

Wayfinding Legend



The **Cowan Tetrapod Collection** contains over 40,000 specimens of mammals, birds, amphibians, and reptiles, representing every continent on Earth, with most specimens coming from western Canada.



The **Marine Invertebrate Collection** contains thousands of specimens representing major lineages of animals, such as cnidarians, molluscs, annelids, crustaceans, echinoderms, and sponges.



The **Herbarium** houses the largest collection of plants and fungi in western Canada, with more than 685,000 specimens, it is also the world's largest collection of BC plants and Canada's largest collection of bryophytes.



The Herbarium also contains the world's largest research collection of BC fungi, including about a dozen type specimens, which scientists have used to describe newly discovered species.



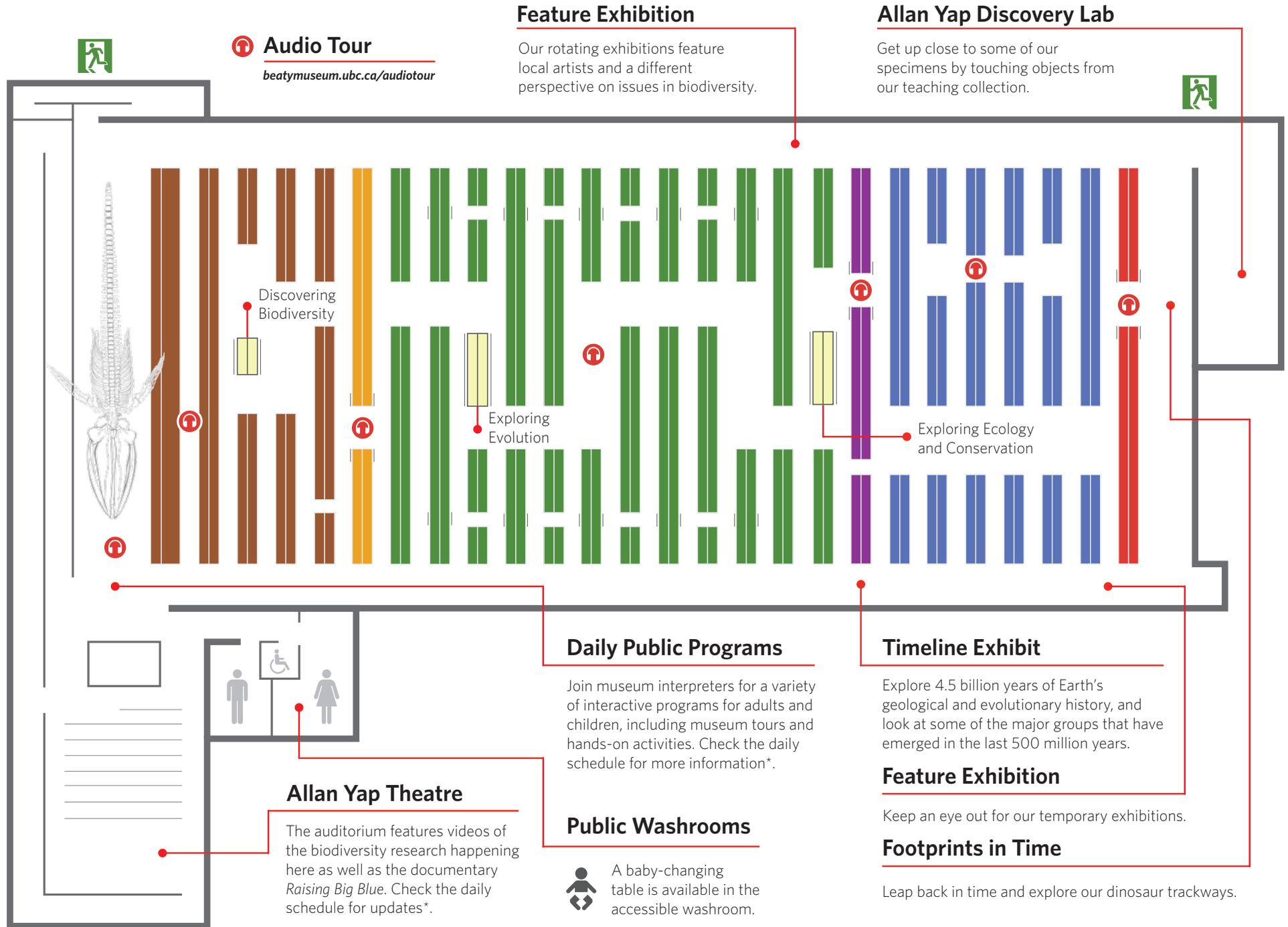
The **Spencer Entomological Collection** holds over 650,000 specimens that highlight the diversity of British Columbia's insects and other arthropods, as well as jumping spiders from around the world.



