

Oxford University Museums and Collections

Free Family Friendly Fun!

October 2011 - March 2012





Discover the dinosaurs on your doorstep or take an exotic animal safari. There are also lots of minerals, fossils, and animals to touch.

01865 272950
www.oum.ox.ac.uk

OPEN:
Every day 10 - 5

Free entry

NAT



A fascinating collection of scientific instruments, including globes, sundials, clocks, and early electrical, chemical, and medical apparatus.



Pitt Rivers

MUSEUM

Anthropology and World Archaeology

01865 270927
www.prm.ox.ac.uk

OPEN:
Mon 12 - 4.30
Tue - Sun 10 - 4.30

Free entry

PITT

A remarkable collection of man-made objects from every corner of the world.



Relax by the river or explore the glasshouses to find rainforest, desert, and insect-eating plants. Guide dogs only.



ASHMOLEAN

MUSEUM OF ART AND ARCHAEOLOGY UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

01865 278000
www.ashmolean.org

OPEN:
Tue - Sun 10 - 6
Bank Holidays 10 - 6

Free entry

ASH

Journey through time and across cultures with this amazing collection of art and archaeology.



Acres of woodland and meadow in Nuneham Courtenay. Buses X39/ X40 and 105/106 run from St Aldates. Guide dogs only.



MUSEUM *of the*
HISTORY *of*
SCIENCE

01865 277280
www.mhs.ox.ac.uk

OPEN:

Tue - Fri 12 - 5

Sat 10 - 5

Sun 2 - 5

Free entry

MHS



The **BATE** *Collection*
of musical instruments

01865 276139
www.bate.ox.ac.uk

OPEN:

Mon - Fri 2 - 5

Sat 10 - 12 (University
term-time only)

Free entry

BATE

The University of Oxford



**Botanic
Garden**

01865 286690
www.botanic-garden.
ox.ac.uk

OPEN:

Sep - Oct 9 - 5

Nov - Feb 9 - 4.30

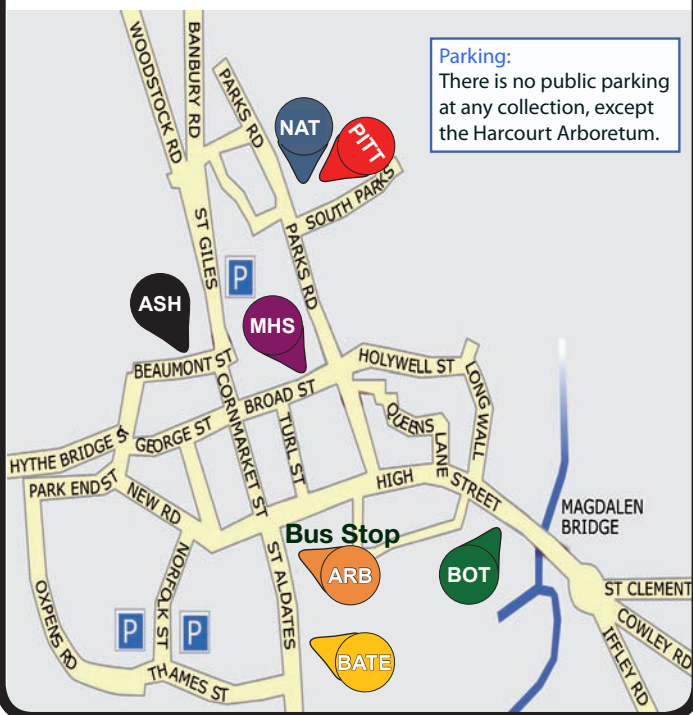
Mar - Apr 9 - 5

May - Aug 9 - 6

Entry charge

BOT

Where to find us...



