



**Oxford University
Museums and Collections**

**Free Family
Friendly Fun!**



October 2010 - March 2011





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

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

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

Free entry

PITT



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

Amazing collection of art and archaeology.

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

Free entry

ASH



Acres of woodland and meadow in Nuneham Courtenay. Buses X39/ X40/X41, 115/116, 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

The University of Oxford



**Harcourt
Arboretum**

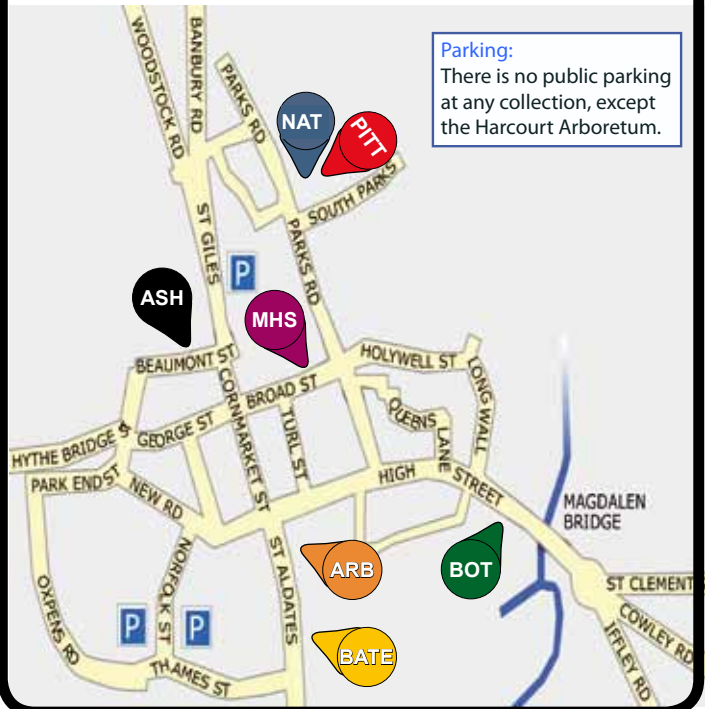
01865 343501
**www.botanic-garden.
ox.ac.uk**

OPEN:
Apr - Nov 10 - 5 (daily)
Dec - Mar 10 - 4.30
(weekdays only)




Entry charge

ARB

Where to find us...



October

Sat 2nd Oct	Magnificent Masks Discover the wild and wonderfully creative masks of Papua New Guinea.	1 - 4 pm Drop-in	
Sat 9th Oct	Meet the Royals Find out about the strange goings-on in the first professional scientific society, including peculiar pumps and double-bottomed ships! Ages 9-13.	2 - 4 pm Book on 01865 277280	
Sat 9th Oct	Funny Faces Explore the world of human image. Find faces to make you laugh, jump, or stare! Enjoy our 'Strike a Pose' trail and make a mask.	1 - 4 pm Drop-in	



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








October Half-term

<p>Sat 23rd - Sun 31st Oct</p>	<p>Relic Trail Discover ancient relics, solve puzzles, and become a Guardian of the Museum. Ages 7 upwards.</p>	<p>During opening hours</p>	
<p>Sat 23rd Oct</p>	<p>The Big Draw: Atom Patterns Drawing and collage inspired by the motion of atoms and X-ray patterns. For all ages.</p>	<p>12 - 4 pm Drop-in</p>	
<p>Mon 25th Oct</p>	<p>Autumn Lanterns Be inspired by our vibrant autumn colours and make your own lantern to take home.</p>	<p>1 - 4 pm Drop-in</p>	
<p>Mon 25th Oct</p>	<p>Seed Gathering Season Collect seeds to sow next spring, design your own seed packets, and find out why seeds are so important.</p>	<p>1 - 4 pm Drop-in</p>	
<p>Mon 25th - Wed 27th Oct</p>	<p>Ghost Forest Celebrate the exhibition on our lawn and discover the secrets of the forest: woodland crafts and a talk at 3.30 pm.</p>	<p>1 - 4 pm Drop-in</p>	 
<p>Mon 25th - Fri 29th Oct</p>	<p>Behind the Scenes at the Bate Hands-on sessions with a chance to learn some specialist conservations techniques. Ideal for small family groups.</p>	<p>11 - 12 Book on 01865 276139</p>	
<p>Wed 27th - Fri 29th Oct</p>	<p>Ghosts Explore the Museum's ghostly side and make a ghost puppet to spook your family and friends. Plus, enjoy 'Ghost Stories of the World' with storyteller, Marguerite Osborne.</p>	<p>1 - 4 pm Drop-in</p>	
<p>Thu 28th - Fri 29th Oct</p>	<p>Islamic Tile Designs Discover symmetry, geometry, and colour, and create your own tile patterns inspired by Islamic designs. Ages 7-13.</p>	<p>1 - 4 pm Drop-in</p>	






