

Brooklyn



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KID STUFF

While most of the museum is extremely kid-friendly, we especially love the new Discovery Room, located near the canoe by the 77th Street entrance. Designed for children ages 5-12, the Discovery Room is well-suited for pre-schoolers, too, who may be tired of the look-but-don't-touch refrain that dominates much of the other museum exhibits. Children who loved the dinosaur exhibit will be

delighted to handle real fossils, participate in a "dig" that uncovers the nest of baby

Oviraptors they saw elsewhere in the museum, and assemble the cast skeleton of a Prestosuchus—a 14-foot-long reptile from the late Triassic Period. Other highlights of this hands-on, behind-the-scenes look at science include a 2-story high African baobab tree filled with specimens of tropical birds, insects, reptiles, and small mammals; an authentic Kwakiutl totem pole; and real specimens of a large number of bugs and other animals.

What You'll See

Made possible, in part, by Theodore Roosevelt, this museum is probably most famous for its recently renovated dinosaur exhibits and for its dramatic historic animal dioramas, which display animals from all over the world in naturalistic settings. The mineral collection, which includes the 563 carat sapphire called the Star of India, should be on your "must see" list, too. We also enjoyed the presentation of human evolution. And try to fit in a screening of one of the museum's IMAX shows—they are far superior to anything we have seen at the new Sony IMAX theater.



Directions & Other Details

To get there by subway, take the B (weekdays) or C train to 81st Street; or take the 1 or 9 to 79th Street. By bus, take the M7, M10, M11 or M104 to 79th Street; or the M79 to Central Park West. A 3-story underground parking garage is part of the Museum campus; enter from West 81st Street.

Hours

Sunday—Thursday
10 am–5:45 pm
Friday—Saturday
10 am–8:45 pm

Admission

Adults ... \$10
Students and Seniors ... \$7.50
Children 12 and under ... \$6