



Discover The World—Explore The Universe



Self Guide

State-of-the-Art Planetarium

Science On A Sphere®

Art & Science Exhibitions

Mini-Zoo

Discovery House

Nature Trails

Pavilion

Museum Store

**Join us throughout the
year and see...**

New and Returning Family Days

Special Events and Classes

Annual Full Dome Film Festival

Festival of Trees

and so much more!

**Click the button below and tell us
about your visit!**



Please Return Guide Before Leaving

Getting Started

Show Times

At the start of your visit, think about the programs you would like to attend. Be prepared to be lined up near the location 5-10 minutes before the start time, as some shows do not allow late seating.

What is there to do?

Besides our public programs and exploring the Museum, you can often find art activities, scavenger hunts, and more throughout MAS.

There is always More @ MAS

Be sure to also look out for extra activities on our family days and other special occasions!

Click the button below to find more events from MAS!

Please no food or drinks inside the Museum.

Where to start?

We recommend starting with one of these key areas: Discovery House, Science Hall, Exhibit Galleries, or our Nature Trail and Outdoor Grounds.

Other Amenities

Though we do not offer food and beverages on site, you can bring your lunch and go see our Caboose at our newly renovated picnic area!

If you are a group and want to use our covered pavilion behind the Museum, please note that prior permission is needed as that space doubles for rentals and additional programming.



Discovery House

The Discovery House features three floors of interactive exhibits exploring Art and Science.

Create, Build, and Interact!

Find activities that are great for young children, interact with the **Domed Mirror** display, or dance and move to create art-in-motion with our **Light Box**.

Don't forget to visit the Mini-Zoo Tree House Balcony, but remember children must be with an adult.

Say Hello

The **Mini-Zoo** houses multiple species from different animal groups such as mammals, reptiles, and birds. It features several exhibits and a replica Banyan tree at its center.

When visiting animals:
Please speak quietly.
No flash photography.
Please avoid touching or knocking on the animal's home.

Be Scientific

Interact with several science exhibits and become the scientist- be a **Meteorologist** at the **Weather Wall**, be a **Paleontologist** at the **Dig**, and so much more!

Please remember when visiting the fossil dig:
Stand outside the dig when digging.
Keep sand in the dig.
Do not toss the sand.



Artist's Garret
Top Level



Mini Zoo
Lobby Level



Scientist's Workshop
Bottom Level



Tour Tip

Stairs and Elevator are to the right of the Polar Bear, and the stairs are musical!
Please keep guest capacity to 35 guests per floor at a time.

The Science Hall features earth and space science exhibits and interactive displays.

Science Hall

**Mark Smith
Planetarium**

Explore the Universe

See the stars, planets, universe, and more in the Museum's state-of-the-art Full-Dome Planetarium. Guests can experience Live-Shows, recorded programs for different ages, and even films during the annual Macon Film Festival.

Check the front desk for show times.

Recommended for children 3 and up. There is no late seating once the doors have closed.

**Science on
a Sphere®**

Investigate the Earth

View and interact with different data sets related to the earth on our Science on a Sphere® exhibit. This exhibit is currently the only one in the state of Georgia. It was created by NOAA and uses satellite data to help us learn more about our home planet.

Check out and use our new touch screen Kiosk that lets you control the sphere!

Please be gentle when using the touch screen, and notify the Front Desk if it is not working properly.

Kiosk may not be available at all times.

!! Tour Tip

Use the light switches on the mineral case to see the glow-in-the-dark Florescent rocks! And don't forget to touch the meteorite.

Exhibits and Art

Explore the arts all throughout the Museum and its galleries.

Discover the Arts

Art can be found everywhere at MAS! From our galleries and indoor spaces, to our sprawling outdoor grounds - there is so much to see!

Don't forget to...

Stop and wave at **"Gesturing Woman."**

Learn about our incredible prehistoric whale fossil **"Ziggy."**

Watch our **"Kinetic Sculpture."** outside the Museum doorways.

Take a seat and relax at one of our many outdoor **brick sculptures.**

Exhibits

The Museum hosts a variety of exhibits throughout the year. Some exhibits are annual like our **Festival of Trees Exhibit**, which is great for children, and our **Southeast Contemporary Exhibit**, which is great for any art lover and enthusiast.

Some of these exhibits host works from our Permanent Collection or works borrowed for a special exhibit. There are even traveling exhibits that have MAS set as its next stop.

To see what exhibits are coming soon, Click the button below.



Tour Tip

Many of our Permanent Collection items include additional braille labels for those who are visually impaired.

There is more to see outside MAS!

Outdoor Grounds



Picnic Area

Take a Break

Come and have a snack at our newly renovated picnic area! It includes covered seating and a **Story Walk** that is great for young children.

