The Museum of the Earth is a public education venue of the Paleontological Research Institution, affiliated with Cornell University. We offer a variety of programs and tours suitable for different grades or age groups.

To schedule tours, programs, or group visits contact the

**Museum Education Manager**

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607.273.6623 x 113

To qualify for our **reduced group admission rates**, reservations are required for groups of 10 or more. The group must also pay in one transaction to receive these group rates.

We value our groups’ experience. To ensure the best visit, the Museum limits the group size to fewer than 100 per day. All programs must be scheduled a minimum of 2 weeks in advance. We will work to accommodate any class size, but hands-on presentations and tours are most effective with **25 or fewer** participants.

**MUSEUM GROUP ADMISSION FEES**

- $3/youth (4—17yrs)
- $7/adult
- $4/Senior (over 65yr) or Student (with college ID)

1 adult chaperone free/10 youth. The Museum requires a rate of at least 1 adult per 10 youth.

Offsite programs available: Program fee + travel

Custom programs available - Please ask.
Program Descriptions for visiting camps

Subject-specific tours and programs may be arranged to help meet special interests and be age-specific.

Program costs are in addition to admissions and are per program and length of program, not number of youth. Programs have size limits. Programs can be combined with tours.

We also recommend splitting groups into like-age groups for programs.

**Museum of the Earth Tours [all ages] 30—60 minutes { $50 - $100 }**

“Huge, Scary, Hairy Tour” { $50—$100 }

How has life changed over time? What were the weird, wonderful, and mostly extinct animals that lived on Earth? Museum tours will lead you on a journey through time. (fewer than 20 participants per tour)

**Dinosaur Science**

[ preK — 2nd grade | 4—7ys ] “Dino Stories and Science” 30 minutes { $50 }
[ 3rd—5th grade | 8—14 yrs ] “Uncovering Dinosaurs” 45 minutes { $75 }

What are the differences between T. rex and Camarasaurus teeth, foot prints or dinosaur trackways? Using deductive reasoning students will take clues from fossils to reconstruct dinosaurs and their habits. Be a Paleontologist and discover the past through fossils! Explore the scientific thought process that makes dinosaurs become real.

**Ice Age Life [ preK — 2nd grade | 4—7 yrs ] 30 minutes { $50 }**

**Glaciers in New York [ 3rd – 5th grade | 8—14 yrs ] 30 minutes, { $50 }**

What kinds of creatures might you find living near a glacier? What is a glacier and how do they move? What do they leave behind? What can mastodon fossils tell us about life 12,000 years ago in New York State? How were regional lakes and gorges formed? By touching mastodon teeth and other ice age fossils, examining colorful erratics, and seeing how glaciers flow students will explore a period of New York history shaped by climate change.

**Coral Reefs**

[ 4—7 yrs ] 30 minutes { $50 }
[ 8—14 yrs ] 30—45 minutes { $ 50 - 75 }

Is coral a plant or animal? What other animals live in ocean reefs? Students will investigate the delicate balance among life in a reef and the struggle of todays reefs. Through examining fossils and viewing the Museum coral tanks, students will understand the important place coral & reefs have on Earth.

**Ancient Seas Over New York [ 4-14 yrs ] 30 or 45 minutes { $50–75 }**

Why do we find fossil corals, salt, and wave ripples in the rocks of Upstate New York? By examining local rocks and fossils students will be able to virtually swim in ancient seas and use this evidence to create a geologic time scale, putting events in Earth history into perspective.

**Interpretive Hikes [ all ages ]** Experience geology first hand! Take a trip with your class to one of Ithaca’s beautiful gorges to discover how the ocean that covered central New York hundreds of millions of years ago and the glaciers recently affected our land. Have PRI’s knowledgeable staff explain the geology during an Interpretive Hike.