The **Fish Collection** boasts over 850,000 specimens, with particularly spectacular and important holdings from Canada, the Aleutians, the Malay Archipelago, Mexico, the Galapagos, Panama, and the Amazon.



The **Fossil Collection** contains over 20,000 specimens that range from recent shells to 500-million-year-old fossils of blue-green algae, as well as specimens from British Columbia's famous Burgess Shale.



*Schedule subject to change without notice.



The water fountain is upstairs, near the admissions desk.

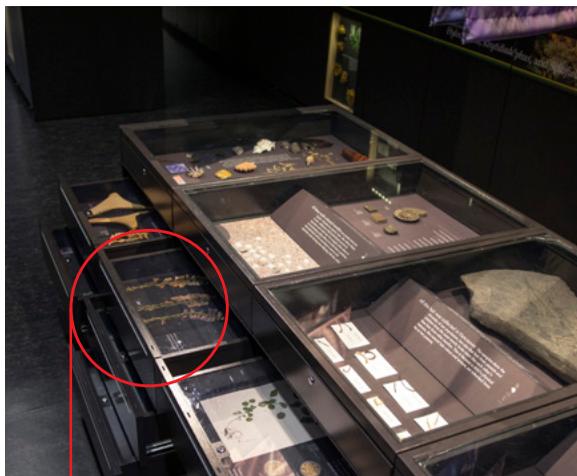
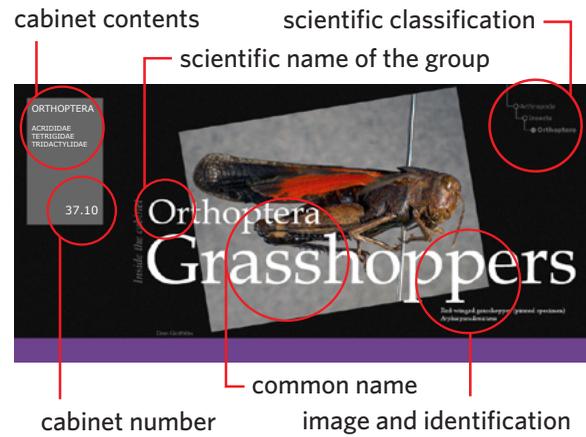


For elevator access, please see museum staff.



The **Beaty Biodiversity Museum** strives to inspire an understanding of biodiversity through collections-based research, education, outreach, and exhibits. As Vancouver's natural history museum, we work to promote a greater sense of collective responsibility for the biodiversity of British Columbia, Canada, and the world.

Our cabinets and drawers house over 2 million specimens. The labels on the cabinet doors can tell you a lot about what is inside.



Open the drawers to discover more stories



As you explore the exhibits, look for these four symbols representing the *drama*, *change*, *heritage*, and *conservation* of biodiversity. A display connected to one of these themes will have the symbol highlighted.



Drama

A tide pool is a place of murder, thievery, deception, and conspiracy, but also a place of cooperation and interdependency. Explore the ecological interactions that sustain and define all life.



Change

Biodiversity was not always as it is now. Learn about the dynamic mix of chance and circumstance that drives evolution and has produced all species alive today.



Heritage

Discover how you are related to all life on Earth in a vast evolutionary tree descended from a single ancestral species, and explore the enormous diversity of both the past and present.



Conservation

Biodiversity is important, but it is fading, and its fate is in your hands. Find out why biodiversity matters, what threatens it, and what you can do to help protect it.

Hours

Tuesday – Sunday, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Nocturnal (3rd Thursday), open until 8:30 pm

Location

2212 Main Mall, University of British Columbia,
Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z4 Canada



Become a member

Visit as often as you would like and get invites to members-only events. Talk to our admissions staff about the other benefits of membership, and to purchase a membership for yourself or buy one as a gift. Learn more at: beatymuseum.ubc.ca/membership

Book a tour

Educational tours and programs are available for groups of all ages. Get hands-on and up close with our collection while learning about biodiversity, evolution, ecology, and conservation. Learn more at: beatymuseum.ubc.ca/learn



Visitor Guide

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