

Go on our

Museum Quest

Welcome to the Natural History Museum! You'll begin the scavenger hunt from the main lobby, located on the fourth floor.



Head into the Panorama on the fourth floor.

1. Look carefully for two species of skunk in this exhibit. Describe the main difference between them.

2. Name the largest animal shown in the woodland area. Is it possible to find this animal living in Kansas? Why?

3. Find the prairie habitat to your right and look carefully for prairie dogs. How many do you see? Watch for a minute. Do you want to change your answer?

Go downstairs to the third floor.

4. Find the exhibit featuring tar pits. Name two animals that are on display in either tar pit.

5. There is an exhibit of bones from large animals that had tusks and trunks. What name is given to these types of animals? (Hint: it begins with "P")

6. Find the Triceratops skull on exhibit. Not only is it notable for its three horns, but also for its distinctive neck frill. What do you think the neck frill was used for?

7. There is a skeleton of a giant fish on display. What is the scientific name of this fish? What do you think this fish might have eaten?

Make your way over to Bugtown.

8. There is information about insect mouthparts over in Grub's Diner. What kind of mouthpart does a honeybee have?

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Now go up to the sixth floor.

9. Look for the information about snakes. How do nonpoisonous snakes kill their prey?

10. Find the bobcat exhibit. Bobcats are rarely seen in Kansas. Is this because the species is in danger of going extinct? Why or why not?

11. Look for the non-native Fishes exhibit. Humans have introduced many fish species to Kansas ponds and streams that didn't use to live here. How does this effect the ecosystem and fish species that already live here?

Answers are available from the Information Desk in the fourth floor main lobby.