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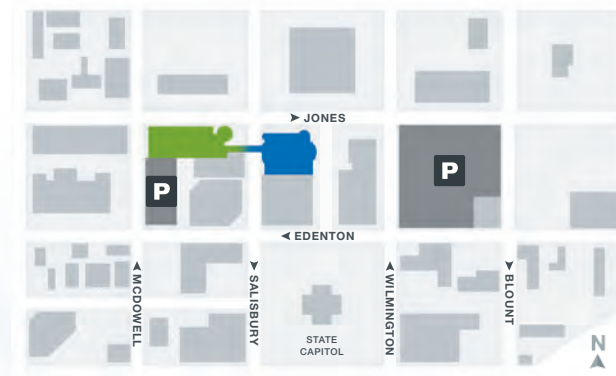
Getting Around

Accessibility

Wheelchairs and Assistive Listening Devices are available.
Programs or tours can be scheduled for special needs groups.
Family/private restroom and nursing room are available.
Free internal navigation using BlindSquare.

Parking

Parking is available in several lots and decks nearby. Parking rates at all Downtown State Government Complex parking facilities are \$2/hour. Check parking map below and online.



There's more to experience!

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NORTH CAROLINA
Museum of Natural Sciences

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Museum Guide



NORTH CAROLINA
Museum of Natural Sciences

Welcome


to the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences

Filled with exciting exhibits, programs, research collections, laboratories and more, the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences has been serving up science since 1879.

General Admission is free.
Donations gratefully accepted.

Hours

Monday–Saturday 9:00AM–5:00PM
Sunday NOON–5:00PM


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What
do we know?

How
do we know?




What's
happening
now?

How can I get
involved?

Nature **Exploration** Center

Nature **Research** Center

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-  **20 Arthropod Zoo**
Meet all the creepy-crawlies
 - 21 Explore on Four**
Meeting Room
 -  **22 Living Conservatory**
Live butterflies, a sloth & more
 - 23 Rotating Art Gallery**
Wildlife photography & other nature art
 - 24 Terror of the South Overlook**
Take a peek at pterosaurs
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- Acro Café**








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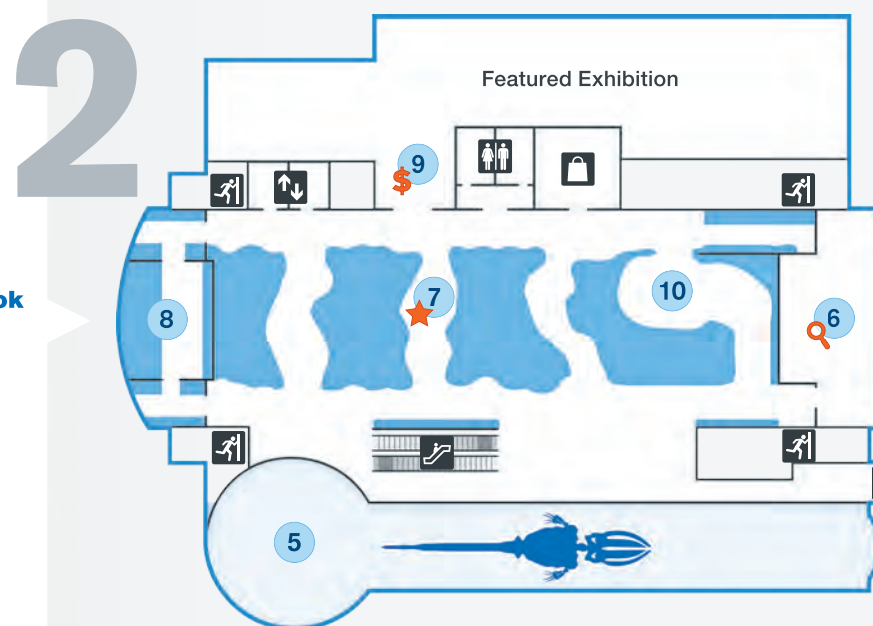
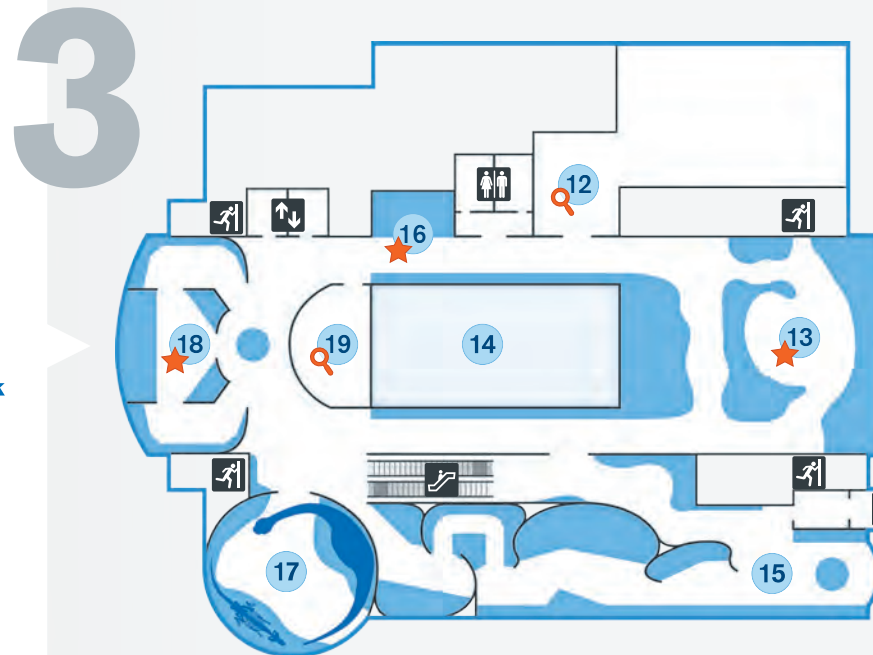
- 11 **Bridge across Time**
Take a walk through prehistory
- 12 **Curiosity Classrooms**
Call to schedule your program
- 13 **Mountain Cove**
Find secretive mountain species
- 14 **Mountains to the Sea Overlook**
A tree-top view of the dioramas
- 15 **Prehistoric North Carolina**
Our ancient past & extinct animals
- 16 **Snakes of North Carolina**
See live native snakes
- 17 **Terror of the South**
Meet the *Acrocanthosaurus*
- 18 **Tropical Connections**
Dart frogs, tree boas & tropical topics
- 19 **Windows on the World**
Meet the Animals & Storytime programs

