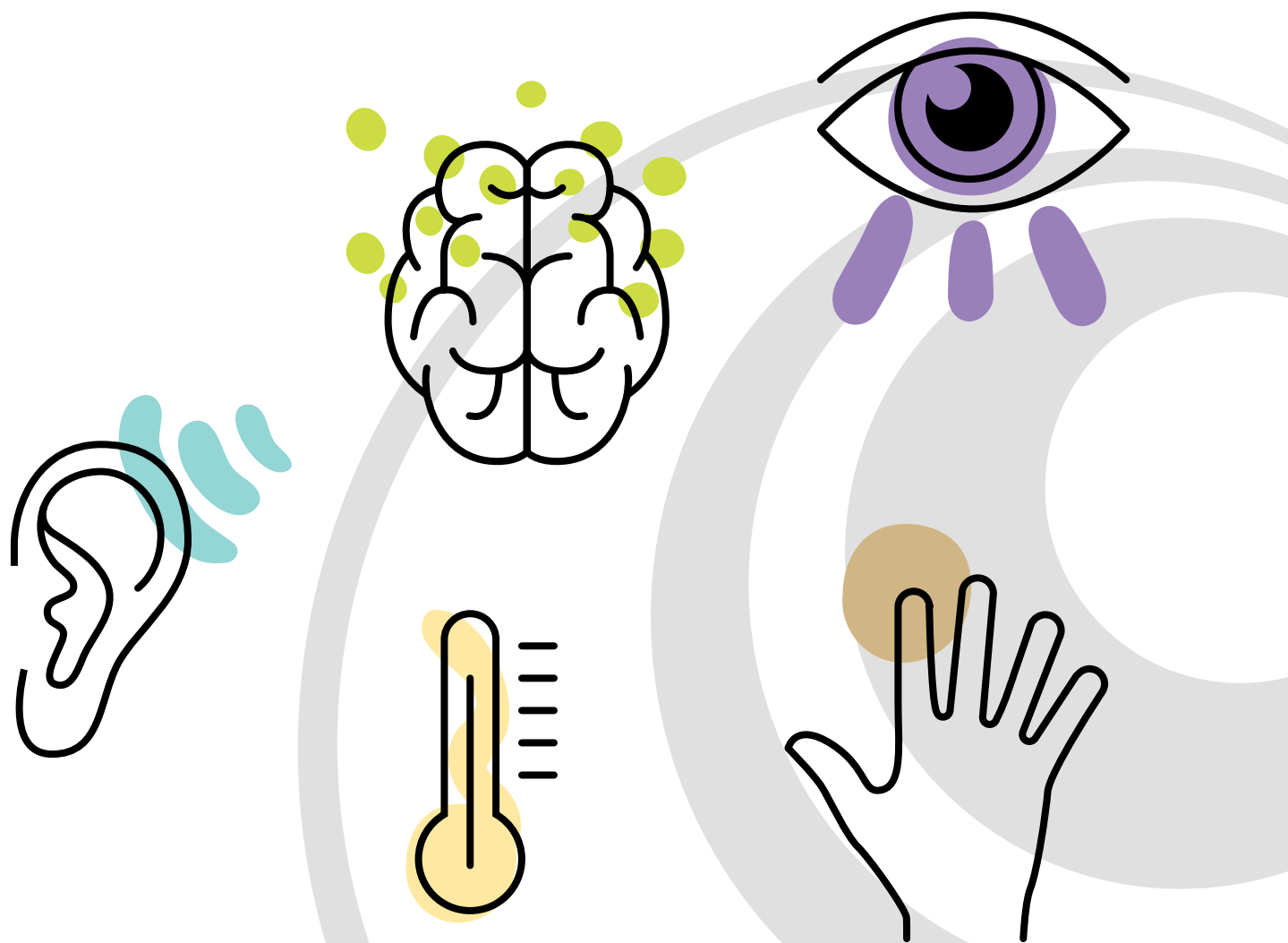


Sensory Map

of the North Carolina
Museum of Natural Sciences



NORTH CAROLINA *Museum of Natural Sciences*

Downtown Raleigh

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Introduction

Welcome to the **North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences**.

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

Use this guide to identify sensory-friendly spaces within the Museum, and to identify spaces that might cause sensory overload.

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Accessibility Tips

Visit [NaturalSciences.org/Access](https://www.naturalsciences.org/Access) to view a full list of available services and programs.

If you need assistance during your visit, please notify a museum staff member or volunteer.

Wheelchairs and strollers are free and available for use during your visit.

Guided Tactile Tours

Free guided tactile tours are available for small groups (5-15 individuals) requiring special accommodations. Pre-registration is required for guided tactile tours. For more information, please email Accessibility@NaturalSciences.org



Information



First Aid



Bridges



Stairs



Elevators



Escalators



Restrooms



Café



Store



Box Office



Emergency Exit



Accessible Automatic Doors



Nursing Room



Quiet Space

When to Visit

The information below is based on average visitation trends.

Please note that we cannot always predict crowds in the Museum.

Are you looking for:

A quieter experience?

Visit any weekday during quiet months

(January to February and mid-August to September).

A busier experience?

Visit on a rainy day, a weekend, or most weekdays

during our busy months (March to mid-August, October to December).

