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1. Fossil Dig Tools/Photos

See what tools Dr. Naranjo and his crew use on their fossil digs! Most of Dr. Naranjo's digs take place on a cattle ranch in Montana. Here you can see photos of early digs.

2. Rock Exhibit

See the different types of rock and how they form. Geology is an important part of the study of Earth's History.

3-9. Early Life

See what creatures and plant life came long before the dinosaurs. The dioramas show what life might have looked like and the real fossils are in the cases below.

10. Trex Skull

This welcoming set of jaws belongs to the Tyrannosaurus rex. This replica skull is displayed along with information about how powerful the jaws were.

11. Permian Period

The Permian period is the last time period that came before the dinosaurs. These fossilized skeletons belong to Edaphosaurus and Dimetrodon, two early reptiles. These specimens were found in Oklahoma and some are found in Texas.

12. Triassic Period

The Triassic was the 1st time period with dinosaurs in it. Here you can see Ceolophysis, an early dinosaur and Postosuchus, who was an early relative of the modern-day crocodile.

13-14. Jurassic Period

The Jurassic was the 2nd time period with dinosaurs in it. The time was call the "age of giants" because of the Sauropods, or long-neck dinosaurs. After the Stegosaurus, you can see a model of a Brachiosaurus, the tallest of the Sauropods. Believe it or not, this model would have been the size of a baby Brachiosaurus, likely around 3 years old.

15-21. Cretaceous Period

The Cretaceous was the 3rd and last time period with dinosaurs. In this area you can see several exhibits with fossils and models from the Cretaceous period. Signs displayed near the exhibits will give more information about each creature.

22. K/T Extinction

This exhibit marks the end of the dinosaurs. You can see in backdrop painting, the dramatic scene of the meteor falling to earth around 65 million years ago. Here you can hold a small replica of a real meteorite and imagine how great the one that hit the earth would have been.

23-27. Early Mammals

The rise of the mammals! Here you can see bones from early mammals such as the Cave Bear and Mammoth. See smaller bone fragments in the glass cases below.

28. Gulf of Mexico Exhibit

This exhibit is dedicated to Sea creatures that live in and around the Gulf of Mexico. Here you can see the vast environments that are formed at the bottom of oil rigs. You can also see a WWII test bomb that was found in the forest near Crockett, TX.

29. East Texas Critters Exhibit

The deep forests in East Texas are home to a variety of animals. Have you seen any of these animals alive in East Texas?

30. NASA Exhibit

The NASA exhibits includes memorabilia from the Colombia Shuttle Incident as well as several exhibits on loan from the Johnson Space Center in Houston including a Space Shuttle model and a an exhibit on what Astronauts ate in Space.

You will also see a Mars Rover Opportunity Replica. NASA sends rovers to Mars because the planet is too far to send Astronauts.

MORE MUSEUM EXHIBITS

A. Layers of Earth History Wall

The Naranjo Museum exhibits are in a layout according to the Earth History time line. This wall shows the different time periods in Earth's History and how the layers appear to look different as they in the field.

B. Apollo 14 Moon Rock

This Moon Rock may seem out of place, but is specifically placed in the center of the museum to meet special security requirements set by NASA. This Moon Rock is the largest of nine samples displayed all of the world. Information about the sample is displayed on the case.

C. Dinosaur Coprolite (Dino poop)

Yes, this exhibit shows several samples of fossilized dinosaur dung or formally called...Coprolite.

D. Meteorite

Hold a Meteorite! This replica was made from the real Meteorite in the glass case to the right. The replica is the same size, shape and weight of the real one.

E. Gem Room

This vault is filled with different Gem stones as well as Jewelry from the Naranjo collection.

F-M. Artifacts Case

The Artifacts Case represents history from the time of Early Humans to Native Americans and early European cultures. The majority of the pieces were collected during Dr. Naranjo's travels all over the world.

HAVE QUESTIONS? ASK A MUSEUM STAFF MEMBER, WE ARE HAPPY TO HELP!