



Early Learners' Guide

Permanent Exhibitions

Red Wing, Lower Level

Live Animal Care Center – Peek through our observation window into the Museum's Live Animal Center to observe some of the 120 animals that live at the museum.

Red Wing, Level 1

Discovery Center – Designed for children from birth to age eight and their grownups, the Discovery Center is an ideal area for early learners to explore through hands-on activities. You can assemble a skeleton, touch real fossils, and observe live animals up close! *Please note the Discovery Center has a limited capacity and may have wait times for entry.*

Audio-kinetic Sculpture – Can you follow a ball through the maze-like sculpture? The whole family will be spellbound watching the balls roll through the maze, and considering the physics that keeps them moving.

Green Wing, Lower Level

A Bird's World – Try out the *Sneaking Corridor* to test your stalking skills, and see if you can sneak past a robin without setting off its alarm call.

Green Wing, Level 2

Hall of Human Life – Explore the science of you! Home to the Honey Bee *Observation Hive* and the *Cotton-top Tamarin* monkeys.

Blue Wing, Lower Level

Yawkey Gallery on the Charles River – Observe animals native to the Charles River! Create solutions for problems encountered by scientists and engineers with interactive exhibits!

Natural Mysteries – Play a game of “I Spy,” become a scientist as you make observations, and classify objects from nature.

Dinosaurs: Modeling the Mesozoic – Meet Cliff, a real Triceratops, and compare your footprint to that of a Tyrannosaurus Rex!

To the Moon – Pretend to be an astronaut! Crawl into the, “Apollo Command Module,” and watch the first Moon landing from the cockpit seats!

Math Moves! – Explore scale by building block structures, creating shadows and sitting in chairs of different sizes. Which one is too big? Which is too little? Which is just right?



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Staffed Experiences

Schedule subject to change: see digital screens throughout the Museum for daily program times

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Suit Cabot Lab – Conduct experiments in a real science lab with the help of museum educators. On **most weekend mornings**, stop in for special “Little Scientists” programs just for kids under 8.



Green Wing, Lower Level

Shapiro Family Science Live! Stage – Look inside the Museum Map to find show times for *Live Animal* presentations. Check the daily schedule on **Saturdays, Sundays** and **Mondays** for showings of *For Preschoolers: Live Animal Story Time* to hear a story and meet its animal star!

Blue Wing, Level 1

Design Challenges – Participate in a hands-on activity to learn all about the engineering design cycle. By working together, you can design, build, and test a prototype solution to a given problem!



Throughout the Museum!

Museum Educators in Red Coats or Aprons – Keep your eyes open for these *staffed activities* where you can get a one-on-one interaction as you explore objects hands-on.