Sensory Areas

Crowded and Less Crowded Spaces

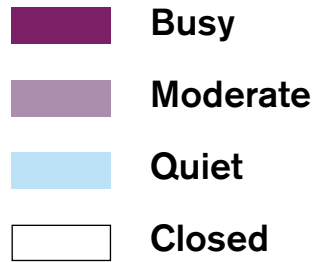
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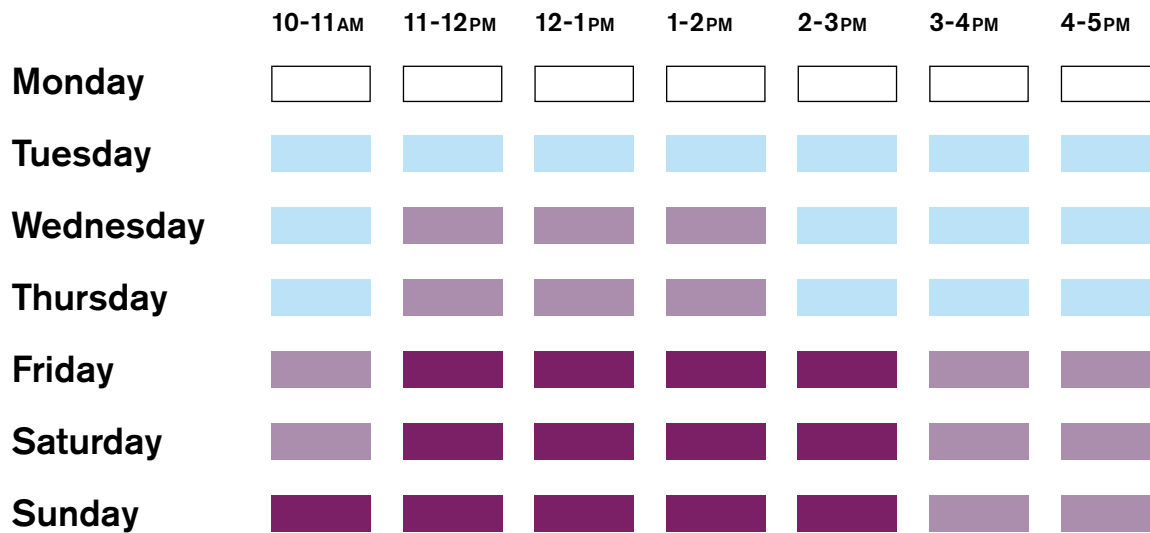
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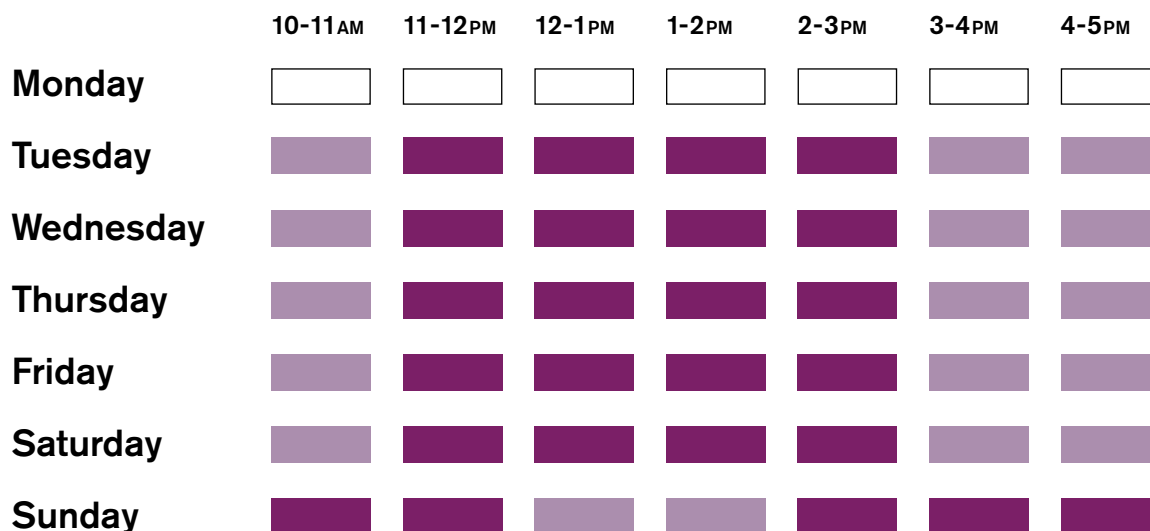
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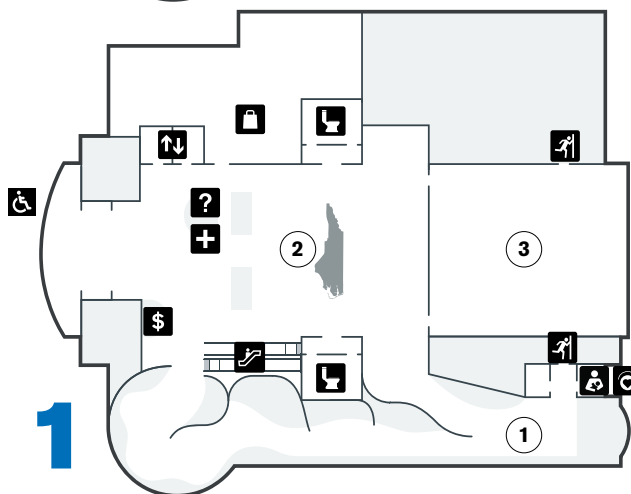
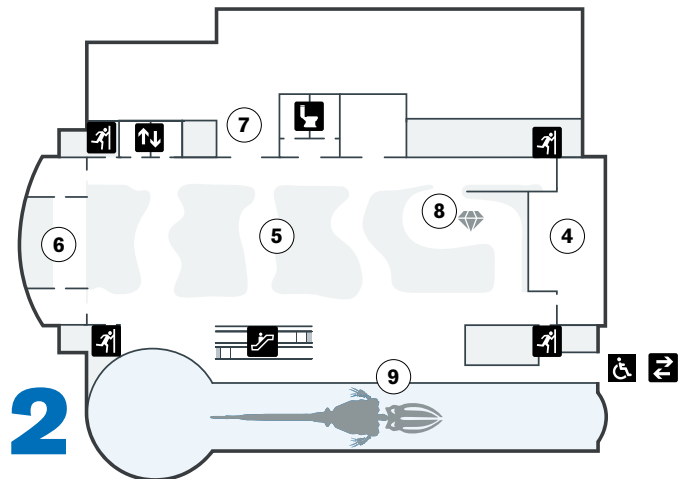
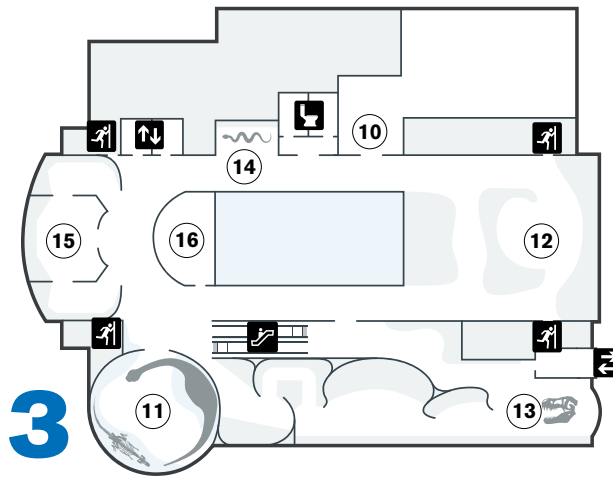
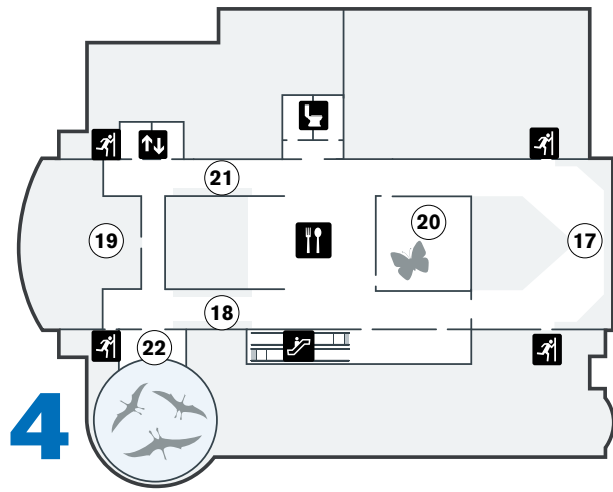
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- 4**
 - 17 Arthropod Zoo
 - 18 Beyond Curie
 - 19 Explore on Four
 - 20 Living Conservatory
 - 21 RACE: Are We So Different?
 - 22 Science Atrium Overlook

- 3**
 - 10 Curiosity Classrooms
 - 11 John B. McMillan Science Atrium
 - 12 Mountain Cove
 - 13 Prehistoric North Carolina
 - 14 Snakes of North Carolina
 - 15 Tropical Connections
 - 16 Windows on the World