The University of Oxford



**Harcourt
Arboretum**

01865 343501
www.botanic-garden.
ox.ac.uk

OPEN:

Apr - Nov 10 - 5 (daily)







Dec - Mar 10 - 4

(weekdays only)

Entry charge

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October


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| Every weekend in Oct | The Pitt Rivers Big Draw Borrow materials from the art trolley and get creative in the museum. | During opening hours |  |
| Sat 1st Oct | Accessories for Eccentrics Make a hat, badge, or keyring device inspired by the 'Eccentricity' exhibition. | 12 - 4 pm Drop-in |  |
| Sat 1st Oct | Totally Totem Discover the stories behind the carved figures on the Haida totem pole, and create your own family crest pole. | 1 - 4 pm Drop-in |  |
| Sat 15th Oct | Drawing with Leonardo Discover the secrets of Renaissance art and learn how to use a camera obscura to draw in perfect perspective. Ages 9+. | 2 - 4 pm Book on 01865 277280 |  |
| Sat 15th Oct | Clay Play Have fun making your own clay cuneiform tablet, cylinder, or animal, and then make a case to display it at home. | 1 - 4 pm Drop-in |  |
| Thu 20th Oct | Childhood in Mesopotamia Use all of your senses to discover the toys, food, plants, and animals of Ancient Iraq. Especially for under 5s. | 2 - 4 pm Drop-in |  |



Roof Repairs!

Due to work on our roof, capacity in the Museum of Natural History will be limited during family friendly events.

October Half-term

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| Mon 24th - Fri 28th Oct | Half Term Activities Trails, word searches, drawing, and colouring, plus hands-on instruments. | 2 - 5 pm Drop-in |  |
| Tue 25th Oct | Autumn Lanterns Come and see our vibrant autumn colours, and make your own autumn lantern to take home. | 1 - 4 pm Drop-in |  |
| Tue 25th - Thu 27th Oct | Myth Busters! Are crocodiles the same as dinosaurs? Can slugs really kill warts? Find out the truth behind these and other tall tales. | 1 - 4 pm Drop-in |   |
| Wed 26th - Fri 28th Oct | The Ashmolean Big Draw See it, like it, draw it! Join our super sketching challenge and draw your way around the Ashmolean. | 1 - 4 pm Drop-in |  |
| Thu 27th Oct | Hedgerow Tie-Dyeing Use natural dyes created from plants to make a tie-dyed wall hanging to take home. Part of the Big Draw. | 1 - 4 pm Drop-in |  |
| Thu 27th - Fri 28th Oct | Shifting Shapes and Shadows Make 3D constructions out of card and use them to create drawings and designs from shadows. Part of the Big Draw. | 1 - 4 pm Drop-in |  |
| Sat 29th Oct | Telescopes and Spyglasses Discover the museum's wonderful collection of telescopes and spyglasses, large and small. | 12 - 4 pm Drop-in |  |

Arboretum Explorer Backpacks










Borrow a backpack full of activities to help you explore our 130 acre site throughout October and November.

November

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| Sat 5th Nov | Ancient Egypt What you would take to the afterlife? Meet a mummy, explore objects from Egyptian tombs, and make a mask. | 1 - 4 pm Drop-in |  |
| Sat 12th Nov | Crazy Kaleidoscopes Make an ingenious kaleidoscope and create colourful symmetrical patterns. Ages 6+. | 2 - 4 pm Drop-in |  |
| Sat 12th Nov | Lovely Landscapes Golden summer or bleak midwinter... Take a closer look at landscape paintings and create your own seasonal scene. | 1 - 4 pm Drop-in |  |
| Thu 17th Nov | Little Angels Make your own museum angel to take home. Especially for under 5s. | 2 - 4 pm Drop-in |  |
| Sat 19th Nov | Family Fun Day A treasure trail, live performances and demonstrations, and a chance to play instruments from the handling collection. | 10 - 2 Drop-in |  |
| Mon 21st - Fri 25th Nov | Dinosaur Takeover - Take 1! BBC dinosaurs are taking over the museum! Help build a huge Spinosaurus based on the new TV series. Ages 7+. | 4 - 5 pm Drop-in |  |
| Sat 26th - Sun 27th Nov | Dinosaur Takeover - Take 2! Another chance to build a dinosaur! Join the fun before they disappear! | 10 - 4 Free, timed tickets on the day |  |
| Sat 26th Nov | Ancient Egypt - We're Open! The new galleries open today! Celebrate with things to discover, make, and do. | 1 - 3 pm Drop-in |  |
| Sat 26th Nov | Lightning Strikes! Discover the story of Benjamin Franklin's life-saving invention and have a go at some electrostatic experiments. Ages 7+. | 12 - 4 pm Drop-in |  |



