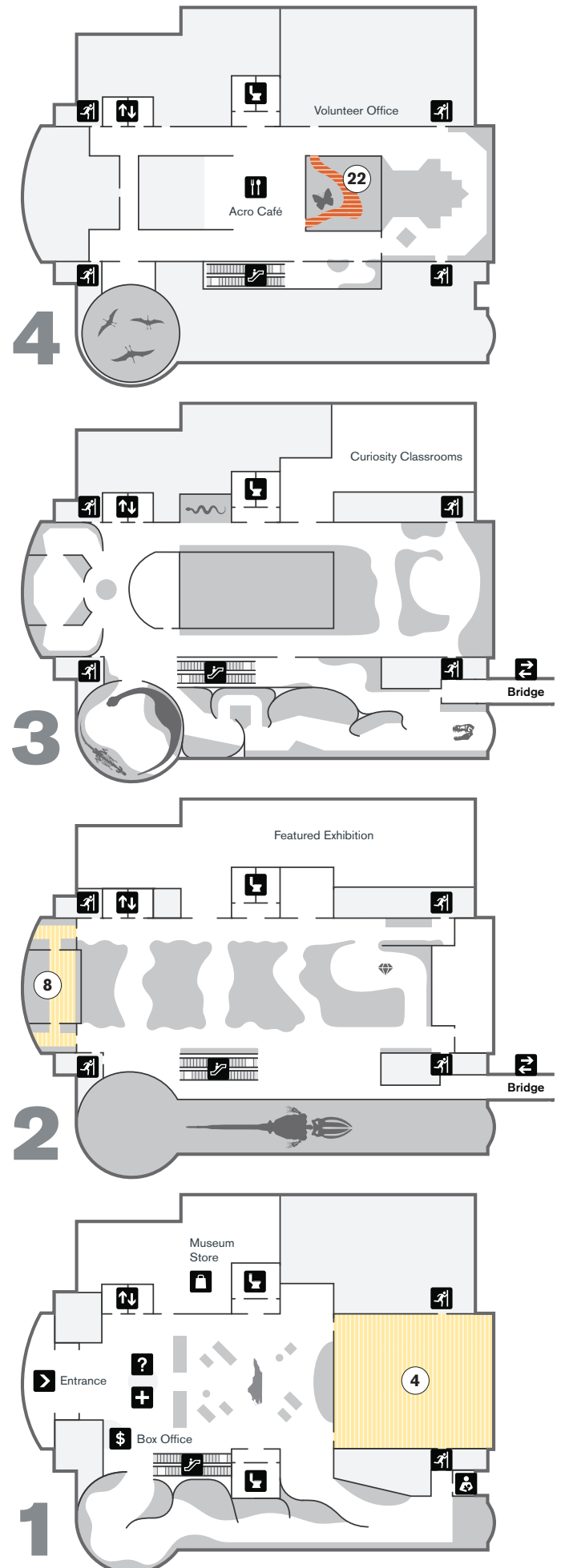
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4 (22) Living Conservatory