- 2**
 - 4 Discovery Room
 - 5 Mountains to the Sea
 - 6 Nature's Explorers
 - 7 Special Exhibition
 - 8 Underground North Carolina
 - 9 Coastal North Carolina Overlook

- 1**
 - 1 Coastal North Carolina
 - 2 Natural Treasures of North Carolina
 - 3 WRAL 3D Theater



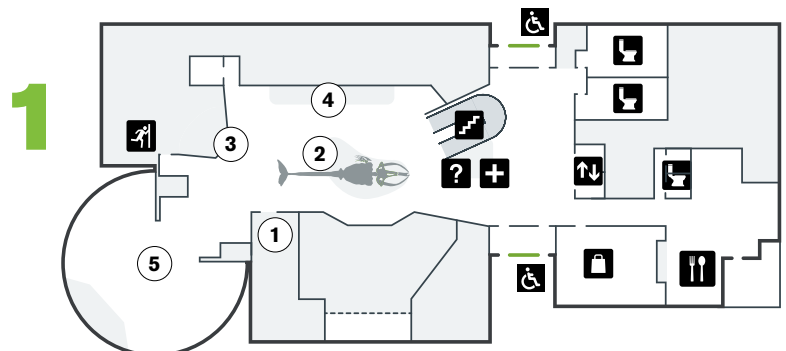
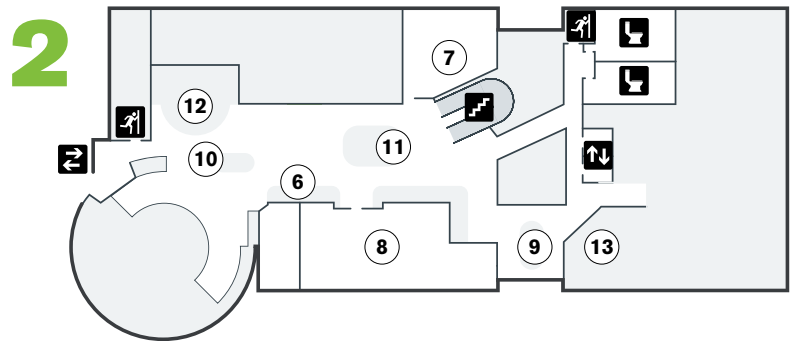
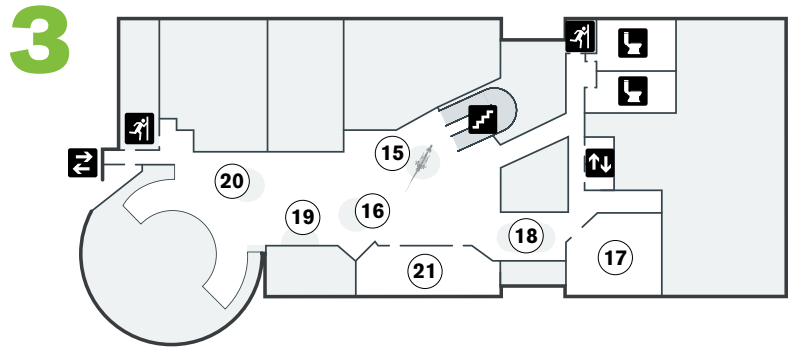
Exhibits

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- ⑮ Ancient Fossils, New Discoveries
 - ⑯ Beyond Our Planet
 - ⑰ Investigate Lab
 - ⑱ Planet Microbe Gallery
 - ⑲ Postcards From Space
 - ⑳ Unravelling DNA
 - ㉑ VisLab


- 2**
- ⑥ Diversity of Life
 - ⑦ Natural World Classroom
 - ⑧ Naturalist Center
 - ⑨ One Planet One Health
 - ⑩ Our Changing Climate
 - ⑪ Researching Weather
 - ⑫ Science Panorama
 - ⑬ Window on Animal Health

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- ① Dueling Dinosaurs
 - ② Investigating Right Whales
 - ③ Our Changing Ocean
 - ④ Protecting Fresh Water
 - ⑤ SECU Daily Planet Theater

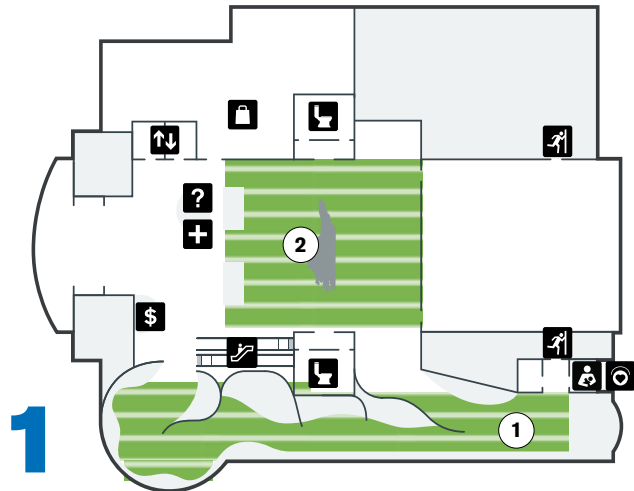
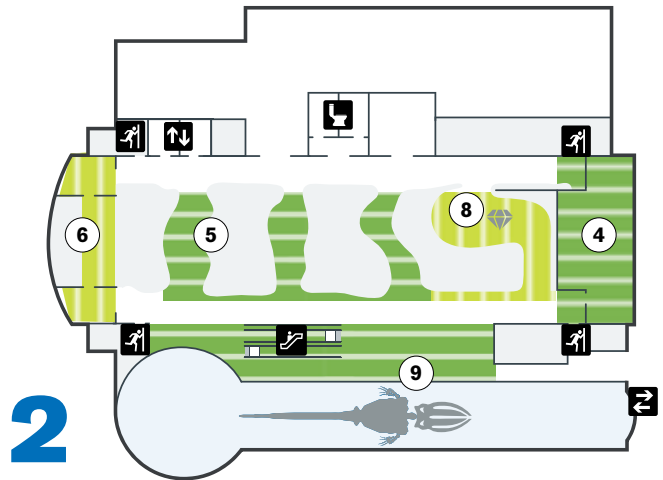
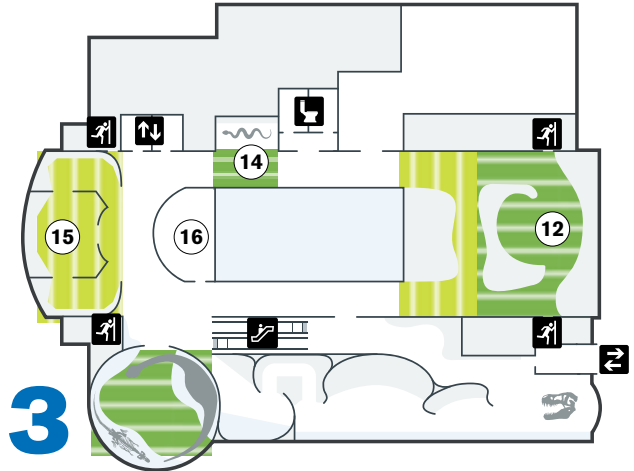
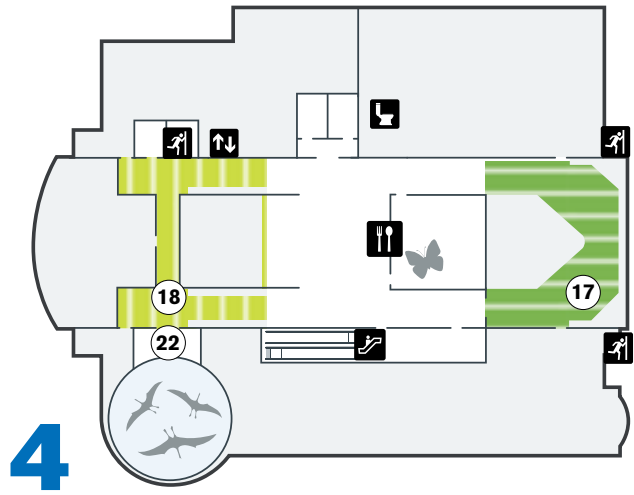


