

# The Mayborn Museum's Educator Guide to **the Natural & Cultural History Exhibits**

## **WELCOME!**

We hope you use this guide to make your visit a special one!

Take a walk through Central Texas, starting with an introduction to the history of the museum in Strecker's Cabinets of Curiosities and finishing up in Texas Lifeways learning about early humans in this area.



**Cabinets of Curiosities-** This room is a tribute to John K. Strecker and the legacy he left to the Baylor University Museum which flourished during the thirty years he spent as curator. This room was designed to show how early museums would have looked-- cabinets full of cool stuff!



**Pliosaurus & Mammoths & Giant Turtles-- Oh My!** The next area of these exhibits focus on the natural history of Central Texas up until the emergence of man. Don't miss the replica of the Waco Mammoth National Monument and the immersive Texas Caves exhibit. Did you know that there are over 3,000 known caves in Texas?



**A Glimpse at Home-**Learn about four types of homes utilized by local people in the 19th century, including a Waco Indian grass house, a Norwegian rock house, a Comanche tipi, and an early log house.

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## REMINDERS FOR FIELD TRIP CHAPERONES:

- Play Waco is closed to groups and chaperones.
- Please refer to your field trip packet for information about your group's lunch plans.

## DURING YOUR FIELD TRIP

### Things to Notice

- The pliosaur model on our ceiling in the **Cretaceous Sea** room is a depiction of the pliosaur fossils on display in our paleontology prep area right underneath the fossil. What tools do you notice in this prep area?
- Listen carefully in the **Texas Caves** exhibit and the **Texas Forest** exhibits. Do you hear anything?
- Don't miss the Emergence of Man exhibit to learn about a rock shelter in central Texas with history dating back to approximately 10,000 years ago.

### Things to Wonder

- If you could display any artifact in your bedroom from the **Cabinets of Curiosities** exhibit, what would it be? Don't forget to open the drawers to see more!
- Notice the skeleton of **Protastega gigas**. How is this turtle similar to turtles we see today? How is it different?
- What do you notice about the different types of dwellings in **Texas Lifeways**? How do you think each one was built?



## OUTSIDE ADVENTURES

- Take a walk across the bridge for a view of the Brazos River and Baylor's McLane Stadium!
- Take a walk on the trails behind the village to see the river and spot a turtle or two!

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