December



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| Fri 2nd Dec | Christmas Light Night Enjoy an evening of festive fun as the museums open late: part of seasonal celebrations across the city. | Check museum websites |    |
| Sat 3rd Dec | Big Botanic Christmas Tree Make natural decorations from seeds, leaves, and pods. Take some home and leave some hanging on our tree. | 10.30 - 12.30 Drop-in |  |
| Sat 3rd Dec | Twinkle, Twinkle Little Parrot Fish! Make lamps and lanterns in different shapes and sizes. Will yours look like a parrot fish or a bovril bottle?! | 1 - 4 pm Drop-in |  |
| Sat 3rd Dec - Mon 2nd Jan | We Three Kings Christmas Trail Join the three kings as they journey through the galleries, following that star! | During opening hours |  |
| Sat 10th Dec | Pick a Pocket Sundial Discover clever pocket sundials and make beautiful replicas based on the ones in the museum's collection. Ages 7-13. Materials £5. | 2 - 4 pm Book on 01865 277280 |  |
| Sat 10th Dec | Pharaohs of Egypt Transform yourself into an Egyptian pharaoh and explore the Shrine of Taharqa in the new Egypt galleries. | 1 - 4 pm Drop-in |  |
| Thu 15th Dec | Jingle Bells Join a jingle bells tour around the museum and make a reindeer decoration to take home. Especially for under 5s. | 2 - 4 pm Drop-in |  |

Ashmolean Egypt Galleries Re-open!

Enjoy mini-tours, Ancient Egyptian object-handling, and a new trail: Sat 3rd, 10th, and 17th Dec, 2 - 4 pm.



Christmas Holidays

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| Sat 17th Dec | Make a Celestial Dial Be inspired by a heavenly map to make your own star-finding dial. Ages 7+. | 2 - 4 pm Drop-in |  |
| Sat 17th Dec - Fri 6th Jan | Twelve Days of Christmas Trail On the first day of Christmas the museums gave to me ... a very exciting festive trail! | During opening hours |   |

January

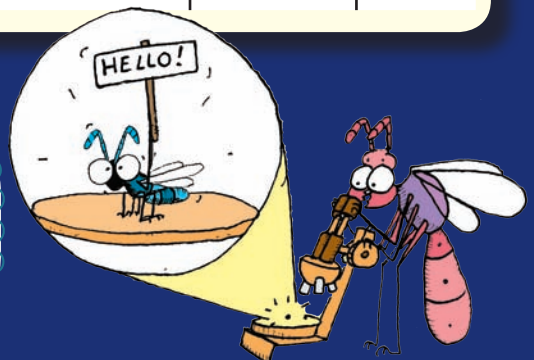


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| Sat 7th Jan | Rhythm of Life Drop in to make your own musical instrument, or join a free, ticketed workshop to have a go at playing! | 1 - 4 pm Drop-in Workshops at 1.30 & 3 |  |
| Sat 7th Jan | Magical Movies What did the Victorians know about the moving image? Find out and make your own magical movie toy. Ages 7+. | 12 - 4 pm Drop-in |  |
| Sat 14th Jan | Red Hot and Cool! How do animals banish the winter blues? How do they survive horrific heat? Try a trail and make a model. | 1 - 4 pm Drop-in |  |
| Sat 14th Jan | Hello Mummy! Discover Ancient Egyptian mummies and make a protective amulet. | 1 - 4 pm Drop-in |  |
| Thu 19th Jan | Dance to the Drum Find some noisy drums in the museum and make a drum to take home. Especially for under 5s. | 2 - 4 pm Drop-in |  |
| Sat 21st Jan | Chinese Dragon Fire-Clocks Celebrate Chinese New Year and make a dazzling fire-clock to try out at home. Ages 7+. Materials £3. | 2 - 4 pm Drop-in |  |