Crowded and Less Crowded Spaces

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-  Crowded Spaces
-  Less Crowded Spaces


- 4**
 -  17 Arthropod Zoo
 -  18 Rotating Art Gallery
 -  22 Science Atrium Overlook
- 3**
 -  12 Mountain Cove
 -  14 Snakes of North Carolina
 -  15 Tropical Connections
 -  16 Windows on the World
- 2**
 -  9 Coastal North Carolina Overlook
 -  4 Discovery Room
 -  5 Mountains to the Sea
 -  6 Nature's Explorers
 -  8 Underground North Carolina
- 1**
 -  1 Coastal North Carolina
 -  2 Natural Treasures of North Carolina



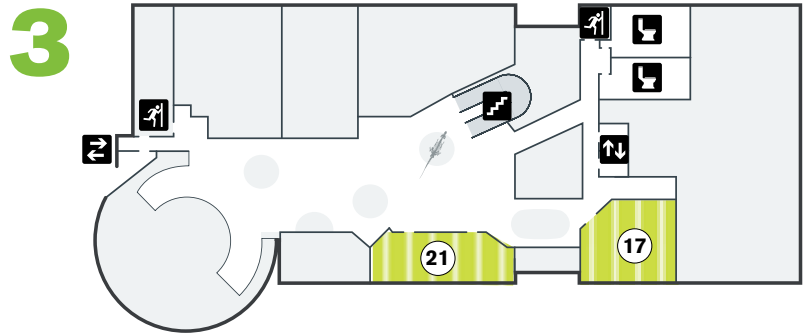
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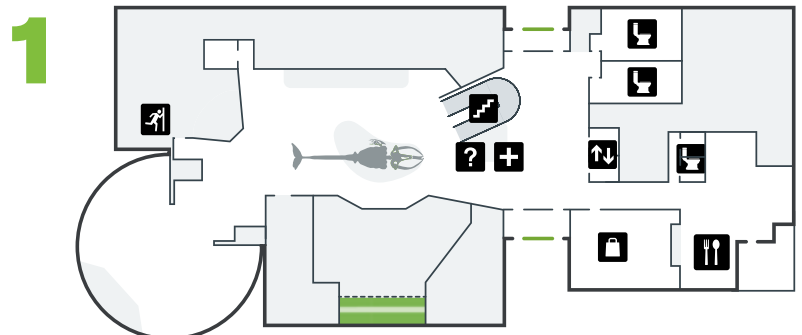
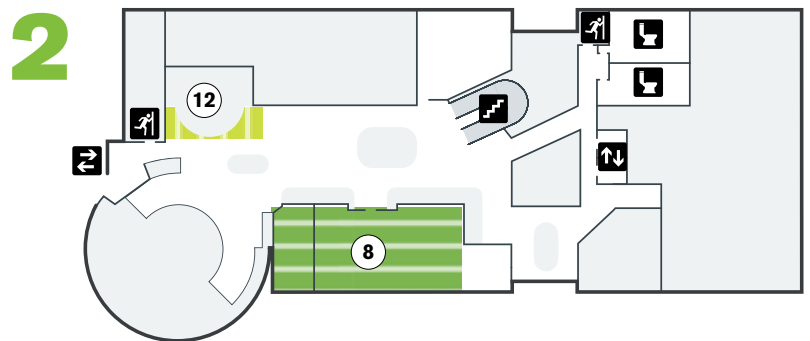


-  Crowded Spaces
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- 3**
-  17 Investigate Lab
 -  21 VisLab











- 2**
-  8 Naturalist Center
 -  12 Science Panorama

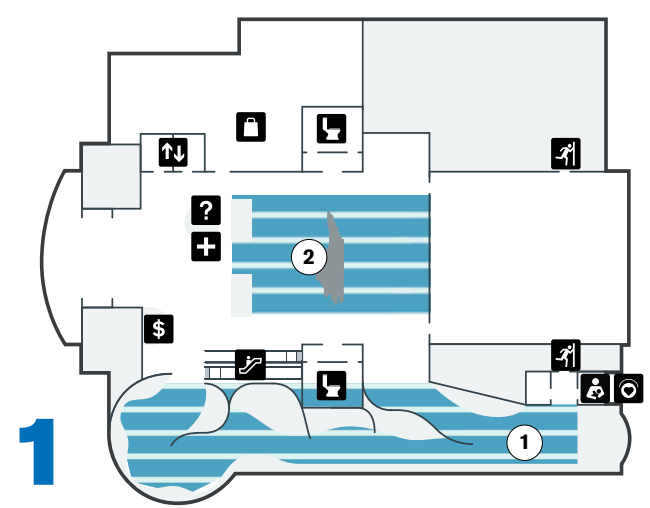
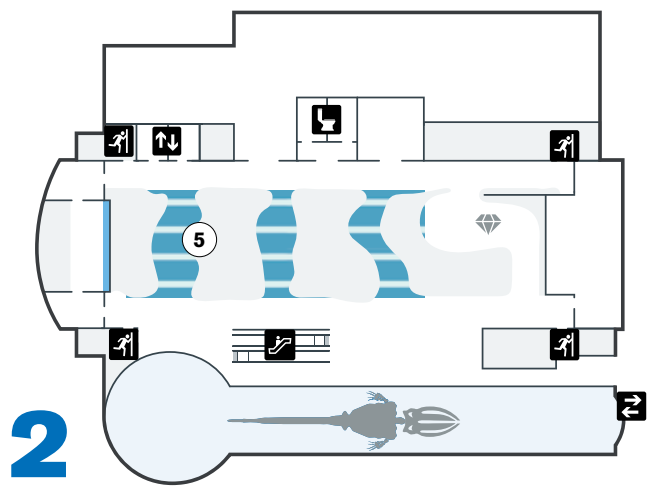
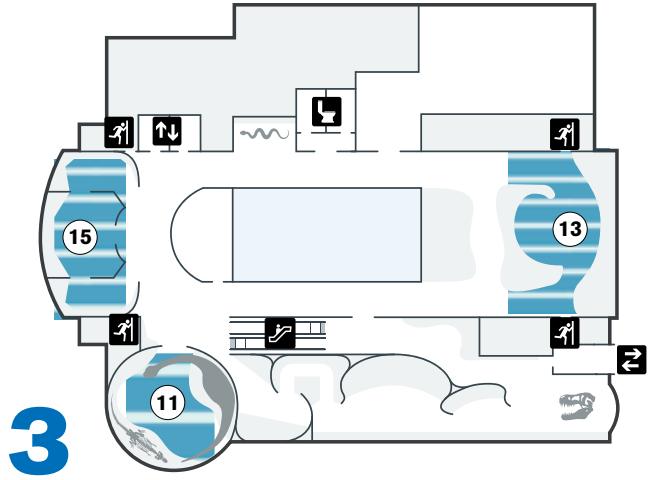
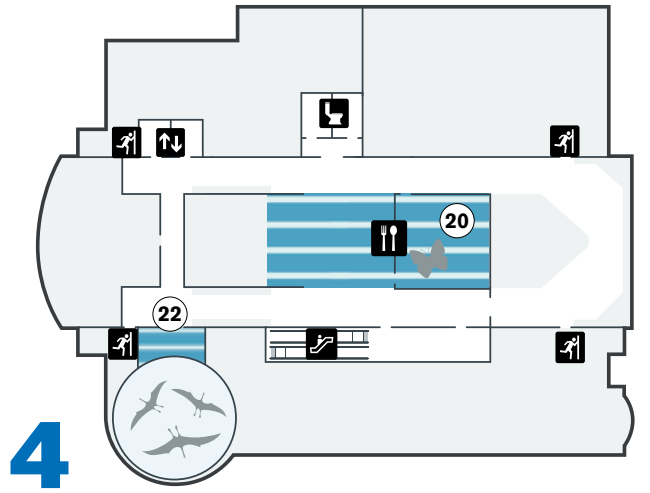


