My Visit to the Museum of York County

My family will explore the Museum, learn new things, and have FUN.

In front of the Museum, there is a garden with a walking path. Sometimes there will be bees in the garden. The bees help the garden.

When I see the brick building and entrance doors, I will know I am there.

When I enter the Museum, my family must register and pay. I may have to wait in line.
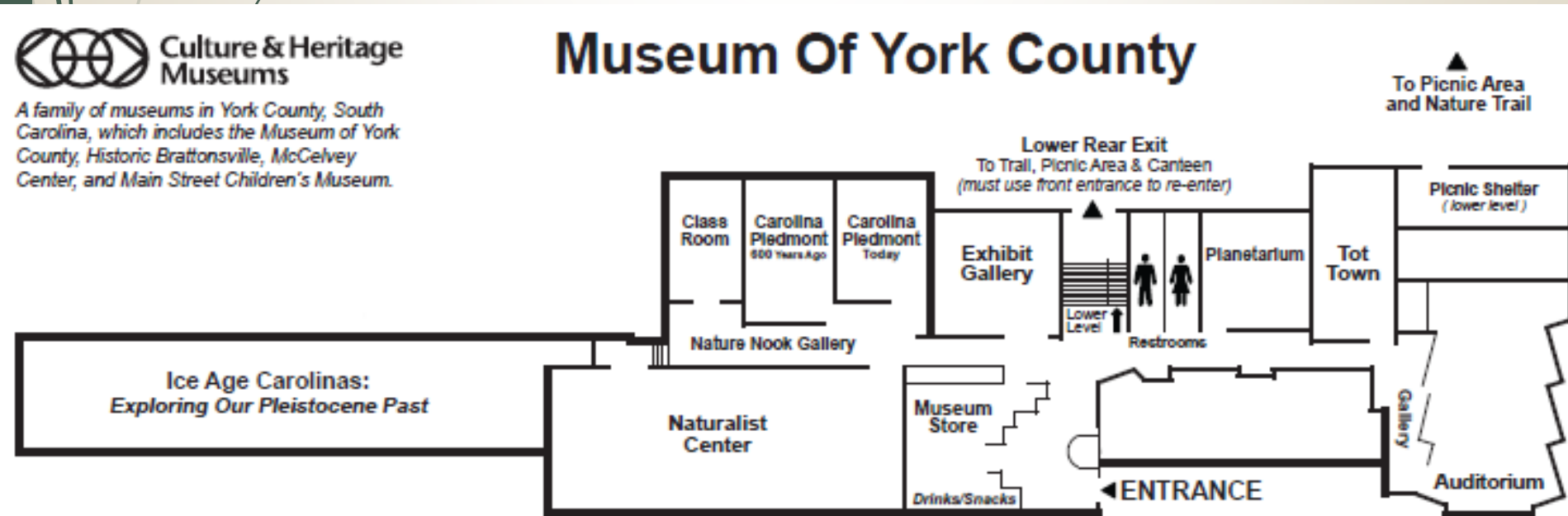
Museum staff wear name badges.
They are adults I can learn from and can answer
my questions, or help me if I become lost.

My family and I will decide what to see at the Museum. I can let my family know what I would like to see. I may not have time to see everything. There may be other families and kids in the museum at the same time as me.

I can watch a video about the museum here.

Culture & Heritage Museums

A family of museums in York County, South Carolina, which includes the Museum of York County, Historic Brattonsville, McCelvey Center, and Main Street Children's Museum.

Museum Of York County

To Picnic Area and Nature Trail

Class Room

Carolina Piedmont 600 Years Ago

Carolina Piedmont Today

Lower Rear Exit
To Trail, Picnic Area & Canteen
(must use front entrance to re-enter)

Exhibit Gallery

Planetarium

Tot Town

Picnic Shelter
(lower level)

Lower Level

Restrooms

Nature Nook Gallery

Ice Age Carolinas:
Exploring Our Pleistocene Past

Naturalist Center

Museum Store
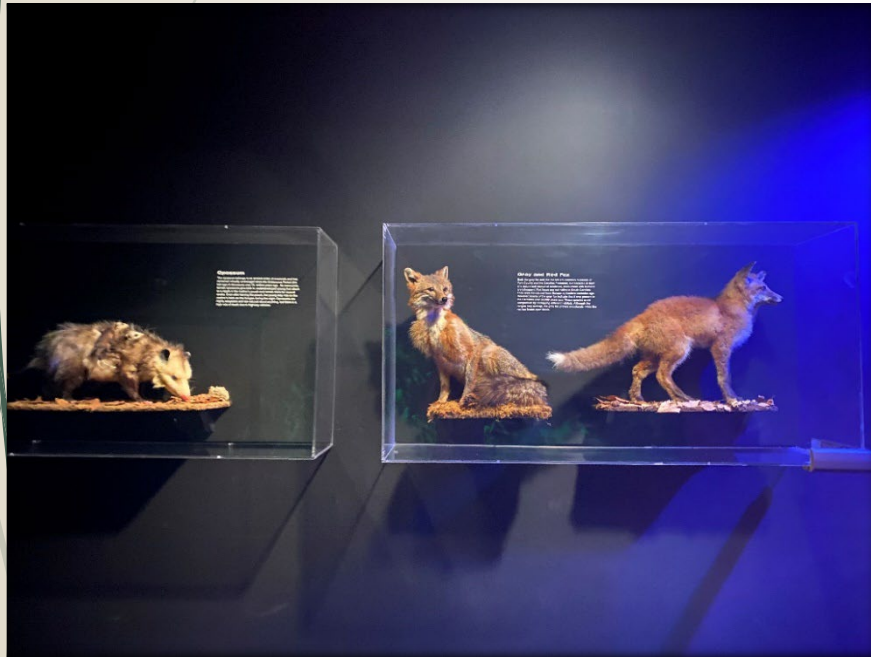
Gallery

Drinks/Snacks

◄ ENTRANCE

Auditorium

One exhibit we might visit is *Know Your Nature.* There is a treehouse I can explore and a log I can climb inside. My family will watch me and help me if I need it.

