



Current Exhibits

Hall of Geology and Paleontology - 1st floor

The Hall of Geology and Paleontology features fossils of dinosaurs and other prehistoric creatures, as well as meteorites, rocks and minerals. In this hall, you can meet and talk with a working paleontologist in our on-site Paleo Lab. Explore the hands-on Discovery Drawers, with specimens from Texas Natural Science Center collections. You can also bring in your own fossil finds and learn all about them.

Great Hall - 2nd floor (Main entrance level)

In this special exhibit you'll find fossils with detailed features that teach us about life on Earth thousands or even millions of years ago. You'll see amazing gemstones, rare because of their clarity and size. For the scientists and curators at Texas Natural Science Center these specimens are treasures because they reveal unique clues about the natural world.

Hall of Texas Wildlife - 3rd floor

A diversity of native plants and animals make Texas habitats their home. In this hall you will discover animals from several regions in Texas, including a few that are currently endangered or threatened in the wild. The *Fishes of Texas* and *Night Shift* (nocturnal animals) exhibits are also in this hall.

Hall of Biodiversity - 4th floor

Through multimedia and interactive displays, *Explore Evolution* offers visitors engaging opportunities to learn about recent contributions to our understanding of biological evolution. This interactive learning center features current scientific research and major discoveries by internationally recognized scientists, including Texas Natural Science Center's Director, Dr. Ed Theriot.

Current Events



Identification Day

Nov. 18, 2007

Have you ever wondered about a fossil you've found? Then bring it with you to Identification Day. At this event, scientists and experts from all over Central Texas are on hand to look at and identify natural objects (fossils, rocks, insects, etc.). Texas Natural Science Center scientists from our Non-vertebrate Paleontology Lab, Vertebrate Paleontology Lab, and Texas Natural History Collections are present at each ID Day, along with a variety of special guest experts from The University of Texas at Austin and Central Texas. Visit www.utexas.edu/tmm/events for more information.



Waller Creek Clean-up

Nov. 3, 2007

Texas Natural Science Center and Environmental Health and Safety sponsor Waller Creek Clean-up twice a year. Waller Creek is an urban watershed that runs from North Austin through the city and campus into Town Lake. Being an urban watershed, Waller Creek suffers many pollution problems. Trash from the streets washes down storm drains and into the creek. This pollution can adversely affect the wildlife, water quality, and beauty of Waller Creek.

For more information, visit: www.wallercreek.org



Explore UT

Mar. 1, 2008

Explore UT is a campus-wide event described as the "Biggest Open House in Texas!" Visitors of all ages have the opportunity to experience a variety of programs that are engaging and inspiring. For this event Texas Natural Science Center scientists present special lectures on exciting topics such as saber-toothed cats, meteorites, and snakes. Paleontologists in the Paleo Lab are on hand to provide fossil identifications for visitors. For more information and a complete schedule visit: www.utexas.edu/events/exploreut



Family Fossil Fun

Sept. 30, 2007

Held several times each year, this event features free activities about fossils and the amazing creatures from Texas' prehistoric past. Meet a paleontologist, make crafts and see and touch real fossils. Dig in the mini Dino Pit and learn what it is like to be a paleontologist searching for fossils. It's free fun for the entire family! For more information, visit: www.utexas.edu/tmm/events

Exhibit Map

Key:



Unisex restroom



Men's restroom



Women's restroom



Elevator

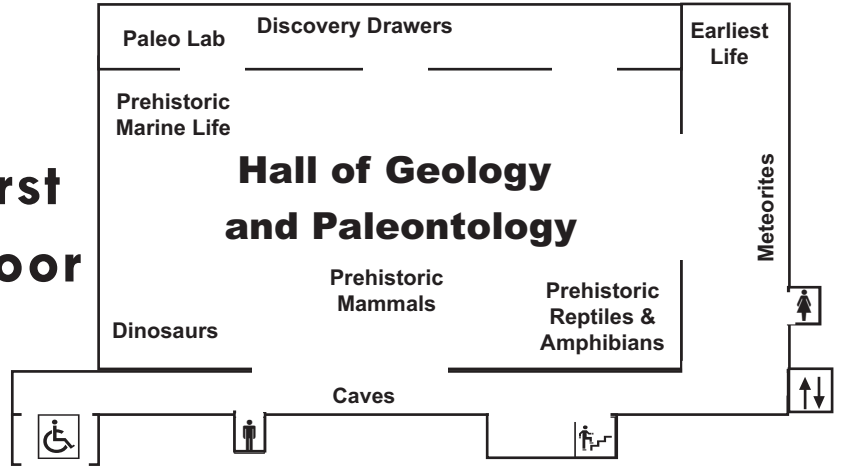


Stairs



Wheelchair and stroller entrance

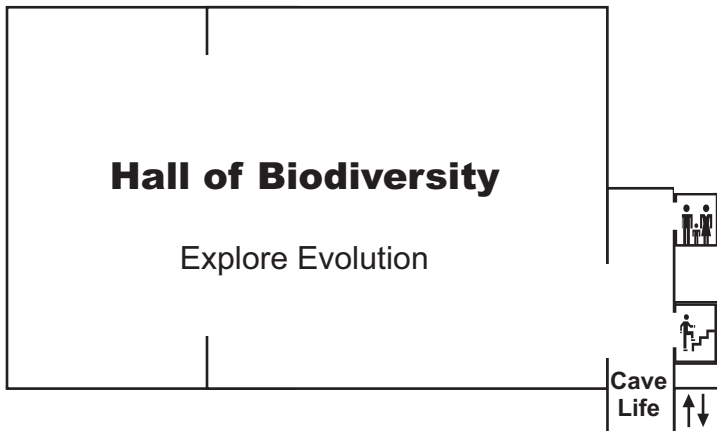
First Floor



Second Floor (Main Entrance)



Fourth Floor



Third Floor