Loud Spaces

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 Loud Spaces

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 -  20 Living Conservatory
 -  22 Science Atrium Overlook
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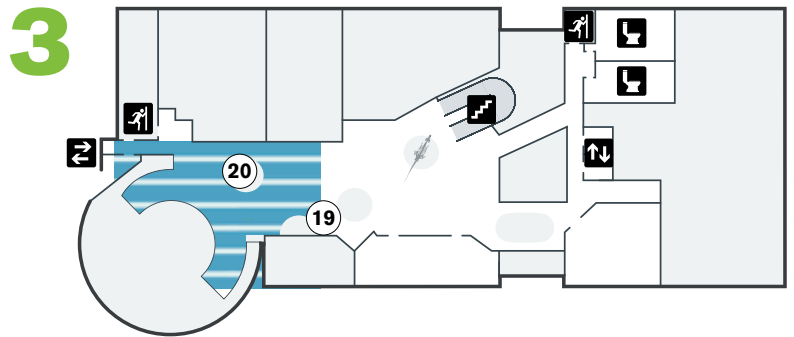
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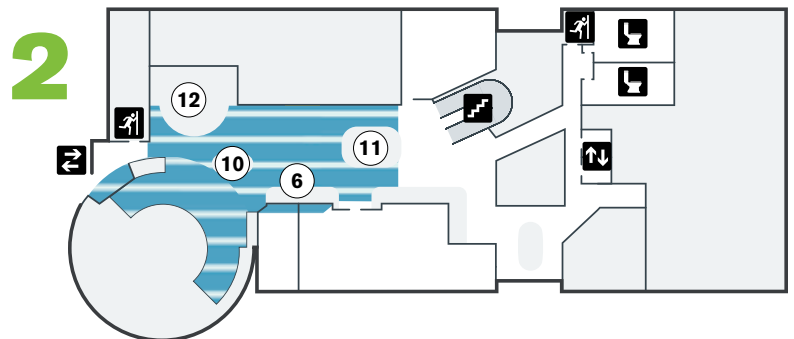



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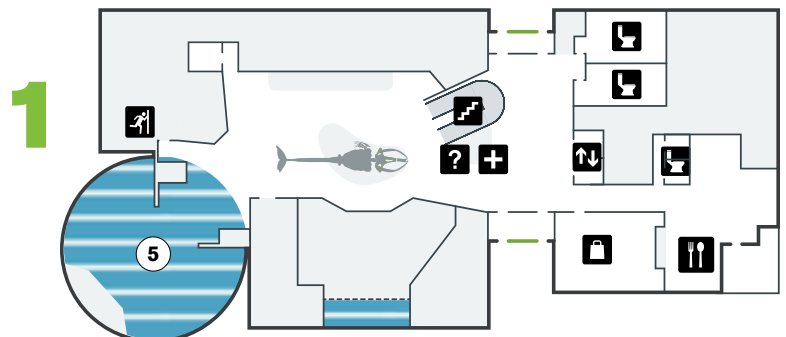
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 - ②0  Unraveling DNA



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- ⑥  Diversity of Life
 - ⑩  Our Changing Climate
 - ⑪  Researching Weather
 - ⑫  Science Panorama



















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- ⑤  SECU Daily Planet Theater

