

**Oxford University
Museums and Collections**

**Free Family
Friendly Fun!**

October 2011 - March 2012





OXFORD UNIVERSITY
MUSEUM OF
NATURAL
HISTORY



Discover the dinosaurs on your doorstep or take an exotic animal safari. There are also lots of minerals, fossils, and animals to touch.

01865 272950
www.oum.ox.ac.uk

OPEN:
Every day 10 - 5

Free entry

NAT



A fascinating collection of scientific instruments, including globes, sundials, clocks, and early electrical, chemical, and medical apparatus.



Pitt Rivers
MUSEUM

Anthropology and World Archaeology

01865 270927
www.prm.ox.ac.uk

A remarkable collection of man-made objects from every corner of the world.

OPEN:
Mon 12 - 4.30
Tue - Sun 10 - 4.30

Free entry

PITT



Relax by the river or explore the glasshouses to find rainforest, desert, and insect-eating plants. Guide dogs only.



ASHMOLEAN
MUSEUM OF ART AND ARCHAEOLOGY UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

01865 278000
www.ashmolean.org

Journey through time and across cultures with this amazing collection of art and archaeology.

OPEN:
Tue - Sun 10 - 6
Bank Holidays 10 - 6

Free entry

ASH



Acres of woodland and meadow in Nuneham Courtenay. Buses X39/ X40 and 105/106 run from St Aldates. Guide dogs only.



MUSEUM *of the*
HISTORY *of*
SCIENCE

01865 277280

www.mhs.ox.ac.uk

OPEN:

Tue - Fri 12 - 5

Sat 10 - 5

Sun 2 - 5

Free entry

MHS



The **BATE** Collection
of musical instruments

01865 276139

www.bate.ox.ac.uk

OPEN:

Mon - Fri 2 - 5

Sat 10 - 12 (University
term-time only)

Free entry

BATE

The University of Oxford



**Botanic
Garden**

01865 286690

**www.botanic-garden.
ox.ac.uk**

OPEN:

Sep - Oct 9 - 5

Nov - Feb 9 - 4.30

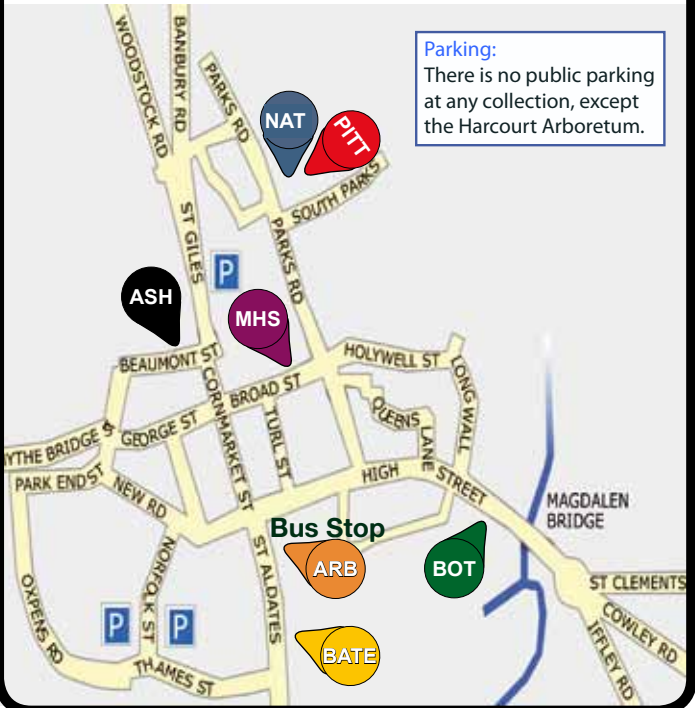
Mar - Apr 9 - 5

May - Aug 9 - 6

Entry charge

BOT

**Where to
find us...**



The University of Oxford



**Harcourt
Arboretum**

01865 343501

**www.botanic-garden.
ox.ac.uk**

OPEN:

