



Museum of Science.

Explore the Museum of Science! Visit Guide

Welcome to the Museum of Science! The Earth we live on is endlessly complex, and right now, listening to it has never mattered more. From the rivers in our backyards to the forests on the other side of the world, every ecosystem is connected, and every one of us has a role to play in protecting them. This is a place where knowledge becomes action. The Center for the Environment believes that an informed public is the most powerful tool we have for building a healthier planet, and we're so glad you're here. Make sure you don't miss one of my favorite exhibits, the *Yawkey Gallery on the Charles River*!

—Dr. David Sittenfeld, Director of the Center for the Environment



Explore the Museum with the Center for the Environment



Yawkey Gallery on the Charles River Lobby, Lower Level

Looking out over the Charles River, explore connections between natural habitats & engineered designs.

Starting points:

- Experiment with different ways to engineer along the Charles River. What do you notice about balancing impacts to humans and nature? How do different types of dam structures impact fish populations?
- People have been changing the flow of the Charles River for about 200 years. Check out the map of how the shoreline has changed since 1630. When was the dam built that the Museum sits on top of?



New England Habitats Green Wing, Level 1

Classic dioramas invite you to peer into wide-ranging landscapes, model birds, casts of feet, antlers, beaks, and other elements.

Starting points:

- Compare and contrast two animals in the exhibit. Do these animals have any features or behaviors in common?
- What kinds of animals do you not see in these New England environments? Why do you think that is?



Innovation: Earth Blue Wing, Level 2

Explore emergent green technologies in the Museum's brand-new immersive, interactive exhibit that helps us imagine the ways we'll live, move, eat, and work in the future.

Starting points:

- What are the benefits of living seawalls? How do they benefit both marine life and humans?
- What kind of energy-efficient innovations did you notice?



Live Animal Presentations Green Wing, Lower Level

See daily schedule for showtimes

With help from members of the Museum's live animal collection, educators address behaviors, environments, classification, and adaptations. Observe a live animal and consider the characteristics and adaptations that help it live in its environment.

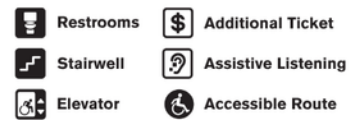
Starting points:

- What are some ways this animal is adapted to its native environment?
- How might the animal's features help it survive?

Museum Floor Plan



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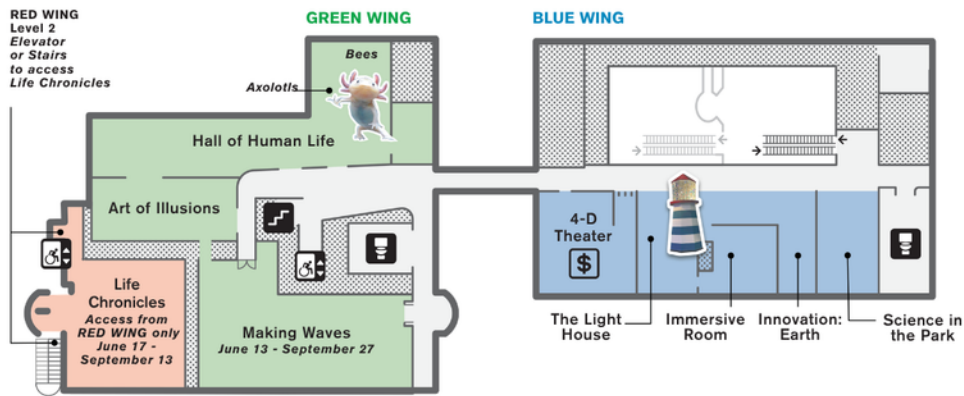
Level 2