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-  **Coastal North Carolina Overlook**
Whale skeletons up close
-  **Discovery Room**
Family-friendly science exploration
-  **Mountains to the Sea**
Explore habitats with live animals
-  **Nature's Explorers**
Our Museum from past to present
-  **Featured Exhibition**
Exciting new experiences for every visit
-  **Underground North Carolina**
Dig deep for crystals, gems & geology

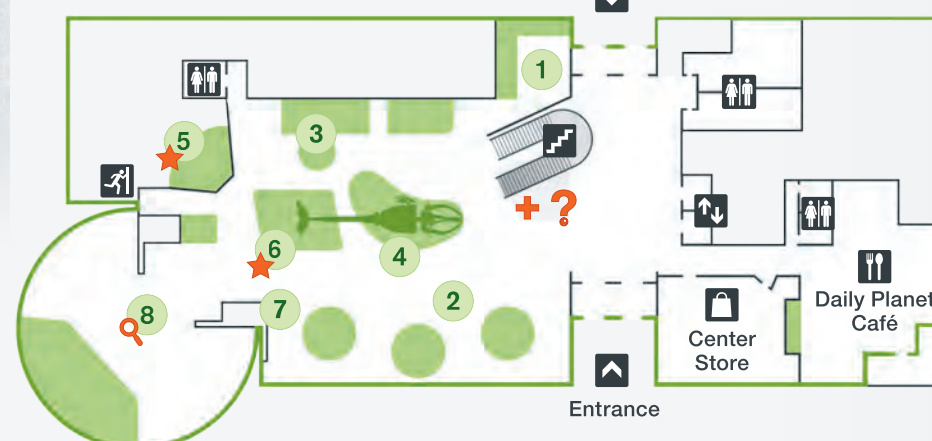
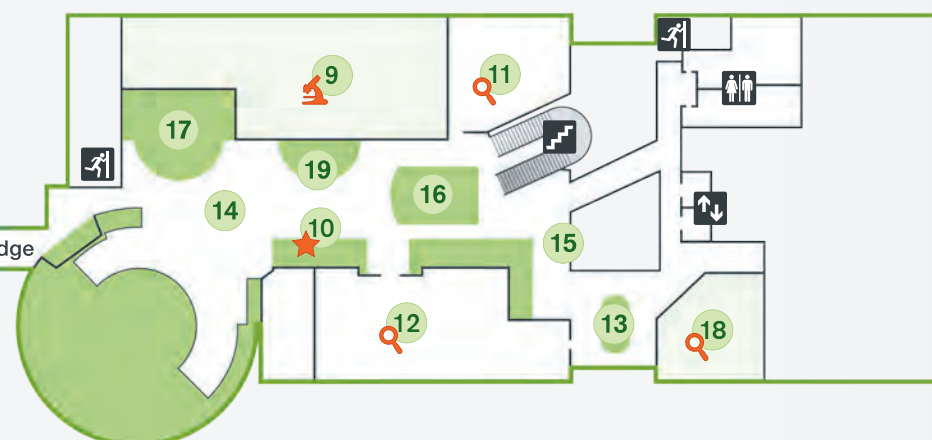
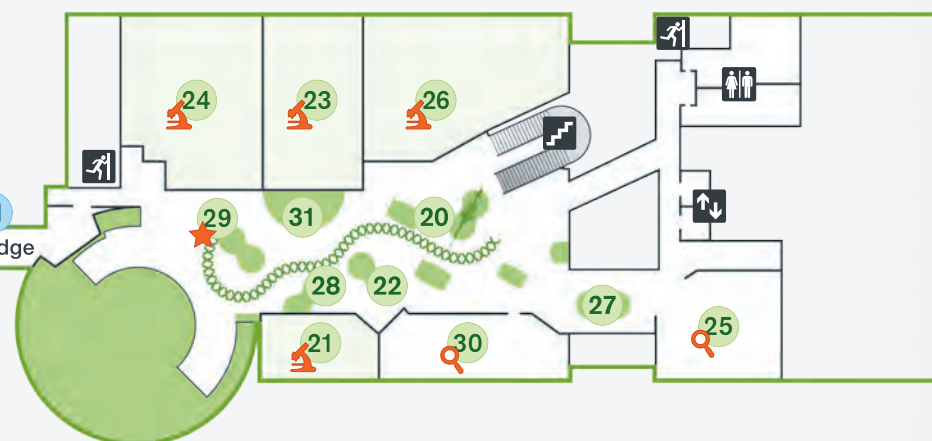
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-  **1 Coastal North Carolina**
Our coastal habitats & wildlife
 -  **2 Nature Art Gallery**
From paintings to pottery
 -  **3 Natural Treasures of North Carolina**
Our state's natural diversity
 -  **4 WRAL 3D Theater**
Enjoy science & nature films
-  **Box Office**
Buy tickets for featured exhibits & 3D movies
-  **Museum Store**
-  **Nursing Room**
Key available from the Information Desk