Apr - Nov 10 - 5 (daily)







Dec - Mar 10 - 4

(weekdays only)

Entry charge

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October









Every weekend in Oct	The Pitt Rivers Big Draw Borrow materials from the art trolley and get creative in the museum.	During opening hours	
Sat 1st Oct	Accessories for Eccentrics Make a hat, badge, or keyring device inspired by the 'Eccentricity' exhibition.	12 - 4 pm Drop-in	
Sat 1st Oct	Totally Totem Discover the stories behind the carved figures on the Haida totem pole, and create your own family crest pole.	1 - 4 pm Drop-in	
Sat 15th Oct	Drawing with Leonardo Discover the secrets of Renaissance art and learn how to use a camera obscura to draw in perfect perspective. Ages 9+.	2 - 4 pm Book on 01865 277280	
Sat 15th Oct	Clay Play Have fun making your own clay cuneiform tablet, cylinder, or animal, and then make a case to display it at home.	1 - 4 pm Drop-in	
Thu 20th Oct	Childhood in Mesopotamia Use all of your senses to discover the toys, food, plants, and animals of Ancient Iraq. Especially for under 5s.	2 - 4 pm Drop-in	



Roof Repairs!

Due to work on our roof, capacity in the Museum of Natural History will be limited during family friendly events.

October Half-term

Mon 24th - Fri 28th Oct	Half Term Activities Trails, word searches, drawing, and colouring, plus hands-on instruments.	2 - 5 pm Drop-in	
Tue 25th Oct	Autumn Lanterns Come and see our vibrant autumn colours, and make your own autumn lantern to take home.	1 - 4 pm Drop-in	
Tue 25th - Thu 27th Oct	Myth Busters! Are crocodiles the same as dinosaurs? Can slugs really kill warts? Find out the truth behind these and other tall tales.	1 - 4 pm Drop-in	 
Wed 26th - Fri 28th Oct	The Ashmolean Big Draw See it, like it, draw it! Join our super sketching challenge and draw your way around the Ashmolean.	1 - 4 pm Drop-in	
Thu 27th Oct	Hedgerow Tie-Dyeing Use natural dyes created from plants to make a tie-dyed wall hanging to take home. Part of the Big Draw.	1 - 4 pm Drop-in	
Thu 27th - Fri 28th Oct	Shifting Shapes and Shadows Make 3D constructions out of card and use them to create drawings and designs from shadows. Part of the Big Draw.	1 - 4 pm Drop-in	
Sat 29th Oct	Telescopes and Spyglasses Discover the museum's wonderful collection of telescopes and spyglasses, large and small.	12 - 4 pm Drop-in	

Arboretum Explorer Backpacks

Borrow a backpack full of activities to help you explore our 130 acre site throughout October and November.

November

<p>Sat 5th Nov</p>	<p>Ancient Egypt What you would take to the afterlife? Meet a mummy, explore objects from Egyptian tombs, and make a mask.</p>	<p>1 - 4 pm Drop-in</p>	
<p>Sat 12th Nov</p>	<p>Crazy Kaleidoscopes Make an ingenious kaleidoscope and create colourful symmetrical patterns. Ages 6+.</p>	<p>2 - 4 pm Drop-in</p>	
<p>Sat 12th Nov</p>	<p>Lovely Landscapes Golden summer or bleak midwinter... Take a closer look at landscape paintings and create your own seasonal scene.</p>	<p>1 - 4 pm Drop-in</p>	
<p>Thu 17th Nov</p>	<p>Little Angels Make your own museum angel to take home. Especially for under 5s.</p>	<p>2 - 4 pm Drop-in</p>	
<p>Sat 19th Nov</p>	<p>Family Fun Day A treasure trail, live performances and demonstrations, and a chance to play instruments from the handling collection.</p>	<p>10 - 2 Drop-in</p>	
<p>Mon 21st - Fri 25th Nov</p>	<p>Dinosaur Takeover - Take 1! BBC dinosaurs are taking over the museum! Help build a huge Spinosaurus based on the new TV series. Ages 7+.</p>	<p>4 - 5 pm Drop-in</p>	
<p>Sat 26th - Sun 27th Nov</p>	<p>Dinosaur Takeover - Take 2! Another chance to build a dinosaur! Join the fun before they disappear!</p>	<p>10 - 4 Free, timed tickets on the day</p>	
<p>Sat 26th Nov</p>	<p>Ancient Egypt - We're Open! The new galleries open today! Celebrate with things to discover, make, and do.</p>	<p>1 - 3 pm Drop-in</p>	
<p>Sat 26th Nov</p>	<p>Lightning Strikes! Discover the story of Benjamin Franklin's life-saving invention and have a go at some electrostatic experiments. Ages 7+.</p>	<p>12 - 4 pm Drop-in</p>	

