

Saber-toothed Cat

## My Visit to the Texas Memorial Museum

By \_\_\_\_\_  
(your name)

I visited the museum on \_\_\_\_\_ (date).

It is located at The University of Texas at Austin.

I was most excited to see \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

## Great Hall (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

Describe the entrance hall using your senses. When I entered the museum...



I saw \_\_\_\_\_

I heard \_\_\_\_\_

I felt \_\_\_\_\_

Don't forget to look all around you, especially up!

In the entry hall there is a large collection of gems and minerals. Pick out your favorite one.

My favorite gem or mineral was the \_\_\_\_\_.

I liked it because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

It was about the size of \_\_\_\_\_.

Here is a drawing of what it looked like:

Was it in its natural form or cut and polished? Mark your answer.

Natural form

Cut and polished

## Hall of Geology & Paleontology (1<sup>st</sup> Floor)

Start in the section called **Deep Time in Texas**.

Find the large meteorite on display and touch it. How does it feel?  
Circle the words that describe it. (Not all parts may feel the same.)

smooth    rough    hard    soft    bumpy    flat

Where do meteorites come from? \_\_\_\_\_

Next, enter the main room. Write the name of one fossil for each time period of Texas' history. (You can look at the signs to find the names of the time periods.)

**Permian** \_\_\_\_\_



**Triassic** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cretaceous** \_\_\_\_\_

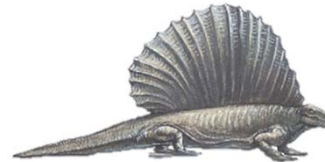


**Tertiary** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ice Ages** \_\_\_\_\_



Put a star next to the time period when most dinosaurs lived.



What is one question you still have about something on display in this hall? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Hall of Texas Wildlife (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)



This hall is mostly dioramas, display cases that try to show animals in their natural habitats.

Go to the section called **Natural Regions of Texas**.

Which region is most similar to where you live? Put a check mark next to it. (Hint: Look at the shaded maps.)

- South Texas Brush Country and Coastal Plains
- Oak Woodlands and Prairies
- Piney Woods and Southeastern Coastal Prairies
- Edwards Plateau and Llano Uplift
- Panhandle Plains
- Trans-Pecos



I found a venomous animal called a \_\_\_\_\_

I found an animal that sleeps during the day and is active at night. It's called a \_\_\_\_\_

I found an animal that blends in with its surroundings (camouflage) called a \_\_\_\_\_

I found a predator and its prey. I think that what is happening is...

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Check with a friend, chaperone, teacher, or family member. Do they agree with your description? Yes / No

## Hall of Biodiversity (4<sup>th</sup> Floor)

### Preserved Specimens

Draw one of the preserved specimens in a jar.

What species is it? \_\_\_\_\_

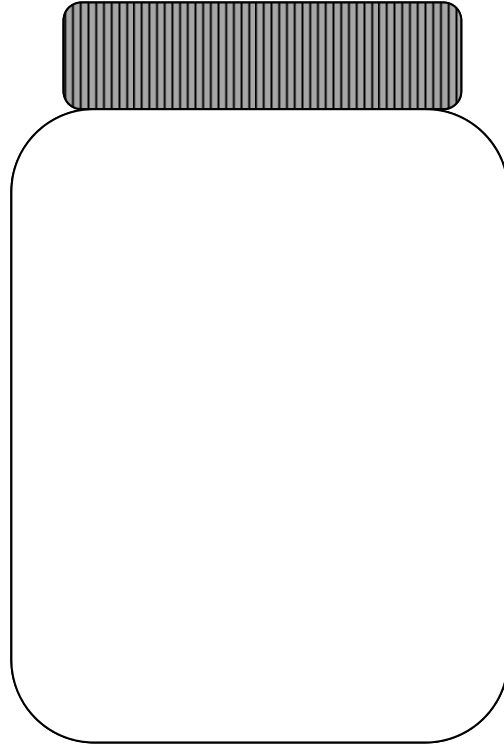
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Which words do you think describe the preserved specimens?

