

OPEN

★ March to October
9:30-17:00 (Entrance closed at 16:30)
★ November to February
9:30-16:30 (Entrance closed at 16:00)

Admission Fee	Exhibition Rooms (Main Building)	Natural History of Osaka (Information Center)
Adult	300yen	Free
Student	200yen	※ Extra fee required for Special Exhibition
Child under age 15	Free	Free

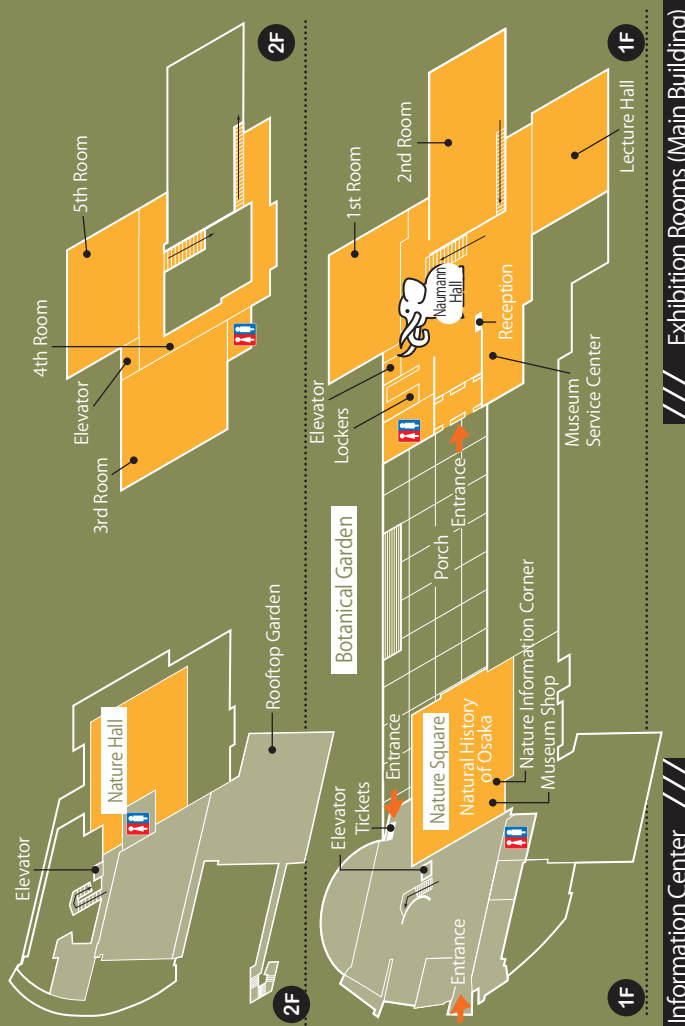
Discounted Tickets for Groups (30 or more)

CLOSED

Monday and December 28 to January 4
When a holiday falls on Monday, the museum opens on Monday and closes on the following day (Tuesday)

Smoking is prohibited except in designated areas.

As a rule, everyone is free to take photos for private use and non-commercial purposes.



Activities

We conduct a variety of activities as follows.

● **Research activity**

We research the nature and geological history of Osaka. Each curatorial staff member has a professional specialty and performs his/her own studies, as well as collaborating as a team.

Specimens and laboratory equipment are also utilized by scientists in Japan and abroad.

● **Collection and preservation**

We collect a wide selection of specimens and literature related to natural history. These are utilized for scientific research and exhibitions. We preserve them so that they will be available to the next generation.

● **Educational activities**

We host a variety of educational events, such as nature hikes, workshops, lectures and botanical tours. We also welcome guest scientists and museum trainees from universities.

● **Friends of Osaka Museum of Natural History**

There is a group called the Friends of Osaka Museum of Natural History, organized by members who use the museum extensively to study nature. For more information, please contact tomonokai@mus-nh.city.osaka.jp

● **Nature Information Corner**

There is an information counter where our curatorial staff can answer your questions. Your questions about nature, exhibitions and activities are welcome.



Access

By subway: Get off at the Nagai station (M26) on the Midosuji Line. Walk ten minutes to the east.
By JR: Get off at the Nagai station on the Hanwa Line. Walk fifteen minutes to the east.



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Osaka Museum of Natural History

GUIDE



1st Exhibition Room The Natural World Around Us

What kind of environment are you living in now? Let us take a look at what kind of creatures exist in the diverse environments of the Osaka area.

1F



Naumann Hall

The entrance exhibit is about ancient Osaka during the Paleolithic Age, when the interactions between humans and nature started. This is the main theme of this museum, "Nature and Human Activities."