December

Fri 2nd Dec	Christmas Light Night Enjoy an evening of festive fun as the museums open late: part of seasonal celebrations across the city.	Check museum websites	  
Sat 3rd Dec	Big Botanic Christmas Tree Make natural decorations from seeds, leaves, and pods. Take some home and leave some hanging on our tree.	10.30 - 12.30 Drop-in	
Sat 3rd Dec	Twinkle, Twinkle Little Parrot Fish! Make lamps and lanterns in different shapes and sizes. Will yours look like a parrot fish or a bovril bottle?!	1 - 4 pm Drop-in	
Sat 3rd Dec - Mon 2nd Jan	We Three Kings Christmas Trail Join the three kings as they journey through the galleries, following that star!	During opening hours	
Sat 10th Dec	Pick a Pocket Sundial Discover clever pocket sundials and make beautiful replicas based on the ones in the museum's collection. Ages 7-13. Materials £5.	2 - 4 pm Book on 01865 277280	
Sat 10th Dec	Pharaohs of Egypt Transform yourself into an Egyptian pharaoh and explore the Shrine of Taharqa in the new Egypt galleries.	1 - 4 pm Drop-in	
Thu 15th Dec	Jingle Bells Join a jingle bells tour around the museum and make a reindeer decoration to take home. Especially for under 5s.	2 - 4 pm Drop-in	

Ashmolean Egypt Galleries Re-open!

Enjoy mini-tours, Ancient Egyptian object-handling, and a new trail: Sat 3rd, 10th, and 17th Dec, 2 - 4 pm.



Christmas Holidays

Sat 17th Dec	Make a Celestial Dial Be inspired by a heavenly map to make your own star-finding dial. Ages 7+.	2 - 4 pm Drop-in	MHS
Sat 17th Dec - Fri 6th Jan	Twelve Days of Christmas Trail On the first day of Christmas the museums gave to me ... a very exciting festive trail!	During opening hours	NAT PITT







January



Sat 7th Jan	Rhythm of Life Drop in to make your own musical instrument, or join a free, ticketed workshop to have a go at playing!	1 - 4 pm Drop-in Workshops at 1.30 & 3	PITT
Sat 7th Jan	Magical Movies What did the Victorians know about the moving image? Find out and make your own magical movie toy. Ages 7+.	12 - 4 pm Drop-in	MHS
Sat 14th Jan	Red Hot and Cool! How do animals banish the winter blues? How do they survive horrific heat? Try a trail and make a model.	1 - 4 pm Drop-in	NAT
Sat 14th Jan	Hello Mummy! Discover Ancient Egyptian mummies and make a protective amulet.	1 - 4 pm Drop-in	ASH
Thu 19th Jan	Dance to the Drum Find some noisy drums in the museum and make a drum to take home. Especially for under 5s.	2 - 4 pm Drop-in	ASH
Sat 21st Jan	Chinese Dragon Fire-Clocks Celebrate Chinese New Year and make a dazzling fire-clock to try out at home. Ages 7+. Materials £3.	2 - 4 pm Drop-in	MHS

