

OUTREACH PROGRAMS

MUSEUM TOURS

Tours for students of all ages are one of our most important educational programs. More than 700 school children visit the Museum every year. Tours must be scheduled in advance by calling 540-231-8822. (Please see Group Visits for more information).

IN-CLASS OUTREACH & FIELD TRIP SUPPORT

Programs bringing hands-on activities to the classroom, events, or field trips are also available. These are correlated to Virginia's Standards of Learning. Contact llyn@vt.edu for more information.

TEACHING KITS

A wide variety of teaching kits dealing with the Earth Sciences are available for loan to educators. These kits are available through the Education Resource Center. Kit topics include Virginia Fossils & Paleontology, Mineral Properties, Watershed Models, G.L.O.B.E. , Save Our Streams field equipment, and others. Visit <http://www.outreach.geos.vt.edu/museum/materials.html> for an updated list of all currently available teaching kits.



VA Fossils &
Paleontology Kit

Museum of Geosciences



Virginia Tech Museum of Geosciences
2062 Derring Hall
540-231-4080
www.outreach.geos.vt.edu



Allosaurus fragilis Cast

Museum Hours

Monday - Friday: 8AM until 5PM
Saturday & Sunday: Closed unless otherwise noted
Free Admission!

ABOUT THE MUSEUM

In 1969, the Museum of Geosciences moved to its present location on the second floor in Derring Hall, on the north side of campus. The Department of Geosciences maintains the museum as a unique resource for fulfilling the missions of research, education, and outreach. Administrative support, along with very generous donations from alumni and friends help sustain these efforts towards public science literacy.



Derring Hall

MUSEUM COLLECTIONS

The museum holds a diverse collection of over 13,000 specimens of minerals, rocks, and fossils, most of which have been donated by Virginia Tech alumni, students, or faculty.



Trilobite Cast

The displays and collections are visited regularly by faculty, staff, and students in Geology, Biology, Chemistry, Material Sciences, and Architecture. The research collections are also accessed by scientists from other institutions.



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PUBLIC VISITS

The museum is open to the community at no charge between 8AM and 5PM Monday through Friday, and is an ideal destination for a family outing, a research visit, an educator's brainstorm for new lessons, or even a leisurely stroll through the geologic sciences. Occasionally, open houses are also held on the weekends - these are announced on the website. Parking passes for the lots near Derring Hall are available at the Visitor Information Center located at the Southgate Drive entrance to campus.

GROUP VISITS

Group visits are welcome, but should be scheduled in advance to avoid overcrowding in the museum, and are restricted to a maximum of 40 people. To schedule a group visit, please contact Carolyn Williams at 540-231-6894 or at wilcar@vt.edu.

PROGRAM LEADERS

Guides are available for group visits during limited hours by reservation at least 2 weeks in advance. A typical museum tour focuses on minerals and fossils, but a program can address other geological concepts upon request.

Information needed to request a group visit includes:

- group name
- contact person's name, email, & phone number
- requested date and time, & flexibility
- end time if on deadline
- number of students
- ages or grade level(s)
- number of adults
- special requests, notes, or SOLs to address