

Permanent Exhibits



Northwest Florida: Waterways and Wildlife

This exhibit follows water as it flows through the unique environments of northwest Florida, the most biodiverse region of the state. Explore a hardwood hammock featuring a life-size limestone cave, a seepage bog with carnivorous plants, a Native American trading scene and more.



South Florida People & Environments

This exhibit celebrates the story of native people in South Florida and the environments that supported them. Walk along a boardwalk through a mangrove forest, travel underwater to view larger-than-life marine creatures, visit the house of a Calusa leader and more.



Hall of Florida Fossils: Evolution of Life & Land

Drawing upon the Florida Museum's internationally acclaimed fossil collections, this award-winning exhibit describes the last 65 million years of Florida's history. Walk through time beginning with the Eocene, when Florida was underwater, to the Pleistocene when the first humans arrived 14,000 years ago.



Butterfly Rainforest & Butterfly Exhibits

Stroll through this 6,400-square-foot screened, outdoor enclosure with subtropical and tropical plants and hundreds of living butterflies. View thousands of Lepidoptera species on the "Wall of Wings" and learn about butterfly and moth biology. See scientists working in the Butterfly Rearing Lab and the Research Labs.



Fossil Plant Garden

This outdoor exhibit, located next to the Museum entrance, is landscaped with modern species of plants whose ancestors lived millions of years ago and are preserved as fossils in many places around the world.



Florida Wildflower & Butterfly Garden

This outdoor demonstration garden showcases Florida's native wildflowers and their importance as host and nectar plants for Florida's native butterflies.



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Changing Exhibits

Quilting Natural Florida II

Changing Gallery 1: Feb. 6 - April 25, 2010

The Museum partnered with the Quilters of Alachua County Day Guild to create this juried exhibit of more than 100 original quilts showcasing Florida's wildlife and plants. From sea creatures to birds, these masterpieces vary from literal to abstract creations.

CSI: Crime Scene Insects

Changing Gallery 1: May 8, 2010 - Jan. 17, 2011

Explore a fascinating area of criminal investigation — forensic entomology. Through hands-on learning stations, real equipment and case studies, the exhibit traces forensic entomology's 13th-century origins and shows how insects solve crimes.

Discovery Room

Changing Gallery 1: June 21-Aug 22, 2010

Swim through the shallows of a coral reef, puzzle together a prairie and create creatures from Florida's diverse ecosystems in the hands-on Discovery Room. Ask about scheduled program times for stories, puppets, Museum exploration with Dr. Discovery and more!

Dugout Canoes: Paddling through the Americas

Changing Gallery 2: Opening Fall 2010

Don't miss the boat! Find out how dugout canoes have affected life and travel throughout the Americas, from Florida to the Amazon and the Pacific. Discover the world's largest find – 101 ancient dugouts at Newnans Lake, Fla. Learn how this tradition is alive and well in native communities today.

Florida Cattle Ranching: Five Centuries of Tradition

Changing Gallery 1: Feb. 12 - May 8, 2011

Move over Texans; Floridians are the original cowboys! From 16th-century Spanish explorers to Seminoles, Crackers and modern ranchers, find out how cowboys shaped Florida's landscape and culture.

Wild Music: Sounds and Songs of Life

Changing Gallery 1: May 26 - Sept. 4, 2011

Celebrate the biological origins of music through highly interactive exhibits and exceptional sound experiences which expand our understanding of what makes music. With its accessible multicultural content and rich menu of public programs, *Wild Music* offers broad appeal for diverse, intergenerational audiences.