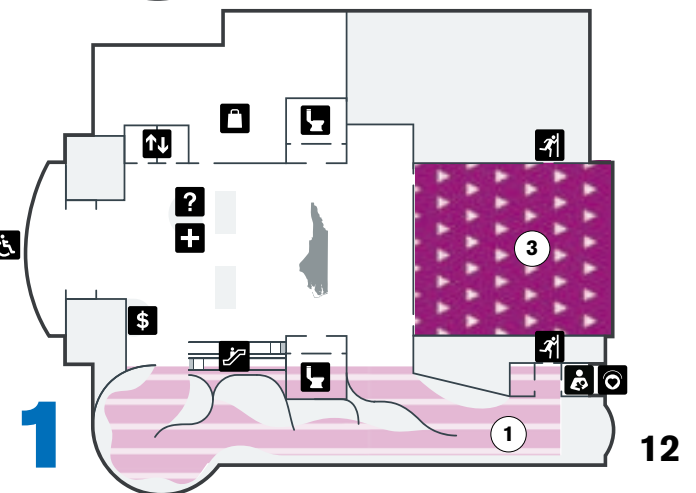
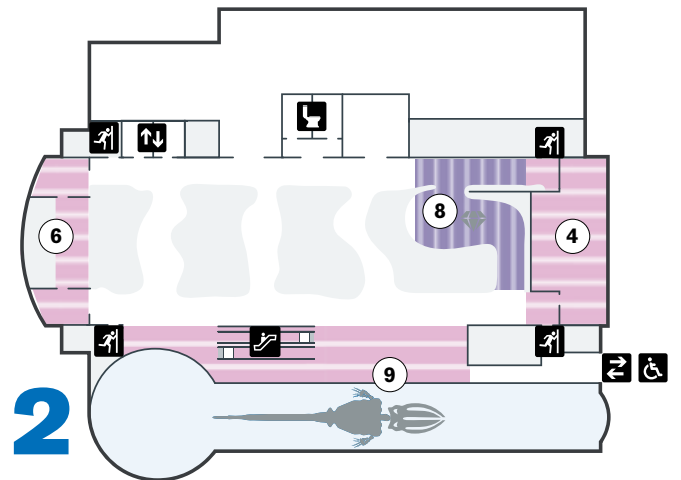
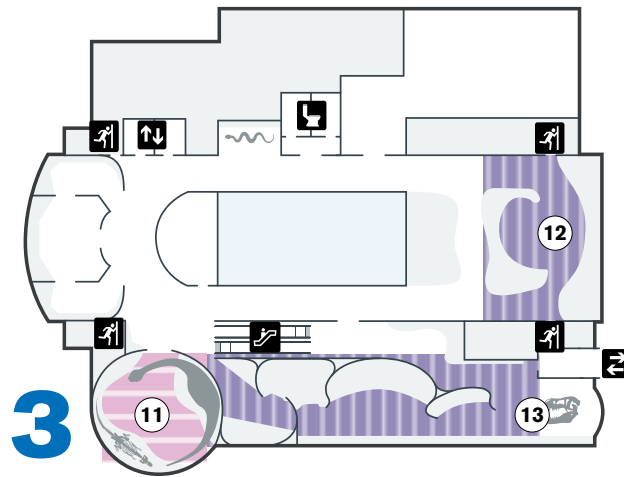
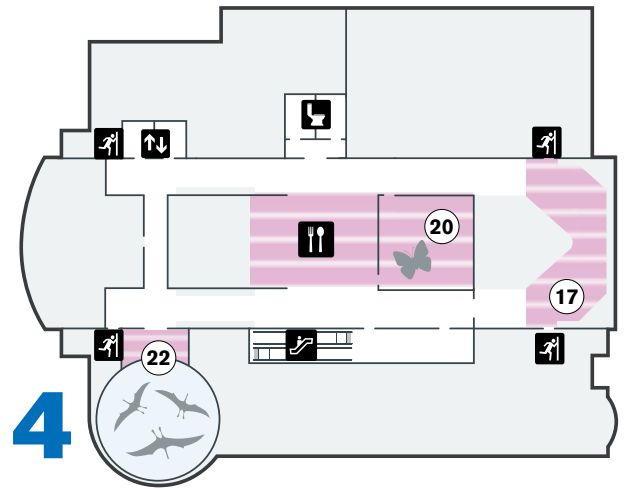


Low, Bright, and Flashing Light Spaces

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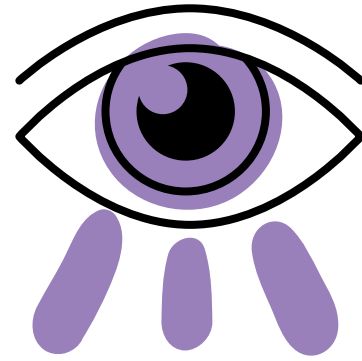
-  Natural Light
-  Low Light
-  Bright or Flashing Lights




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 -  17 Arthropod Zoo
 -  20 Living Conservatory
 -  22 Science Atrium Overlook
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- 3**
 -  12 Mountain Cove
 -  13 Prehistoric North Carolina
 -  11 John B. McMillan Science Atrium
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 -  4 Discovery Room
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 -  3 WRAL 3D Theater









Low, Bright, and Flashing Light Spaces

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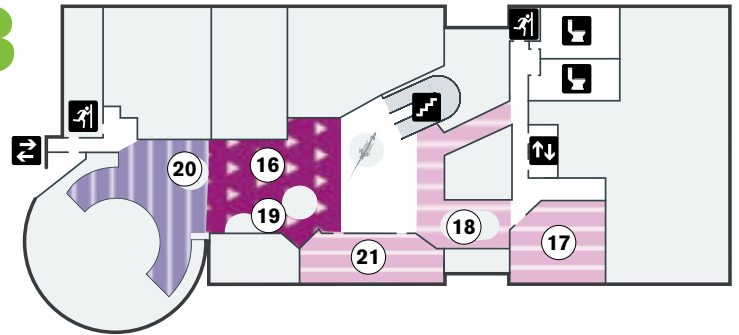


-  Natural Light
-  Low Light
-  Bright or Flashing Lights







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-  16 Beyond Our Planet
-  17 Investigate Lab
-  18 Planet Micro
-  19 Postcards from Space
-  20 Unraveling DNA
-  21 VisLab

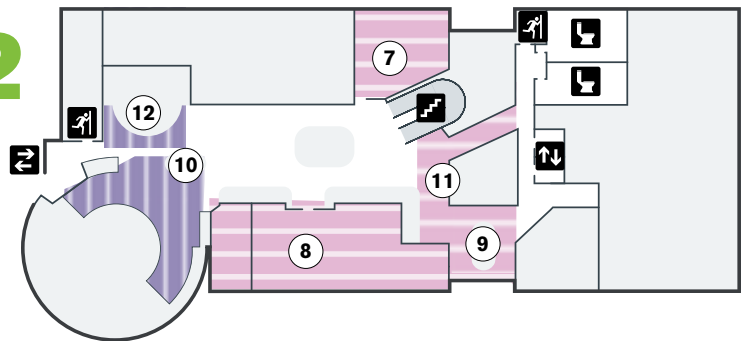
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-  7 Natural World Classroom
-  8 Naturalist Center
-  9 One Planet, One Health
-  10 Our Changing Climate
-  11 Patterned by Nature
-  12 Science Panorama

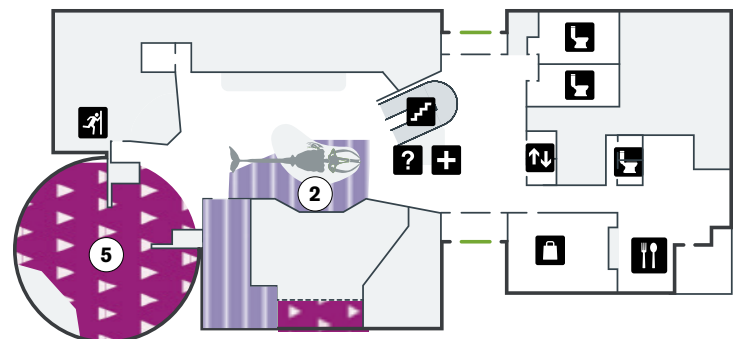
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-  5 SECU Daily Planet Theater





