

Come Experience the Virginia Living Museum

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...and we'll customize it for you!

Explore fins, fur and feathers

View endangered red wolves. Get up close to a loggerhead turtle and jellyfish. See playful otters and frogs that change colors. Touch live spider crabs and fossilized dinosaur tracks. It's all at the Virginia Living Museum, Newport News, where living exhibits depict Virginia's natural heritage from the mountains to the sea. Experience a steamy cypress swamp and cool mountain cove. Explore the underwater world of the Chesapeake Bay and the underground realm of a limestone cave. Touch famous Bay creatures, plus enjoy hands-on activities.

See spectacular views of the sun from the observatory. Venture into space in our state-of-the-art digital planetarium theater. Outdoors, stroll the boardwalk to view coastal birds, beavers, otters, coyotes and other animals in naturalized habitats. Butterfly garden, Virginia Garden and landscape plantings display an extensive array of native plants. Learn how to live, build and garden green in the Conservation Garden and Living Green House.



LOCATION

524 J. Clyde Morris Blvd., Newport News, VA 23601. Midway between Williamsburg and Virginia Beach, just two miles off I-64 at exit 258A.

RETAIL RATES

\$20 adults, \$15 children (ages 3-12). Discounts for tour group, motor-coach, receptive operators.

PAYMENT

Contract and deposit required. Full payment 30 days in advance.

MUSEUM HOURS

Open daily: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Closed: Thanksgiving, Dec. 24, 25, Jan. 1.

LENGTH OF VISIT

Three hours.

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS

Behind-the-scenes tours; student programs; performance venue; receptions and dinners.

PARKING

Plenty of free parking.

ACCESSIBILITY

Wheelchair accessible, with power assisted doors, elevators, a gently graded boardwalk. Wheelchairs available.

COMPLIMENTARY POLICY

Escort and bus driver admitted free. Student groups: one adult chaperone free for every 10 students.

RESERVATIONS

757-595-9135, reservations@thevlm.org

We'll customize a package to fit your group's needs. Just call or email Jennifer.



Let your group have the VLM all to themselves

The Virginia Living Museum's indoor exhibits and Abbitt Observatory can be open exclusively for your group for two hours between 6pm and 10pm any day of the week. Minimum fee per group.

Performance venue

The Museum's 100-seat outdoor amphitheater and its entrance courtyard are the perfect places to perform. There is plenty of room, the acoustics are great (the animals won't be disturbed!) and there are places for your audience to sit and enjoy the show.



Café and Gift Shop

Include lunch or an afternoon social at the Wild Side Café.

Allow time to browse for unique nature-themed gifts in the Wild Things Museum Store.



2 Dinosaur exhibits in 2016

Dinosaur Discoveries Exhibit
May 7 - Sept. 5, 2016

Dinosaur Discovery Trail
Opens Oct. 15, 2016

Culinary Tours & Add-ons

The Virginia Living Museum is pleased to offer culinary options for adult groups. Fill your belly and your brain with our "Taste of Virginia" series - an educational experience combined with the foods, wines and flavors of various regions of Virginia. These culinary tours are available all year long. In November & December we are also offering 2 "mini-tastes" which will be great add-ons to our popular "Star of Wonder" holiday planetarium show.

Explore the universe in the planetarium

In the Abbitt Planetarium Theater, visitors experience the wonders of space. Visitors are immersed in the environments of the planets, travel to distant galaxies, fly past the wonders of our universe, and marvel at the beauty of a clear, dark night sky - all from the comfort of an armchair.



2 holiday features Thanksgiving - Dec. 31

Experience the journey of the Magi around you in "Star of Wonder: Mystery of the Christmas Star." The show offers a truly immersive look at the journey of the Magi while examining the latest clues and seeking once more to understand the appearance of the Star of Bethlehem.

"Holiday Magic" pairs classic holiday favorites including "White Christmas," the Russian Dance from the "Nutcracker" and "Linus and Lucy" with an animated Christmas light display.



Museum exhibits/school programs reinforce natural science concepts

The Virginia Living Museum's exhibits correlate with and reinforce Virginia's Standards of Learning for Science. The topics also have universal appeal.

VLM School Science Programs

- SOL- correlated
- Grade-level targeted
- Taught by the VLM's professional science educators
- Endorsed by the
VA Dept. of Education
U.S. Dept. of Education

SOL-correlated Programs

- Natural Science Programs K-5
- Environmental Labs 6-12
- Science Safaris 6-12
- Planetarium Programs K-12

Small Group Presentations & Assembly-style Program

Meet and touch live wild animals, discover the answers to some of nature's mysteries

Available weekdays 1:30-4 p.m., September to mid-June.