2 (8) Nature's Explorers

1 (4) WRAL 3D Theater

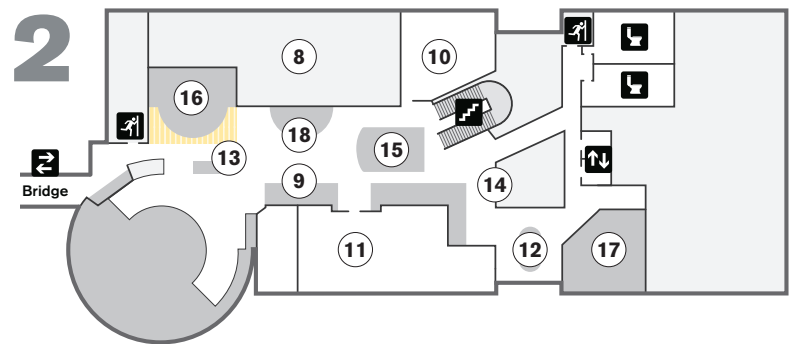
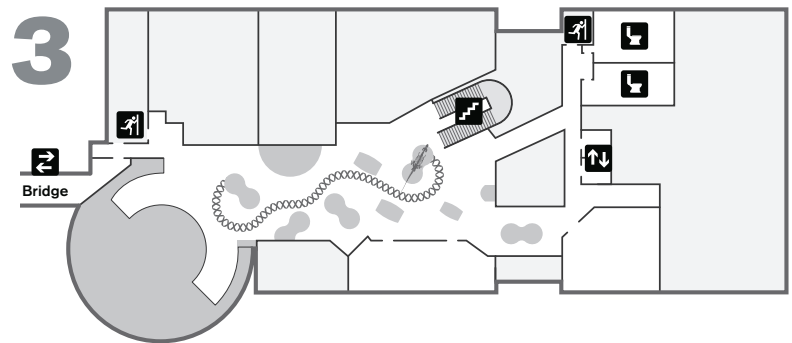
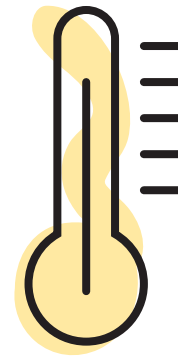
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-  Warm Spaces
-  Cool Spaces








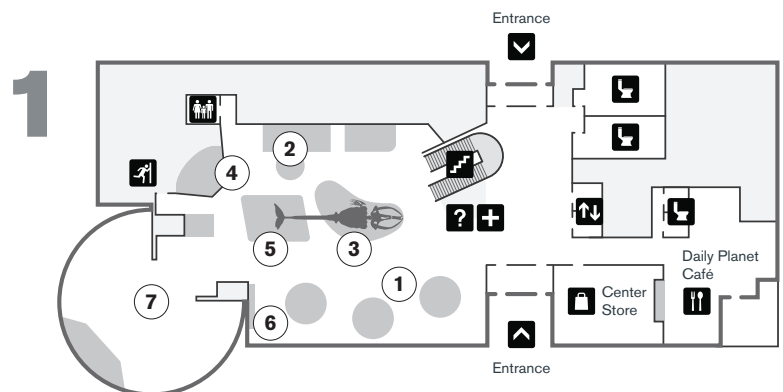
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2 16 Science Panorama



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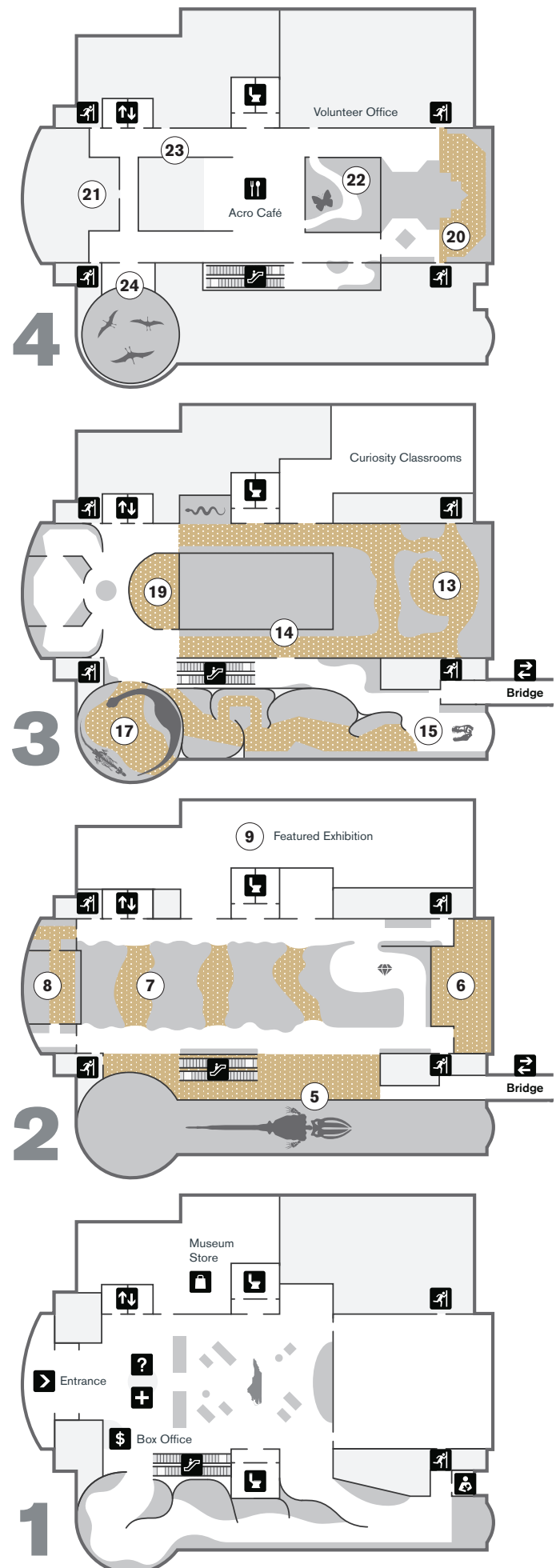