While you are there, take a look at our **Caboose**, which has been with the Museum since 1964.



Sweet Gum Trail

Go for a Stroll

Stroll down the Sweet Gum Trail and see a variety of plant life and artwork. You can also find the **Native Plant Garden** established by the Master Gardeners of Central Georgia.

Have a seat at one of the interactive sculptures like the **Frog on a Log**. Be sure to stop and see **Ruins and Rituals**, a sculptural installation by **Beverly Bucanan**.

Click the button below to see our Sweet Gum Trail Guide!



Bat Cave

See the Wildlife

Don't forget to check behind the Museum to see more wildlife. Follow the path to find our **Bat Cave**, home to African Straw-Colored Fruit Bats.

!! Tour Tip

- ← Sweet Gum Trail- exit the Museum to the left.
- Bat Cave- exit the Museum to the right, go around the building, and follow the paved path.

Ideal for

**Ages
3-6**

**Must sees for this
age group:**

Artist's Garret:
Top-Level

Mini-Zoo

Scientist's
Workshop:
Bottom Level

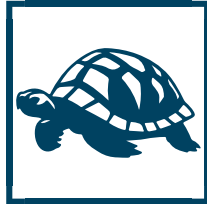
Story Walk

Games and Activities

Museums are great places to learn and have fun. Try out these games and activities as you tour the Museum!

Happy Hunting

Hunt down the items below during your visit.



**Something
Living**



**Something
Pre-Historic**



**Something
Made of Clay**



**Something
Staring Back
at You**



**Something
Out of This
World**



Picking Favorites

Pick your favorite things in all the different areas of the Museum.



Exhibits

What piece of art was your favorite?

What piece of art used your favorite color?

Mini-Zoo

Which animal was your favorite?

What is your favorite thing about that animal?



Science Hall

Which object was your favorite?

What is your favorite thing about that object?



Outdoors

What is favorite thing outside the Museum?

What is your favorite thing that you saw in nature?



Additional crafts and activities can be found throughout the Museum.

Ideal for

**Ages
7-12**

**Must sees for this
age group:**

Mini-Zoo

Scientist's
Workshop:
Bottom Level

Science on a
Sphere®

Bat Cave

Nature Trail

Games and Activities

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Badge Challenge



At the Museum you can learn about different jobs that relate to art and science. Try these challenges below!



TASK:
Dig and investigate fossils in the Fossil Dig.



TASK:
Identify and learn a fact about 4 animals.



TASK:
Tell the weather on the Weather Wall Green Screen.



TASK:
Create and sign your own work of art.



TASK:
Find and identify 5 different rocks or minerals.

The Amazing Shapes Race

The world is full of amazing shapes. While you tour the Museum, see how many you can find. Who can find the most?

What shape could this be?



What is this shape similar to?



What shape is this? Is there more than one?



Could these pillars be different shapes?



These shapes move! But what are they?



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Ideal for

Ages
13-17

Must sees for this age group:

Mini-Zoo

Science on a Sphere®

Bat Cave

Nature Trail

Galleries

Games and Activities

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Picture Perfect

Interact and take a picture using these fun ideas!



Posers

Find a painting or sculpture with an interesting pose. Now stand in front and try to match the pose you see.

Hold for the Camera

Line yourself up in front of an object to make it look like you're holding or interacting with it. For example, pose like you're holding the earth at Science on a Sphere®!



Hot Spots

Take pictures at the Museum's popular photo spots: The Polar Bear, Science on a Sphere®, Stellated Dodecahedron, Ziggy, and Gesturing Women!



Map it Out

Find the animals that match these locations. Animals can be found in the mini-zoo and our outdoor grounds.



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Ideal for

Adults

Must sees for this age group:

Mini-Zoo

Science on a Sphere®

Bat Cave

Nature Trail

Galleries

Games and Activities

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My Museum



You are now the Director, Curator, or Designer! What would you choose if this was your museum?



Star Attraction

You are picking what you want to display. Which of the objects at MAS would you keep as your star attraction?



Exhibit

You need a new exhibit. Which object would you create your own exhibit around? Are there any objects not at MAS you would want to add to your exhibit?



Donate

You're going in a new direction and something has to go. What object would you donate to somewhere else?



Trivia Night!

It's time for trivia. All answers can be found by reading the labels around the Museum. Compete to see who can get the most correct!

It's "ZIGGY"!!

Our whale fossil gets its name from its original classification, Zygorhiza, however, it was later reclassified in the year 2013.

What is Ziggy classified as now?

Kaolin?

Kaolinite is one of Georgia's most valuable natural resources!

When viewed under a microscope, Kaolin looks similar to what shape?

Thats a lot!

The Temple of Wonder is a geometric sculpture that can be found on the Museum's Nature Trail.

How many triangles does it have?



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