November

<p>Sat 6th Nov</p>	<p>Finding Mecca Geography and religion in early Islam: discover the qibla and make a personal place finder. Ages 9-13. Voluntary materials donation £5.</p>	<p>2 - 4 pm Book on 01865 277280</p>	
<p>Sat 6th Nov</p>	<p>Shadow Puppets Join our Diwali celebrations by listening to the story of the Ramayana and making a shadow puppet.</p>	<p>1 - 4 pm Drop-in</p>	
<p>Sat 13th Nov</p>	<p>Eat or be Eaten! Explore the amazing skills of attack and defence, and make your own animal teeth and armour.</p>	<p>1 - 4 pm Drop-in</p>	
<p>Sat 13th Nov</p>	<p>Inspired by Italy Make your own Roman mosaic and search the Museum for Italian treasures.</p>	<p>1 - 4 pm Drop-in</p>	
<p>Thu 18th Nov</p>	<p>Ashmolean Animals Enjoy story time, make a clay animal, and go on a safari around the Museum. For under 5s.</p>	<p>2 - 4 pm Drop-in</p>	
<p>Sat 20th Nov</p>	<p>Family Fun Day A day of family events featuring a treasure trail, live musical performances, and demonstrations. Plus a chance to play some of the instruments in the handling collection.</p>	<p>10 - 2 Drop in</p>	
<p>Sat 20th Nov</p>	<p>Lightning Strikes! Discover the power of electricity and the story of Benjamin Franklin's invention, the lightning conductor. Ages 7 upwards.</p>	<p>12 - 4 pm Drop-in</p>	
<p>Fri 26th Nov</p>	<p>Christmas Light Night Enjoy an evening of festive fun as the Museums open late: part of seasonal celebrations across the city.</p>	<p>Check Museum Websites</p>	

December

<p>Sat 4th Dec - Tue 4th Jan</p>	<p>Green Christmas Come and see our tree decked out with natural decorations made by pupils from across Oxfordshire.</p>	<p>During opening hours</p>	
<p>Sat 4th Dec - Sun 9th Jan</p>	<p>Christmas Trail Search the Museum high and low for all things Christmassy.</p>	<p>During opening hours</p>	
<p>Sat 4th Dec</p>	<p>Armillary Spheres Find out how armillary spheres work and make your own model. Ages 9 upwards. Voluntary materials donation £5.</p>	<p>2 - 4 pm Book on 01865 277280</p>	
<p>Sat 4th Dec</p>	<p>Pitt-er Pattern Create a festive bauble inspired by the multitude of patterns in the Museum.</p>	<p>1 - 4 pm Drop-in</p>	
<p>Sat 4th & Sat 11th Dec</p>	<p>Make it a Green Christmas Collect natural treasures and turn them into beautiful decorations. Take some home and leave some on our tree.</p>	<p>10.30 - 12.30 Drop-in</p>	
<p>Sat 11th Dec - Wed 5th Jan</p>	<p>Polar Adventure Trail Journey to the North Pole in search of Santa. What will you need on your adventure, and what will you see?</p>	<p>During opening hours</p>	 
<p>Sat 11th Dec</p>	<p>Ottoman Adventure Seek out hanging lamps and ceramics with animals and flowers. Then make a lantern to take home.</p>	<p>1 - 4 pm Drop-in</p>	
<p>Sat 18th & Wed 22nd Dec</p>	<p>My Favourite Star Make magical stars and discover the Zodiac amongst the Museum's collection of astronomical instruments. Ages 5 upwards.</p>	<p>1 - 4 pm Drop-in</p>	

