



THE PEGGY NOTEBAERT
**NATURE
MUSEUM**
The Museum of the Chicago Academy of Sciences



**Year of the
Passenger Pigeon**

Your Itinerary

#1

Group name: _____

Lunch time:

Workshop time:

Lunch = 20 minutes

- Nature's LunchBox**, Level 1
- Lunch Tent**, Permeable Paver Lot
- North Gallery**, Level 2
- South Gallery**, Level 2
- Ravine**, Outside of the Lobby

- Science Labs**, Level 2
- North Gallery**, Level 2
- South Gallery**, Level 2
- Science Classroom**, Level 1
- Teacher Leadership Center**, Level 1
- Outdoor**, Meet in the Lobby

How to use your itinerary:

Visit exhibits in the order they appear on your itinerary.

Note the times and locations of your lunch and workshop (if applicable) and show up a few minutes ahead of schedule.

After your lunch and/or workshop, continue to explore the exhibits, picking up where you left off in the order listed to the right.

Visit the outdoor exhibits at any time during your tour, picking up where you left off in the indoor exhibit list.

Please note: *Hands-on Habitat* is off limits to groups of all ages and sizes at all times.

Exhibits

We recommend spending approximately **15 minutes** in each exhibit.

1

RiverWorks, Level 1

- Learn about Chicago's waterways. Build dams, control water turbines and change the flow of the river.
- Observe live fish and turtle tanks to understand the relationships between our waterways and the animals that live in them.

2

Mysteries of the Marsh, Level 1

- See live, local endangered species—including the Blanding's Turtles and a massasauga rattlesnake—in this wetlands-focused exhibit, and discover how the Nature Museum is helping to restore the threatened Blanding's Turtle.
- View the Museum's living collections—including reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates—on display in the *Istock Family Look-in Lab*.

3

The Extreme Green House basement, Level 1

- Learn about the choices we can make to lessen our home's impact on the environment and to conserve energy and money.
- Look in the drawers and cabinets in this basement to learn about beneficial and harmful insects and spiders commonly found in Chicago basements.

4

The Extreme Green House upstairs, Level 2

- Learn about how humans can make choices about cleaning products and disposing of waste to lessen our negative impacts on the environment.

5

Wilderness Walk, Level 2

- Take a stroll through recreated prairie, savanna and dune habitats. These life-sized dioramas include real, preserved animals from the Museum's collections, accurate lighting and sounds, and models of native plants.
- In the *Birds of Chicago* wall, view 115 preserved local bird species, including those seen in woodland, grassland, wetland and urban areas.

6

Judy Istock Butterfly Haven, Level 2

- Immerse yourself in a greenhouse filled with more than 1,000 live tropical butterflies and moths. The *Haven* houses over 35 butterfly species, 12 bird species and lush tropical flowers and trees.
- As you exit the *Haven*, watch live butterflies emerging from their chrysalides and learn more about how butterflies live.

7

Nature's Struggle: Survival & Extinction, Level 2, **open through October 19**

- Explore real specimens of rare and extinct animals and engage in interactive activities to learn about how our actions can impact the plants and animals around us.
- Learn about the story of the passenger pigeon (which has been extinct for 100 years), and get up close to our collections of local bird, mammal, and butterfly species to learn about the changing numbers of these animals over the course of recent history in the Chicago region.
- Come face to face with a real preserved polar bear. Though polar bears aren't native to Chicago, this specimen is an iconic piece of our collection and a great reminder of how our local actions can impact natural environments close by and far away.

Please note: Outdoor exhibits are optional and can be visited between any two of the indoor exhibits listed above.

Before visiting *Nature Trails*, pick up a *Nature Trails* outdoor exhibit guide at the front desk. This guide must be returned.

Outdoor Exhibits

7

Micole Birdwalk & Rooftop Gardens, Level 3, Outside, **15 minutes**

- Once outdoors, look for the plants and animals that live on the Nature Museum's roof, and learn about the benefits of green roofs for wildlife and people.
- While outdoors and up high on this third floor walkway, use the picture guides and bird call recordings to identify birds flying or resting nearby.

7

Nature Trails, Level 1, Outside, **30-45 minutes**

- Outside on the ground level, immerse yourself in our largest permanent exhibition, *Nature Trails*, a nearly 1/3 mile trail winding through habitats full of plant and animal wildlife.