

Exhibits

Exhibit Overview

Mid-America Science Museum is a first-rate tourist destination, home to Arkansas' largest hands-on science center, and the first Smithsonian Affiliate in Arkansas. The Museum's goal is informal science education that encourages learning in ways not ordinarily found in the workplace, classroom, or home.

Current Exhibitions

2010 is the summer of dinosaurs! Cutting-edge technology lets visitors get inside the skin of your favorite dinosaurs in **Be the Dinosaur** (sponsored by AT&T The Real Yellowpages). Experience the hunt as predator or prey. Use your senses and your sense to find food and water and avoid danger. Then immerse yourself in a pre-historic jungle and come face-to-face with life-size animatronic creatures in **Dinosaurs Alive!** Dig 65 million years into the past in our new permanent, outdoor **Cretaceous Park: Dinosaur Discovery Site**.

Exhibit dates: May 28 – September 6, 2010

Permanent Exhibits

MASM has over 100 hands-on exhibits for visitors to see, touch and explore. New exhibits are constantly added to keep the experience fresh and exciting.

Upper Level

Virtual Reality Simulator Ride

Experience virtual reality technology on the simulator ride. Take a journey through an astro canyon or enjoy the thrills of a roller coaster ride. Programs vary throughout the year.

Structures

Discover what it feels like to be a building. This group of exhibits demonstrates the use of architecture throughout history and how man has used various structural components to withstand the forces of gravity. Try to lift a corbel, move a building wall, and build arches and supporting structures for buildings and bridges.

Mirrors

Explore various optical illusions that occur with mirrors. Create multiple identical images, combine two faces into one, defy gravity by walking on air, and much more.

Light

'Trap' your shadow on the special phosphorescent wall in the Shadow Trapper. Discover how cameras perceive the world in the walk-in camera. Make multi-colored shadows and test your peripheral vision skills.

Middle Level

Underground Arkansas Cave

Trek through "Underground Arkansas", a gigantic indoor cave filled with awesome twists, turns, tunnels, and slides. Maneuver swinging bridges, climb rope ladders, and experience a realistic thermal waterfall.

Energy Island

This changing array of experiments demonstrates the various effects of energy, its characteristics and behavior. The numerous controls around the perimeter allow you to view and manipulate various experiments.

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Lower Level

Tesla Demonstration

In this amazing presentation, experience the power of “caged lightning” as you watch 1.5 million volts of electricity spark from the world’s largest publicly displayed conical Tesla Coil! This incredible show gives visitors an exciting –and safe– introduction to electricity.

Van de Graaff Generator

The Van de Graaff generator is an impressive electrostatic generator that is capable of producing static electric potentials of approximately 50,000 volts. Visitors can take their turn at having their hair raised by this incredible generator.

Matter Island

Investigate the properties and states of matter by exploring water works, liquid walls, ice sculpture, mercury maze, and many other exhibits found on Matter Island.

Earth Science

This section of the museum allows visitors to create tornados, build mountains and rivers at the erosion table, crawl through a worm, view fish in the large aquarium, and size up the mastodon skeleton and sauropod foot prints.

Outdoor Space

Nature Trail

Take a short walk on this beautiful trail. Keep an eye out for birds, woodland creatures, native plants, fish and other aquatic animals in the flowing creek.

Cretaceous Park

Visit our Dinosaur Discovery Site where you can be the paleontologist. Uncover a life-size fossilized raptor skeleton and identify dinosaur trackways.

About the Museum

The Museum is a 57,000 square foot facility divided into two wings connected by a glass-enclosed bridge that spans a stream with several waterfalls. It is located on 21 beautiful wooded acres at 500 Mid-America Blvd. Summer hours (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend) are daily from 9:30 am – 6:00 pm. Winter hours (after Labor Day weekend through the weekend before Memorial Day) are Tuesday through Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm. For more information, visit the website at www.MidAmericaMuseum.org, or call (501) 767-3461.



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