Map Key













-  Restrooms
 -  Café
 -  Store
 -  Box Office
 -  Elevators
 -  Escalators
 -  Stairs
 -  Emergency Exit
 -  Information
 -  First Aid
 -  Live Programs
Hours vary
 -  Tickets Required
Visit Box Office
 -  Live Animals
 -  Research Labs
Watch scientists work



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William G. Ross, Jr.
Environmental Conference Center
Meeting rooms




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-  **20 Ancient Fossils, New Discoveries**
Meet *T. rex* & other ancient animals
-  **21 Astronomy & Astrophysics Research Lab**
Studying star, planet, and galaxy formation
-  **22 Beyond Our Planet**
Explore astronomy & outer space
-  **23 Evolutionary Biology & Behavior Research Lab**
Studying how animals adapt and interact
-  **24 Genomics & Microbiology Research Lab**
Studying the evolution of organisms using DNA
-  **25 Micro World Investigate Lab**
Discover life on a microscopic scale
-  **26 Paleontology Research Lab**
Studying life through time on a changing planet
-  **27 Planet Micro**
Connect with larger-than-life microbes
-  **28 Postcards from Space**
Meet the meteorites
-  **29 Unraveling DNA**
Uncover the facts about DNA
-  **30 Visual World Investigate Lab**
Interact with novel technologies
-  **31 Window on Research**
Meet scientists, learn tools & techniques

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- 9 **Biodiversity Research Lab**
Studying life on Earth to better conserve it
- 10 **Diversity of Life**
Learn how we study biodiversity
- 11 **Natural World Investigate Lab**
Explore the links between a hands-on lab
- 12 **Naturalist Center**
Explore, touch & study specimens
- 13 **One Planet, One Health**
Explore the links between people & planet
- 14 **Our Changing Climate**
Adaptation under a dynamic atmosphere
- 15 **Patterned by Nature**
Sights & sounds of a unique atrium sculpture
- 16 **Researching Weather**
Learn how we study the weather
- 17 **Science Panorama**
Interactive & immersive theater
- 18 **Window on Animal Health**
View veterinary medicine in action
- 19 **Window on Research**
Meet scientists, learn tools & techniques

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- 1 **Citizen Science**
Contribute to research projects
 - 2 **Exploratory Gallery**
From biofuels to brain scans
 - 3 **Exploring the Deep Sea**
Dive deep in our research submersible
 - 4 **Investigating Right Whales**
Meet Stumpy, a whale with a story
 - ★ 5 **Our Changing Ocean**
See live fish from our coastal reefs
 - ★ 6 **Protecting Fresh Water**
How do we keep our wetlands clean?
 - 7 **Science News, Your Views**
Give your opinion on breaking science news
 - 8 **SECU Daily Planet**
Nature videos & live science presentations
- **Center Store**
- **Daily Planet Café**
- **Family Restroom**
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