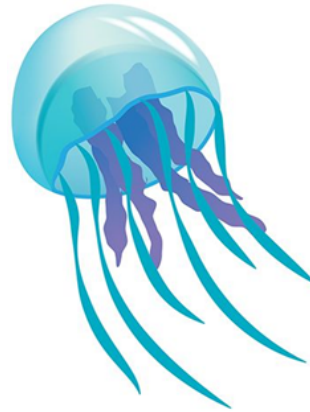


# Come And Visit The Museum



I can't wait for my trip to visit the  
Virginia Living Museum in Newport News, Virginia!



The Virginia Living Museum has been a part of the Newport News community for over 50 years.



The Museum has two buildings and an outdoor trail. The two buildings are: The Main Building and The Wason Education Center.



There are two different entrances to get inside of the museum. The one on the left is closest to our Changing Exhibit Gallery and the one to the right is closest to our Museum Store.



Left Door

Right Door



At the main entrance is the Admissions Desk with welcoming Museum Staff. If I have any questions about my trip through the museum, the front desk staff will gladly help me. They can also provide me with a wheelchair or sensory bag if I need one.



All of the Museum Staff members wear a blue shirt or a dark green shirt with an otter on it.



If I need something, I can always ask a staff member for help.



The Main Building has high ceilings and I can always hear the humming of the filters that help keep the fish in the exhibits healthy.



The Museum gets almost 300,000 visitors per year, so it can get a bit busy or loud at times. There are quieter areas that the Museum Staff can show me if I need one.



Time to explore! The museum has two floors of exhibits.  
I can go up and down by using the stairs or using the elevator.





On the top floor of The Main Building, I can see animals from the Coastal Plains, Piedmont, and Mountain areas of Virginia, like these cool Atlantic Spadefish!





I can get up close and even touch some living animals at the Touch Pool. There are friendly volunteers at the Touch Pool to show me how to safely touch the animals and answer any questions I have.





The volunteers are very friendly and knowledgeable about the Museum. They wear a blue shirt or a blue smock with an otter on it. I can always ask a volunteer for help if I need to!





I can even become a veterinarian or an animal keeper in our Wild and Well Exhibit. Here, I can pretend to help feed and take care of different types of animals.



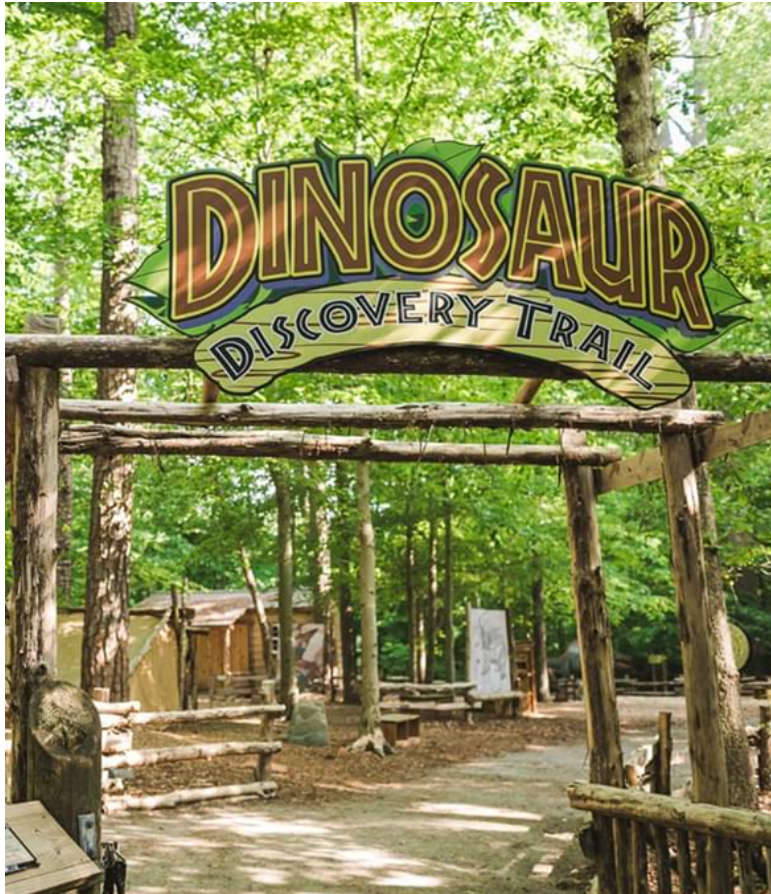


Hopefully it's a nice day to go outside and explore the Outdoor Trail! I can see lots of animals out here from a red fox to a deer to an otter or two!





At the far end of the Outdoor Trail is the Dinosaur Discovery Trail where I can see statues of dinosaurs like this T. rex!



I can also explore inside one of our Fossil Huts to check out some real fossils. Some of these fossils are behind a fence that I can't touch, but there are lots of fossils I CAN touch!



To get to the Wason Education Center, I have to walk through the Conservation Garden. Here, I can walk through a garden or sit by a waterfall.



At the Wason Education Center, I can enjoy a Planetarium show.

It's like going to the movies  
except the screen is curved instead of flat!





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