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1F Naumann Hall

First Exhibition Room The Natural World Around Us

- 1 Alien species around the ports in Osaka
- 2 Urban nature
- 3 Rural nature
- 4 Nature of country forest
- 5 Virgin forest of ancient Osaka
- 6 Endangered habitat and life
- 7 Insects in the forests of Osaka
- 8 Foods of prehistoric man in Osaka
- 9 Influences of alien species
- 10 Life in Osaka Bay

2nd Exhibition room History of the Earth and Life

- 11 History of Osaka Plain
- 12 The Great Ice Age
- 13 The Quaternary Period
- 14 The Osaka Group
- 15 The age of mammals
- 16 Late Cretaceous fossils from the Izumi Mountains of Osaka
- 17 The age of dinosaurs and ammonites
- 18 Aspects of the Palaeozoic sea and forest

2F 3rd Exhibition room Evolution of Life

- 19 Speciation
- 20 Dispersal
- 21 Coevolution
- 22 Evolutionary diversity of insects
- 23 Zoogeography of insects
- 24 Sea as the cradle of life
- 25 Whence come we?

4th Exhibition room Gifts from Nature

- 26 Food plants and their homes

5th Exhibition room The Lives of Living Things

- 27 Different species, different ways of life
- 28 Waiting for their chance
- 29 Quest for a new world
- 30 Predator-prey interactions
- 31 Competition for resources
- 32 Parasitism and mutualism
- 33 Inter-specific interactions among three species
- 34 Habitats created by other organisms
- 35 Animals utilizing various environments
- 36 Wide-ranging travelers
- 37 No environment exists in isolation
- 38 Connections to human beings and their lives

2nd Exhibition Room History of the Earth and Life

This exhibit begins from the formation of the Osaka Plain and then traces back in time the history of the islands of Japan, and the Earth, as well as the history of life itself.



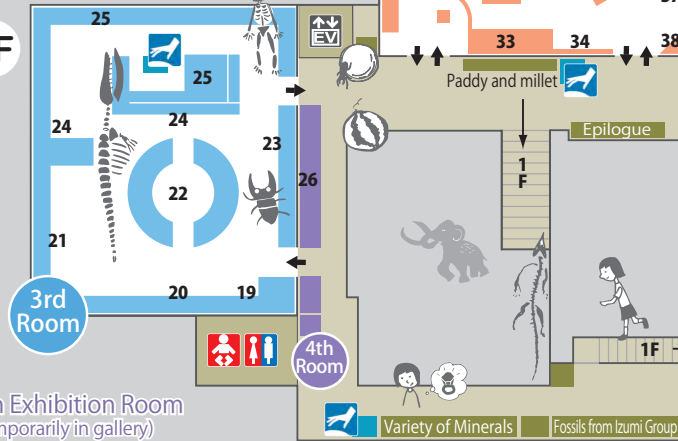
2nd Room



3rd Exhibition Room Evolution of Life

The long history of life since its origin has increased the diversity in the global biota. Evolution has resulted in a variety of body structures and shapes geographically and ecologically.

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4th Exhibition Room (temporarily in gallery) Gifts from Nature

Nature has provided us with gifts. Where does the food, which you see on your dining tables, come from?

You can touch the items marked with this symbol.
Hands on

5th Exhibition Room The Lives of Living Things

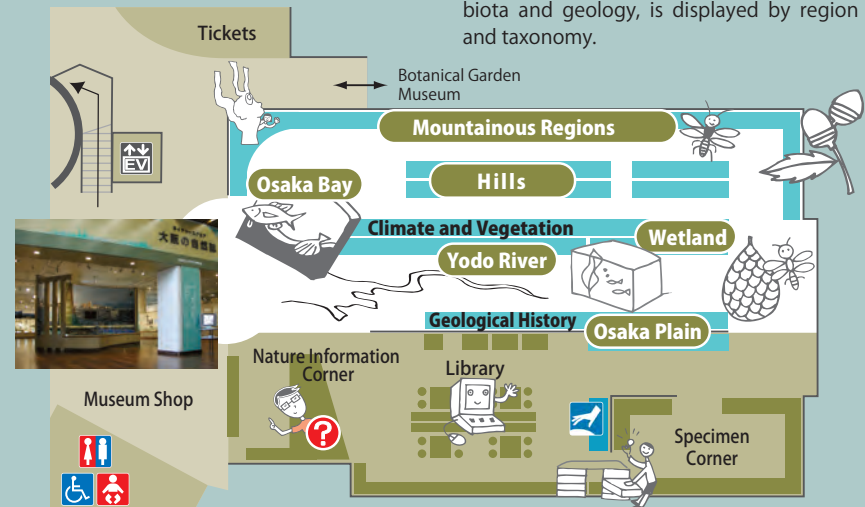
Plants and animals live out their lives in close connection with various environments and other organisms around them. Many of these ecological links are introduced in this exhibit.



Information Center

Natural History of Osaka

Information on nature in Osaka, such as the biota and geology, is displayed by region and taxonomy.



1F Nature Square Natural History of Osaka

2F Nature Hall Temporary exhibitions are held here.