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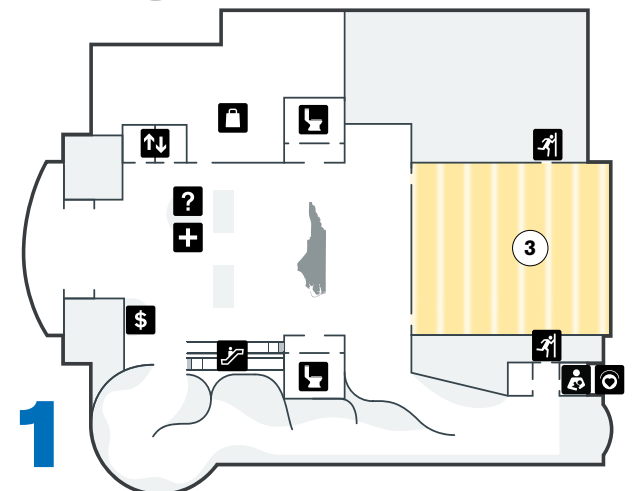
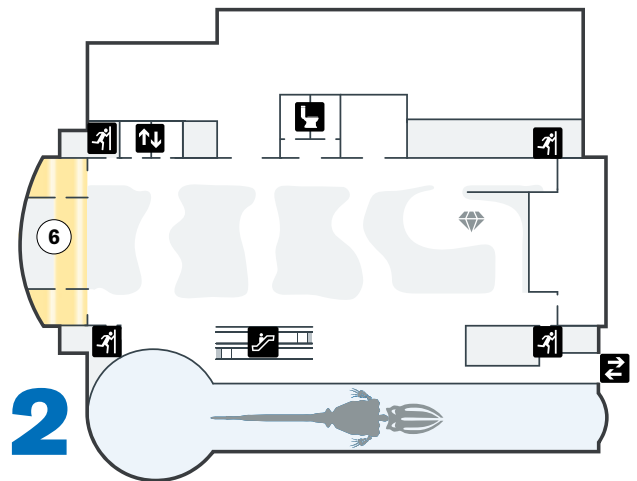
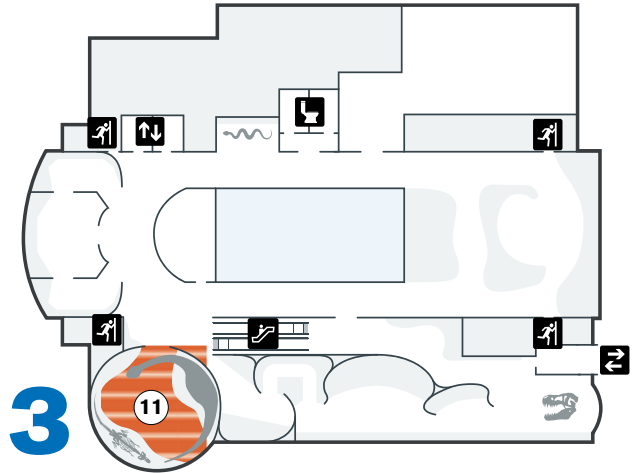
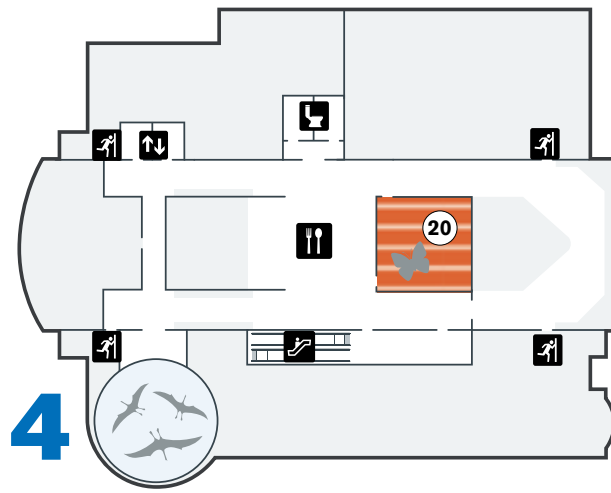


Warm and Cold Spaces

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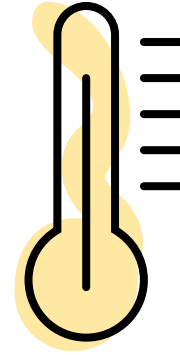
-  Warm Spaces
-  Cool Spaces

- 4** 20  Living Conservatory
- 3** 11  John B. McMillan Science Atrium
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- 2** 6  Nature's Explorers
- 1** 3  WRAL 3D Theater




Warm and Cold Spaces

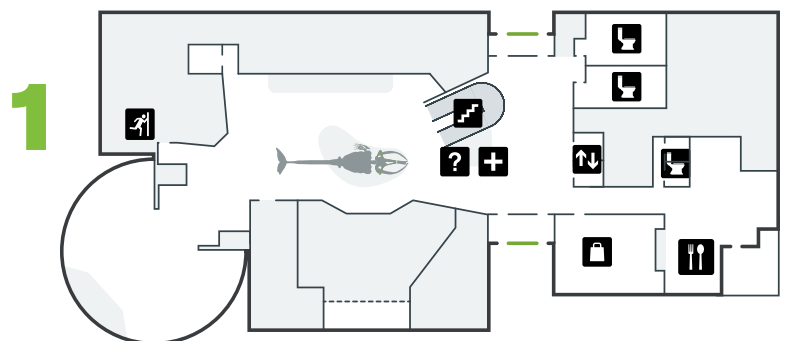
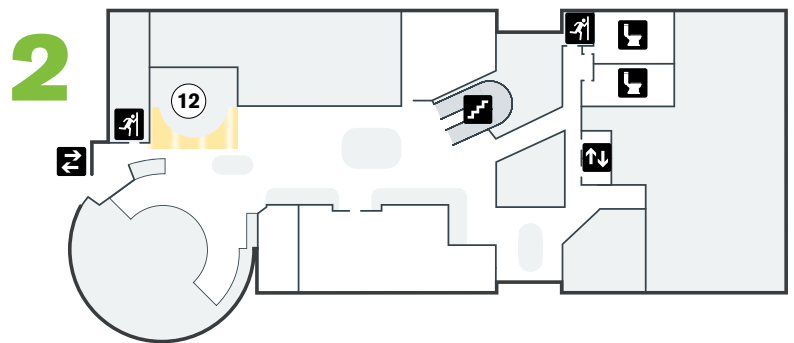
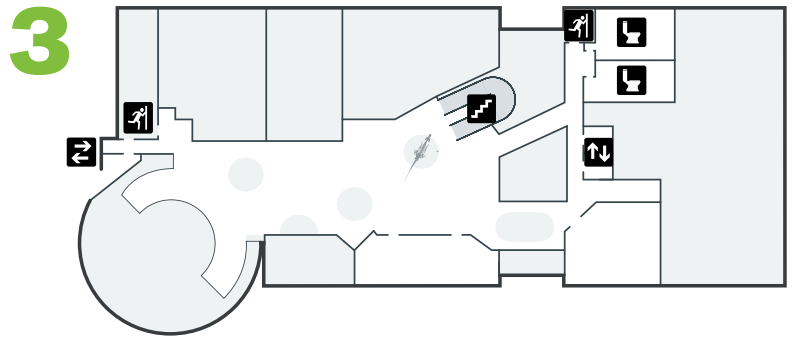
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 Warm Spaces



