Virginia’s Animal Attraction & Dino Destination

The Virginia Living Museum is home to more than 250 species of animals found in Virginia including reptiles, mammals, birds and fish.

Discover
the unique biodiversity that makes up Virginia’s landscape.

Explore
rivers, swamps, caves, space and so much more.

Learn
how we can preserve our dynamic ecosystem for future generations.
EDUCATION PROGRAMMING

The Virginia Living Museum offers standards-based science classes for students pre-K through college. Taught by professional science educators, students will be immersed in hands-on experiences that inspire conservation action.

Museum exhibits and programs reinforce science concepts

Our exhibits reinforce Virginia’s science standards and immerse students into the habitats throughout Virginia. Students can explore:

- Life cycles, food chains, and food webs
- Adaptations for finding food and avoiding predators
- Endangered and threatened species
- Virginia’s resources and why we should conserve them

We offer standards-based programs for students both here at the museum, in your classroom, and in the field.

- Museum Classes Grades pre-K - 5
- Science Labs Grades 6 - 12
- Planetarium Programs Grades K - 12
- Outreach Programs Grades pre-K - 8
- Science Safaris Grades 6 - 12

Our programs engage students on a variety of science topics and utilize hands-on experiments, live animal encounters, exploration of museum specimens, and interactive discussions.

PLANETARIUM/ LASER SHOWS

In the Abbitt Planetarium Theater, visitors experience the wonders of space as if they were actually there. 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 the clear, dark, night sky—all from the comfort of an arm chair.

PERFORMANCE VENUES

The Virginia Living Museum’s 100-seat outdoor amphitheater and its entrance courtyard are the perfect places for your group 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 while they enjoy the show.

Joan Wason Amphitheater
After Hours

Your group can have the Virginia Living Museum all to themselves!

- Any three hours between 6 - 10 p.m.
- Maximum number in group: 500, minimum 40.
- Costs: Starting at $35 per person, based on group size.
- Reservations must be made 60 days prior to arrival. $1000 deposit due at the time of booking. Final head count and payment due 14 days prior to arrival.

Visit Includes:

- All indoor galleries
- The outdoor trail until dusk (weather permitting)
- Access to touch pool for the first two hours (based on availability)
- Museum Store for the first two hours (based on availability)
- Dinner Options include: Pizza and Salad, or BBQ

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Tour Complimentary admission: Bus Driver and Tour Escort

Add-Ons:

- Planetarium show, full dome science movie or laser paired to pop music: $400 per show, Max 71 people per show
- Ambassador animal encounters to see and learn how they survive and thrive. (Based on employee and animal availability): $250-$350

Behind the Scenes Tours

Get a closer look at the Virginia Living Museum’s animals and exhibits with BEHIND THE SCENES tours conducted by members of the Animal Welfare Staff. This unique opportunity gives your small group a chance to experience how our Animal Welfare Staff cares for the animals in an up-close and personal setting.
Make your visit a part of your plans to Coastal Virginia.

Coastal Virginia makes a perfect vacation destination for those seeking clean beaches, refreshing outdoor recreation, fascinating history, the fine arts, thrilling events and festivals, abundant shopping and delicious coastal cuisine.

GETTING HERE

The Virginia living Museum is located in Newport News, Va, three hours south of Washington D.C. (or 129 miles as a bird flies.)

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

Great White Heron

American Alligator

CONNECTING PEOPLE to NATURE through EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES that PROMOTE CONSERVATION