

ENHANCE



Behind-the-Scenes Tours

Did you know that The Field Museum houses nearly 23 million specimens and artifacts?

Less than 1% of those are on display to the public! Explore the storerooms, libraries and working laboratories that house these exquisite and unique collections during a new Behind-the-Scenes Tour.

See our Anthropology Department's world-class collection of 600,000 artifacts from around the world documenting the diversity and accomplishments of humankind. Your behind-the-scenes peek may include a selection of exquisite ivory carvings from the Arctic, Moche pottery from Peru, Latin American textiles, cuneiform tablets from one of the earliest true civilizations in Mesopotamia, and other highlights. Explore the new state-of-the-art registration and cataloging area. Speak with Anthropology collections managers and conservators as they go about their daily tasks preserving, conserving, and managing the precious objects.



ANTHROPOLOGY



BOTANY

You may have visited our Plant Hall, but did you know the first plant model was created not by an artisan, but a dentist? Our scientists will take you on a unique tour to observe a few of the Botany Department's 2.7 million carefully preserved specimens that make The Field Museum's collection one of the largest in the world. On your tour you might explore our active Botany Library, wander through the newly renovated, compactorized storage systems and view international exchange collections including specimens from the voyages of Captain William Bligh made famous by the "Mutiny on the Bounty" that occurred against his command. See what important roles these organisms play in the environment and in human cultures.

Enjoy a full day of activities with a Behind-the-Scenes Tour!

- **Museum Favorites**—Start the day with a docent-led tour of the museum's highlights. Learn about the founding of the Museum, see our most-loved animals and our docents' favorite secrets.
- **Behind The Scenes**—Now that you know the history of the Museum, dig into one of the collections areas with a Museum scientific staffer leading the way. Discover what makes this one of the best natural history museums in the world.
- **Lunch Break**—Enjoy some time with your group to chat about everything you've just seen while enjoying an optional catered lunch in one of the Museum's exhibitions or on your own.
- **On Your Own**—Now you have time to browse the rest of the exhibitions. Follow suggestions made by your docents and don't forget to save time to shop in the award-winning stores.

Discover millions of years of the world's most inspiring history in an exclusive walking tour with one of our collections managers. This might include a walk through the Fossil Mammal Ranges, which showcase world-renowned paleontological collections that are among the world's ten largest, including millions of individual fossilized organisms. The paleobotany collections at The Field Museum rank fourth in size nationally with about 77,800 curated specimens. See why these collections are a national treasure and an international resource, drawing researchers from all over the world.



GEOLOGY



ZOOLOGY

Your exclusive tour of the largest of the Museum's four curatorial departments could include specimens selected from some of our six divisions including Amphibians, Birds, Fishes, Insects, Invertebrates, and Mammals. Millions of dry specimens, fluid-preserved specimens from anatomical research and frozen tissues for DNA studies are stored within the museum. Glimpse into our storerooms filled with hundreds of cabinets, each with dozens of trays including an elusive, possibly extinct Arkansas ivory-billed woodpecker found in 1883.

For more information or to make a reservation, please contact the Tourism/Group Sales Department at (312) 665-7300.