We also might visit the *Piedmont Past* and *Piedmont Present* galleries. The lights in *Piedmont Present* are dim, so I can see animals that are active at night.

In *Piedmont Present,* this is what the part with dim lights looks like. There are so many animals to see!

The planetarium has a special show shown on the ceiling. The lights will be dim, but I can leave if I need to. I can learn more about the planetarium [here](#).

If I need a quiet area to rest and reset, I can go to the covered picnic area, or go for a walk on the nature trail. While I am there I can take the time I need until I feel I am ready to enter the museum again.

The Naturalist Center has many animals that are not alive, but that look like they are. They do not move or make noise.
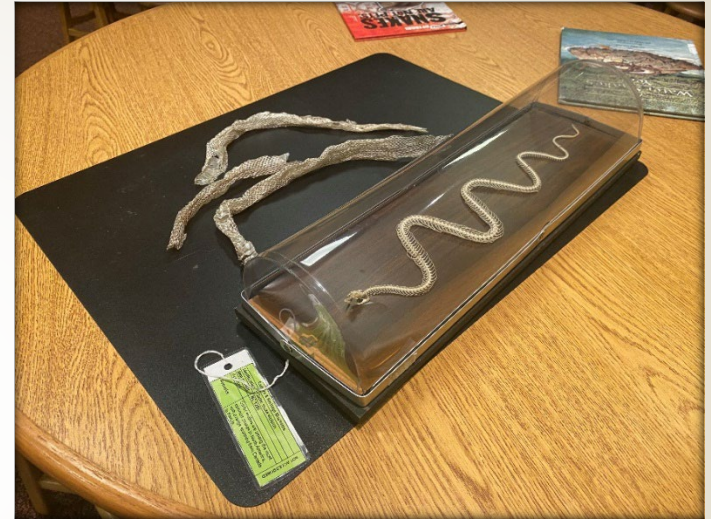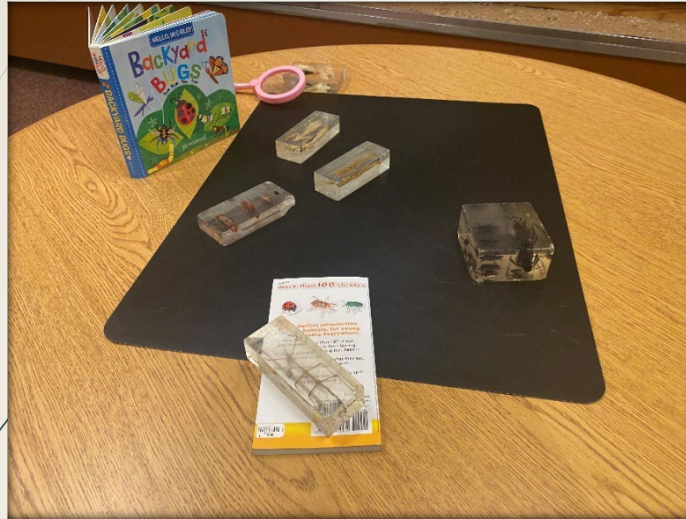
These animals are called taxidermy animals. That means that they are animal skins made to look as though the animal was alive. This display shows how taxidermy animals are made.

Outside of the Naturalist Center is a tiger!
He is surrounded by bamboo and is behind glass.

In the Naturalist Center are tables with objects I can touch. I can sit in a chair next to each table.

Another exhibit we can see is *Ice Age Carolinas.* At the top of the sign for the exhibit there is a saber-toothed cat. He will not move. Cats like this do not exist anymore.

You can watch a video about this exhibit here.

In the *Ice Age Carolinas* exhibit there will be many taxidermy animals, and even some skeletons. One of the skeletons is a bear skeleton. It is a very big skeleton. Others are smaller.

There is also a prehistoric ground sloth in this exhibit. It is a model and cannot move. Animals like this do not exist anymore. There are also some big animals that do still exist, like elephants and lions!

Here are some of the other animals. There is an elephant, a cheetah, a lion, and a cougar, as well as some other animals. Seeing animals is so fun!

There is a part of the *Ice Age Carolinas* exhibit called the Fossil Lab. In the Fossil Lab there are bones, also called fossils, leftover from ancient animals.

If I leave the Fossil Lab through the back door, there will be a small light that will turn on automatically in the hallway to light my way.

Tot Town is a fun room with lots to play with. There may be other children playing in Tot Town, just like me. I can sit in a wooden row boat, have a tea party, and play!

If I need to use the bathroom, the toilets flush themselves and the hand dryer also starts loudly when you are near it. If the dryer is too loud, there are paper towels to use instead.

When visiting the Museum, all the exhibits are UPSTAIRS. I will not climb down the stairs.

My family and I may visit the Museum Store.
In the store, there are lots of toys to see.
The toys are for Museum visitors to buy.

At the end of the visit, I will leave the Museum and wave good-bye. I had a great day at the Museum of York County.