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2   Science Panorama










Tactile Engagement Spaces

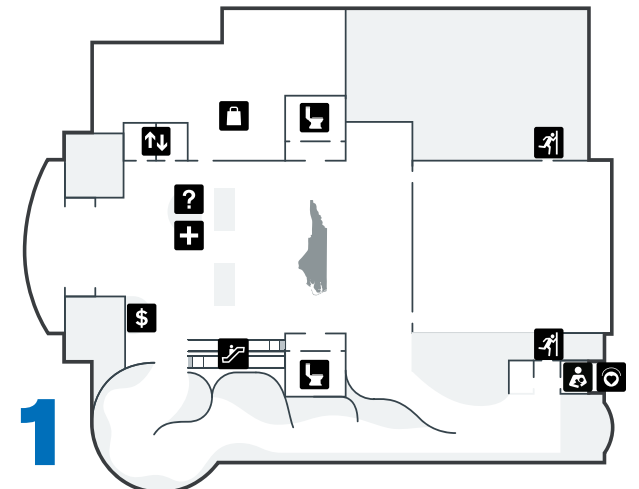
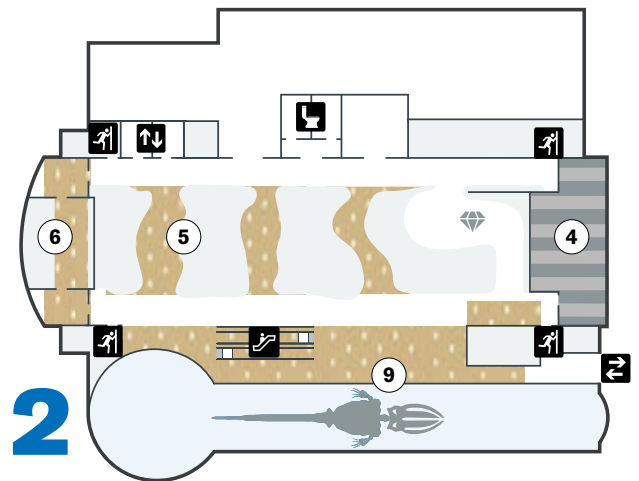
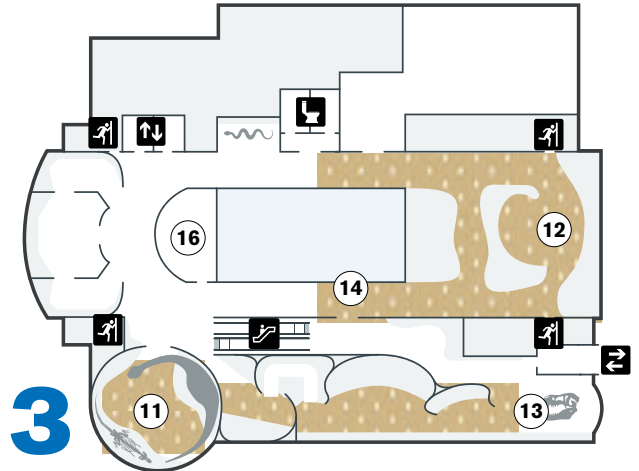
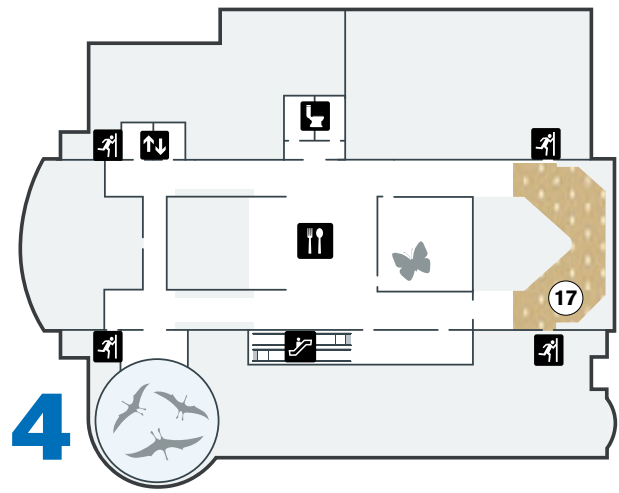
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-  Tactile Objects
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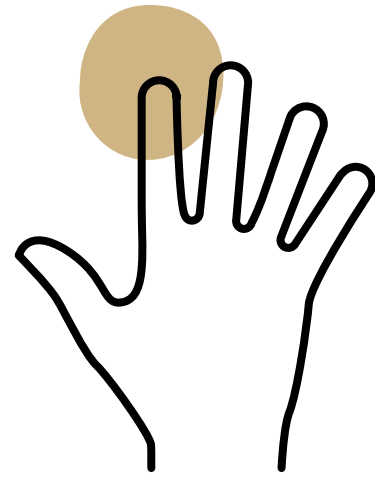
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 ⑭  Mountains to the Sea Overlook
 ⑬  Prehistoric North Carolina
 ⑪  John B. McMillan Science Atrium
 ⑯  Windows on the World

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 ④  Discovery Room
 ⑤  Mountains to the Sea
 ⑥  Nature's Explorers







Tactile Engagement Spaces

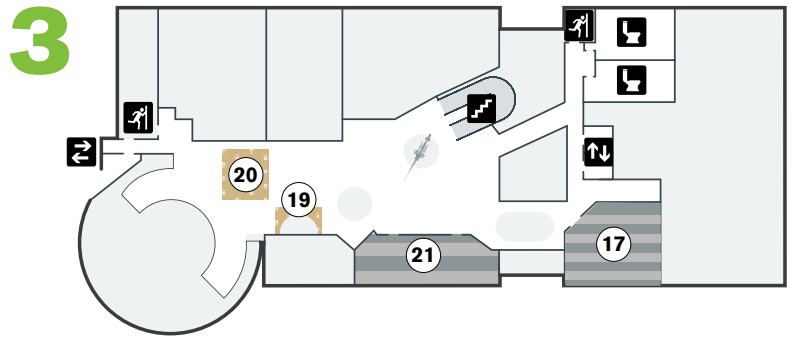
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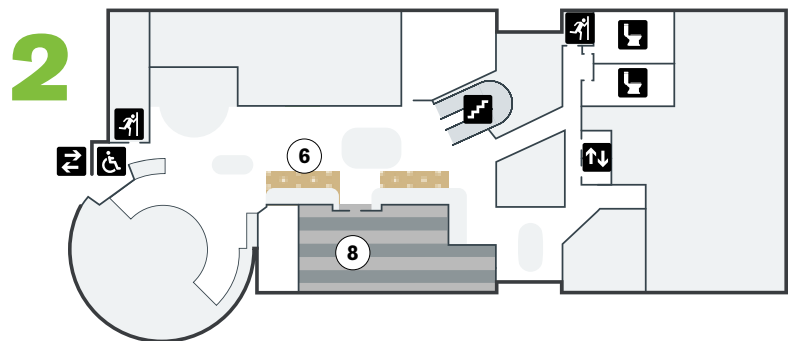
 Tactile Objects



 Tactile Spaces

- 3**
- ②①  VisLab
 - ①⑦  Investigate Lab
 - ①⑨  Postcard from Space
 - ②⑦  Unravelling DNA



- 2**
- ⑧  Naturalist Center
 - ⑥  Diversity of Life



- 1**
- ①  Dueling Dinosaurs
 - ②  Investigating Right Whales