January

Sat 8th Jan	Magical Movies What did the Victorians know about the moving image? Find out by making your own magical movie toy. Ages 7-13.	12 - 4 pm Drop-in	
Sat 8th Jan	African Games Learn how to make and play Mancala, a simply addictive game.	1 - 4 pm Drop-in	
Sat 8th Jan	Rainbow Join us for a celebration of colour. Try wax relief rainbow painting and search the Museum for beautiful colours.	1 - 4 pm Drop-in	
Sat 15th Jan	Animal Super Heroes An exciting adventure with super skills and special powers from the animal kingdom. Make your own animal super hero mask!	1 - 4 pm Drop-in	
Sat 22nd Jan	What is an Astrolabe? Discover how early Islamic astronomers created an extraordinary astronomical calculator and make a working model. Ages 9-13.	2 - 4 pm Book on 01865 277280	



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February



Sat 5th Feb	Lyra's Furs Discover the collection of Arctic clothing that inspired Philip Pullman. Then follow in Lyra's footsteps and prepare for a journey north.	1 - 4 pm Drop-in	
Sat 5th Feb	Cabinet of Curiosities Search for some of the Museum's many unusual objects and put together your own cabinet of curiosities. Ages 5-11.	12 - 4 pm Drop-in	
Sat 12th Feb	Kings and Queens Find golden crowns and King Alfred's jewel. Make your own crown. Mini-tours for families throughout the afternoon.	1 - 4 pm Drop-in	
Mon 28th Feb - Sun 13th Mar	Fairtrade Fortnight Show off your label and celebrate fairtrade cotton. Take a trail around the Glasshouses to find out more about fairtrade plants and farmers.	During opening hours	











February Half-term

<p>Sat 19th Feb</p>	<p>Finding Mecca Geography and religion in early Islam: discover the qibla and make a personal place finder. Ages 9-13. Voluntary materials donation £5.</p>	<p>2 - 4 pm Book on 01865 277280</p>	
<p>Mon 21st - Wed 23rd Feb</p>	<p>Dinosaurs and Dragon-Hunters A quest to discover dinosaurs and other beasts... but what will you take to protect yourself? Lively talk at 3.30 pm.</p>	<p>1 - 4 pm Drop-in</p>	 
<p>Mon 21st - Fri 25th Feb</p>	<p>Behind the Scenes at the Bate Hands-on sessions with a chance to learn some specialist conservation techniques. Ideal for small family groups.</p>	<p>11 - 12 Book on 01865 276139</p>	
<p>Wed 23rd - Fri 25th Feb</p>	<p>China Celebrate Chinese New Year by making a fire dragon or a paper blossom for our good luck tree.</p>	<p>1 - 4 pm Drop-in</p>	
<p>Wed 23rd - Thu 24th Feb</p>	<p>Islamic Tile Designs Discover symmetry, geometry, and colour, and create your own tile patterns inspired by Islamic designs. Ages 7-13.</p>	<p>1 - 4 pm Drop-in</p>	
<p>Thu 24th Feb</p>	<p>Homes and Habitats Make homes for bugs and birds visiting your garden and get involved with National Nest Box Week.</p>	<p>1 - 4 pm Drop-in</p>	



March



Sat 5th Mar	Making Micrographia Use lenses and microscopes to discover tiny things; draw them and then make magical monoprints. Ages 7 upwards.	12 - 4 pm Drop-in	
Sat 5th Mar	Family Fun Day A day of family events featuring a treasure trail, live musical performances, and demonstrations. Plus a chance to play some of the instruments in the handling collection.	10 - 2 Drop-in	
Sat 5th Mar	Brilliant Body Arts Be inspired by the collections to create your own body ornament. Discover more about recent work going on in these displays.	1 - 4 pm Drop-in	
Sat 12th Mar	Fabulous Frames Create a frame fit for a masterpiece inspired by our picture frames. Mini-tours for families throughout the afternoon.	1 - 4 pm Drop-in	
Sat 12th Mar	Wow!How? 2011 Make, test, explore, and explode with excitement at our annual bonanza of experiments and hands-on fun. Ages 8 upwards.	10 - 4 Drop-in	 
Thur 17th Mar	Pretty as a Peacock Find the hiding places of all our peacocks and make a peacock picture to take home. For under 5s.	2 - 4 pm Drop-in	
Sat 19th Mar	Globe-Makers Discover our collection of globes, learn how globes used to be made, and make your own model globe. Ages 9-13. Voluntary materials donation £5.	2 - 4 pm Book on 01865 277280	

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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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