Tactile Engagement Spaces

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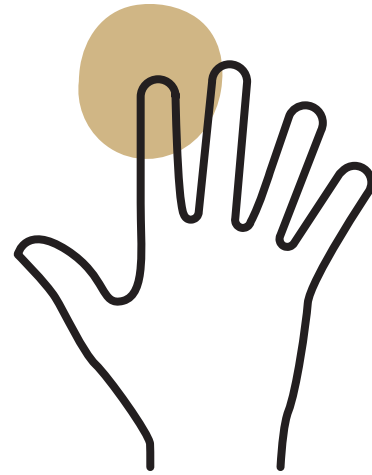
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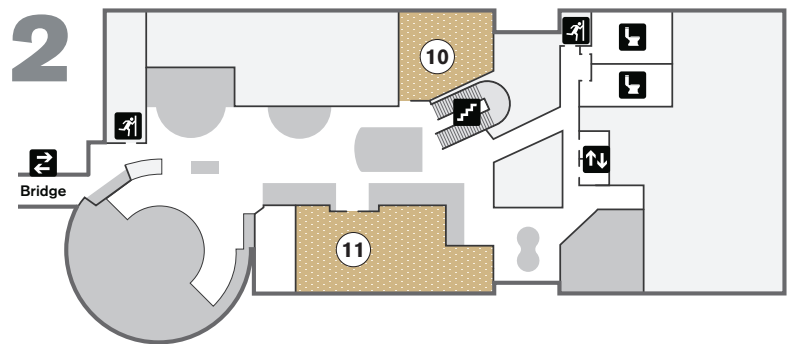
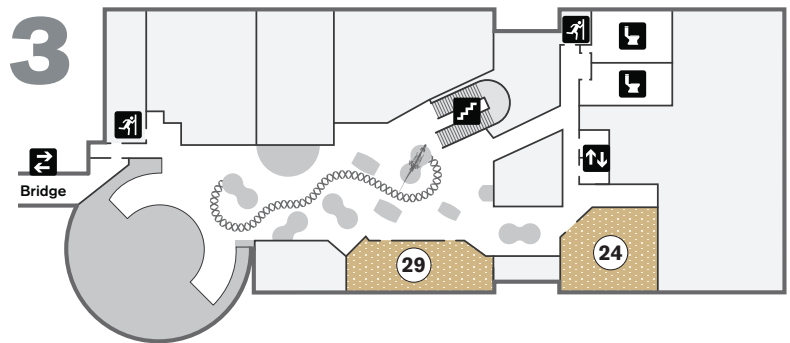


Tactile Engagement Spaces

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