GREEN WING Elevator Directory

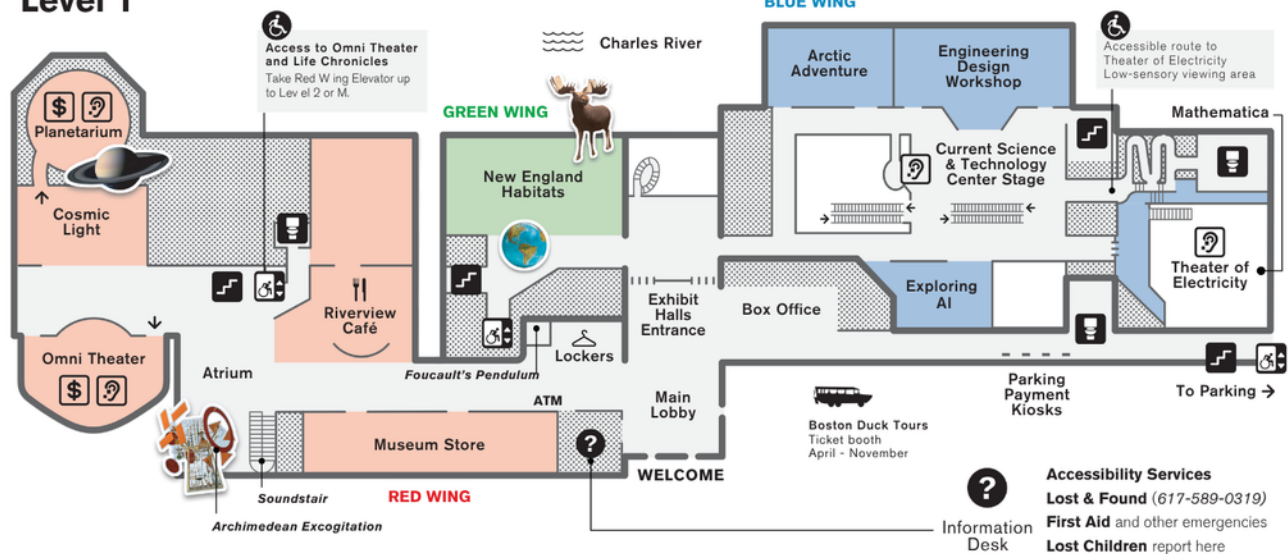
Level 3 - Washburn Exhibit - Sculptures
Level 2 - Hall of Human Life - Illusions
Level 1 - N. E. Habitats
Level LL - Science Live Stage - Birds

RED WING Elevator Directory

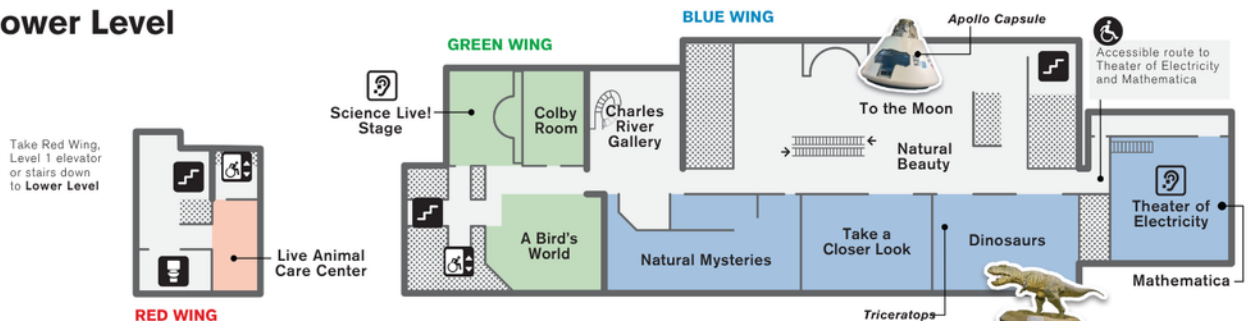
Level M - Omni Theater
Level 2 - Life Chronicles
Level 1 - Café
Level LL - Live Animal Care - Restrooms



Level 1



Lower Level



The Center for the Environment has so much more to explore...

Dive into our ecosystem!



Immersive Theater Shows: The Museum has daily shows in our immersive theaters, including [Penguins 4-D](#) and [Animal Kingdom 4-D](#) in our 4-D Theater! [Reserve a ticket](#) for one of our incredible immersive presentations.



Live Presentations and Activities: Each day, our dynamic educators give not-to-be-missed presentations on everything from quantum physics to the expanding universe. You can meet the furry, feathered, and scaly residents of our [Live Animal Care Center](#) in a [Live Animal Presentation](#) — [check out the schedule](#) for the day of your visit!



Teaching STEM: The Museum has resources for science education at home, in the classroom, and beyond. Check out our nationwide [Youth Engineering Solutions](#) curriculum, professional learning opportunities, PreK-12 curriculum offerings, and more! Try your hand at the [Engineering Trash Collectors unit](#) to learn about human impact on the environment and engineer a trash collector from a model pond.



Video Learning: Check us out online! The Museum has tons of content highlighting the science of today including YouTube shorts, science demonstrations, animal videos and more! You can also see the Museum streaming on PBS and Youtube with “[The Big Question](#)” series. [Hear from Robin Wall Kimmerer](#) on what we can learn from nature about giving back.



Digital Newsletters: Want to keep up with breaking environmental science news? Subscribe to [Earthshift](#), a weekly newsletter from the Center for the Environment that keeps you up to date on the pressing stories of today.

Planning Your Visit

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Science moves quickly, and there's always something new to discover! The Museum's [Centers for Public Science Learning](#) are here to bring you the latest science developments to make sure you never have to keep up alone. [Explore our webpage](#) and plug in to the [Center for the Environment](#), [Center for Space Sciences](#), and [Center for Life Sciences](#).