



# About the Museum of Natural History

This is a visual guide. It helps you find your way around and make the most of your visit.

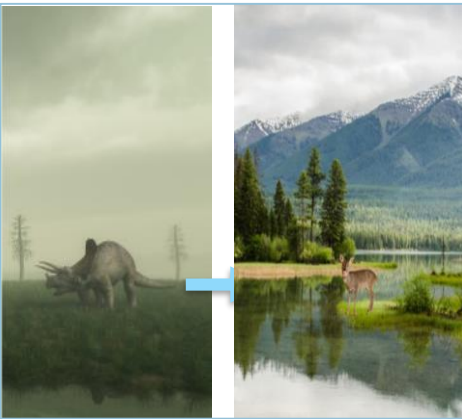


# What is a Museum of Natural History?



A Museum is a place that looks after objects from around the world, that are important for science, history, art and culture.

Museums are open for people to enjoy and learn about these things.



Natural History is the study of the natural world and how it has changed over time.



A Natural History Museum is a place that looks after collections of natural things, called specimens.

Specimens include plants, animals, rocks, fossils, dinosaurs and more!



Museum specimens come from all over the world.

Some are the remains of living things that have gone **extinct**. This means that they are no longer found today.

# Accessibility Information



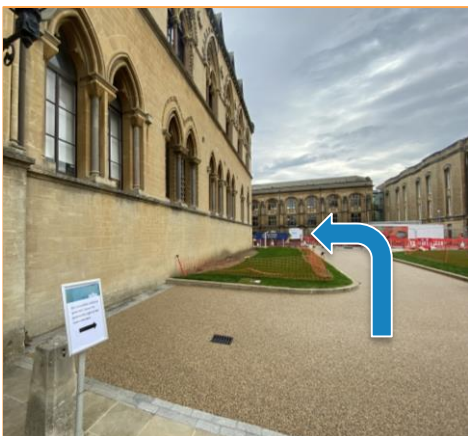
The main entrance to the Museum has 8 steps, leading up to some big doors.

The stairs are very old and uneven. **Please take care.**



The doors are sometimes closed if it is cold or windy, but the Museum is still open.

The doors are heavy.



There is an accessible entrance around the right side of the building.

To open the door, please push the access button on the left.



There are accessible toilets in the Museum.

They are on the lower ground floor, near the accessible entrance.

# About the Museum of Natural History



The Museum open times are:

**Everyday, 10am – 5pm**

The Museum is closed on the 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> December.

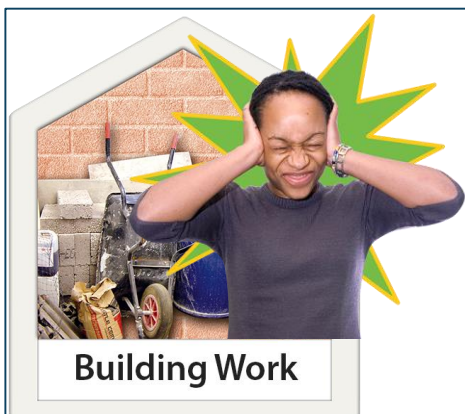


The Museum usually looks like this when you arrive.



At the moment, there is some building work happening outside of the Museum.

There are barriers up to keep you safe.



The building work can sometimes be noisy.

The work will be finished by early 2024.

# Welcome to the Museum



As you enter the Museum, there is a welcome desk.

A member of staff will say hello, and will be here to help you find your way around.



The Museum is free to visit.

Some people choose to give money to help the Museum.



Sometimes there are lots of people here and it can be noisy.



It can be quieter in the morning or later in the afternoon.

It is very busy during school holidays.

# Finding your way around



There are stairs to the First Floor on both sides of the Museum.

The stairs past the shop is missing a handrail. Please use the other stairs.



There is a lift to help you get to all floors of the Museum.



The toilets are past the gift shop and down the stairs/lift.

There are signs to help you find your way.



The café is upstairs, on the First Floor.

The café is the only place where eating is allowed in the Museum.

## Finding your way around: Ground Floor

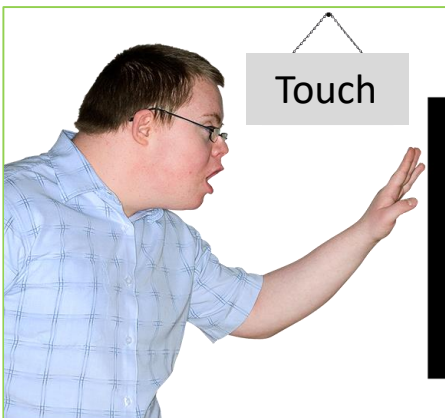


Behind the Welcome Desk you'll see the middle of the Museum.

This is the best place to start and decide where to go next.



On the Ground Floor you will find Skeletons, Dinosaurs, Rocks and lots of animals.



On the Ground Floor there are some things that you can touch!

Signs will tell you what you can touch. "Please Touch".



There are also two tables of things that you can touch.

## Finding your way around: Ground Floor



Around the outer part of the Ground Floor you can find rocks and **fossils**.

**Fossils are the remains of things that lived a long time ago that have turned into rock over time.**



Around the Museum there are grates in the floor with holes in. These help to move air around the Museum.

**Please take care around these.**



There are chairs around the Ground Floor between some of the cases.

Feel free to sit down if you want to rest.



At the back of the Ground Floor, you will find the entrance to a different Museum.

This is called the Pitt Rivers Museum.



## The First Floor



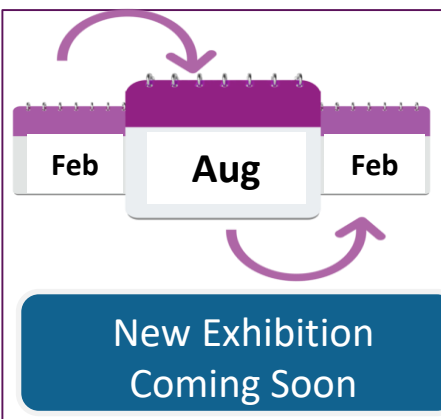
To get to the First Floor, there are 35 uneven steps.

Please use the lift to get to the First Floor.



When you take the lift to the First Floor, you will come out into a blue gallery about insects.

Go through the big door ahead to explore the First Floor.



The Exhibition space can be found at the far end of the First Floor.

The exhibitions here change approximately every 8 months.



The Exhibition space is getting ready for a new exhibition coming soon.

There are lots of new things being added to the Museum, so it may be a bit noisy.

# Thank You



The shop can be found on the Ground Floor, near the Main Entrance.



We hope you have enjoyed your visit to the Museum of Natural History.



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