February





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| <p>Thu 2nd Feb</p> | <p>Powhattan's Mantle Say hello to the white tailed deer on this Native American object. Enjoy stories and craft. Especially for under 5s.</p> | <p>2 - 4 pm Drop-in</p> | |
| <p>Sat 4th Feb</p> | <p>Dreamtime Discover Australian Aboriginal dreamtime tales and beautiful bark paintings. Then create your own masterpiece using natural materials.</p> | <p>1 - 4 pm Drop-in</p> | |
| <p>Sat 4th Feb</p> | <p>Cabinet of Curiosities Discover exciting objects and put together your own cabinet of curiosities. Ages 5-11.</p> | <p>12 - 4 pm Drop-in</p> | |
| <p>Sat 11th Feb</p> | <p>Young Entomologists' Day Bug mad? Join us for a day of insect talks and activities including behind-the-scenes tours of our entomology department!</p> | <p>10 - 4 To book: education@ oum.ox.ac.uk</p> | |
| <p>Sat 11th Feb</p> | <p>The Vikings Find out about the Vikings by discovering a silver hoard and by making a Viking brooch to wear home.</p> | <p>1 - 4 pm Drop-in</p> | |
| <p>Mon 27th Feb - Sun 11th Mar</p> | <p>Fairtrade Fortnight Explore the tropical glasshouses, looking for plants that are grown around the world as Fairtrade crops.</p> | <p>During opening hours</p> | |



Hands-on Coins

Hold history in your hand every Saturday, 2 - 4 pm, in the Ashmolean Money Gallery.

February Half-term

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| Mon 13th - Fri 17th Feb | Half Term Activities Trails, word searches, drawing, and colouring, plus hands-on instruments. | 2 - 5 pm Drop-in |  |
| Tue 14th - Thu 16th Feb | Explorers and Adventurers Go on a journey of discovery with adventurous animals and intrepid travellers. Explore, create, and excavate! | 1 - 4 pm Drop-in |   |
| Wed 15th - Fri 17th Feb | Explore Ancient Egypt Handle real ancient Egyptian objects and make a canopic jar to store your bits and bobs in! | 1 - 4 pm Drop-in |  |
| Thu 16th Feb | Get Nesting! Make a selection of nests and feeders for wildlife in your Garden. Part of National Nest Box Week. | 1 - 4 pm Drop-in |  |
| Thu 16th - Fri 17th Feb | Fabulous Fundials Design and make your own decorative sundial. Ages 5+. | 1 - 4 pm Drop-in |  |
| Sat 18th Feb | Pick a Pocket Sundial Discover clever pocket sundials and make beautiful replicas based on the museum's amazing collection. Ages 7-13. Materials £5. | 2 - 4 pm Book on 01865 277280 |  |

Family Friendly Sundays

Backpacks, trails, crafts, and more every Sunday, 2 - 4 pm, at the Museum of Natural History and the Pitt Rivers Museum.

For more information, visit our website:
www.museums.ox.ac.uk



March

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| Sat 3rd Mar | Euclid You Can! Find out about Euclid and make exciting 3D geometric shapes out of coloured card. Ages 7+. | 12 - 4 pm Drop-in |  |
| Sat 3rd Mar | Food for Thought What's in an Aztec feast or an Inuit meal? Forage for favourite foods from across the globe and create a pot to put your snacks in! | 1 - 4 pm Drop-in |  |
| Sat 3rd Mar | Family Fun Day Trails, performances, demonstrations, and a chance to play instruments from the handling collection. | 10 - 2 Drop-in |  |
| Sat 10th Mar | Wow! How? Make, test, explore, and explode with excitement at our annual bonanza of hands-on scientific fun. Ages 8+. | 10 - 4 Drop-in |   |
| Sat 10th Mar | Games of the World Discover and play games of times gone by, and make a fancy gaming piece to take home. | 1 - 4 pm Drop-in |  |
| Thu 15th Mar | Elephant Stomp! Follow the elephant stomp around the museum and make an elephant to take home. Especially for under 5s. | 2 - 4 pm Drop-in |  |
| Sat 17th Mar | About Time! Discover the story of time in a day of activities, talks, and trails. Check website for details. Suitable for all the family. | 10 - 4 Drop-in |  |
| Sat 31st Mar | Making Micrographia Use microscopes and lenses to observe tiny things; then make drawings and magical monoprints. Ages 7+. | 12 - 4 pm Drop-in |  |

Children must be accompanied by an adult at all of our family activities, including booked workshops.



ACCESS INFORMATION



Free disabled parking is available at all locations. Please telephone individual collections for details regarding wheelchair access.



Guide dogs welcome everywhere. Please ask for a torch or magnifying glass if these would be helpful.



Hearing dogs welcome everywhere.

For more information on these or any other special considerations, please telephone individual collections.



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