Cool   Weird   Scary   Interesting

Strange   Boring   Surprising

Can you think of any other words?



Enter the **Explore Evolution** exhibit and see if you can find all of the following things. Whenever you find one, check it off the list below.

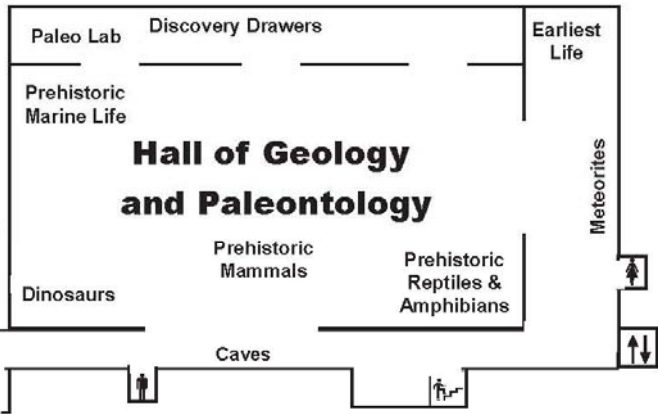
- DNA
- Fruit fly
- Diatom
- Chimpanzee
- Bottlenose Dolphin
- Virus
- Galapagos Ground Finch
- Farming ants
- Bonobo
- Human skeleton

# Exhibit Map

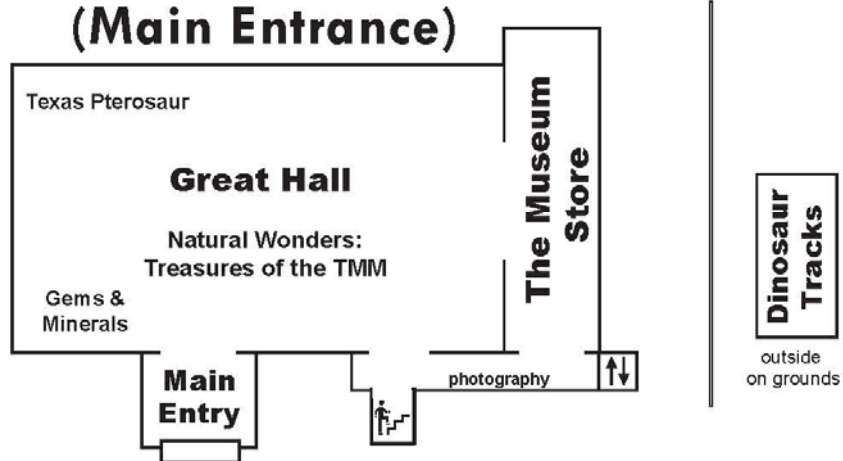
## Key:

-  Unisex restroom
-  Men's restroom
-  Women's restroom
-  Elevator
-  Stairs
-  Wheelchair and stroller entrance

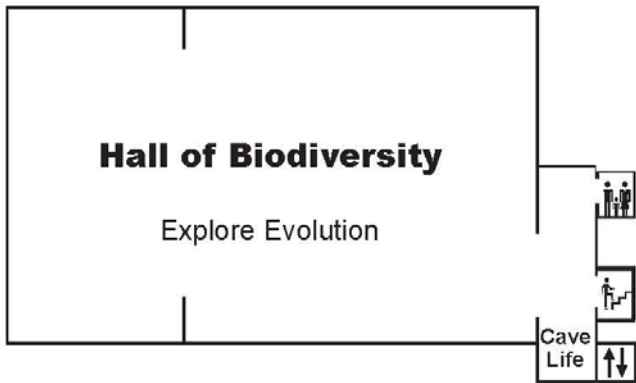
## First Floor



## Second Floor (Main Entrance)



## Fourth Floor



## Third Floor