February










Thu 2nd Feb	Powhattan's Mantle Say hello to the white tailed deer on this Native American object. Enjoy stories and craft. Especially for under 5s.	2 - 4 pm Drop-in	
Sat 4th Feb	Dreamtime Discover Australian Aboriginal dreamtime tales and beautiful bark paintings. Then create your own masterpiece using natural materials.	1 - 4 pm Drop-in	
Sat 4th Feb	Cabinet of Curiosities Discover exciting objects and put together your own cabinet of curiosities. Ages 5-11.	12 - 4 pm Drop-in	
Sat 11th Feb	Young Entomologists' Day Bug mad? Join us for a day of insect talks and activities including behind-the-scenes tours of our entomology department!	10 - 4 To book: education@ oum.ox.ac.uk	
Sat 11th Feb	The Vikings Find out about the Vikings by discovering a silver hoard and by making a Viking brooch to wear home.	1 - 4 pm Drop-in	
Mon 27th Feb - Sun 11th Mar	Fairtrade Fortnight Explore the tropical glasshouses, looking for plants that are grown around the world as Fairtrade crops.	During opening hours	

Hands-on Coins

Hold history in your hand every Saturday, 2 - 4 pm, in the Ashmolean Money Gallery.



February Half-term

Mon 13th - Fri 17th Feb	Half Term Activities Trails, word searches, drawing, and colouring, plus hands-on instruments.	2 - 5 pm Drop-in	
Tue 14th - Thu 16th Feb	Explorers and Adventurers Go on a journey of discovery with adventurous animals and intrepid travellers. Explore, create, and excavate!	1 - 4 pm Drop-in	 
Wed 15th - Fri 17th Feb	Explore Ancient Egypt Handle real ancient Egyptian objects and make a canopic jar to store your bits and bobs in!	1 - 4 pm Drop-in	
Thu 16th Feb	Get Nesting! Make a selection of nests and feeders for wildlife in your Garden. Part of National Nest Box Week.	1 - 4 pm Drop-in	
Thu 16th - Fri 17th Feb	Fabulous Fundials Design and make your own decorative sundial. Ages 5+.	1 - 4 pm Drop-in	
Sat 18th Feb	Pick a Pocket Sundial Discover clever pocket sundials and make beautiful replicas based on the museum's amazing collection. Ages 7-13. Materials £5.	2 - 4 pm Book on 01865 277280	










Family Friendly Sundays

Backpacks, trails, crafts, and more every Sunday, 2 - 4 pm, at the Museum of Natural History and the Pitt Rivers Museum.

For more information, visit our website:
www.museums.ox.ac.uk



March

Sat 3rd Mar	Euclid You Can! Find out about Euclid and make exciting 3D geometric shapes out of coloured card. Ages 7+.	12 - 4 pm Drop-in	
Sat 3rd Mar	Food for Thought What's in an Aztec feast or an Inuit meal? Forage for favourite foods from across the globe and create a pot to put your snacks in!	1 - 4 pm Drop-in	
Sat 3rd Mar	Family Fun Day Trails, performances, demonstrations, and a chance to play instruments from the handling collection.	10 - 2 Drop-in	
Sat 10th Mar	Wow! How? Make, test, explore, and explode with excitement at our annual bonanza of hands-on scientific fun. Ages 8+.	10 - 4 Drop-in	 
Sat 10th Mar	Games of the World Discover and play games of times gone by, and make a fancy gaming piece to take home.	1 - 4 pm Drop-in	
Thu 15th Mar	Elephant Stomp! Follow the elephant stomp around the museum and make an elephant to take home. Especially for under 5s.	2 - 4 pm Drop-in	
Sat 17th Mar	About Time! Discover the story of time in a day of activities, talks, and trails. Check website for details. Suitable for all the family.	10 - 4 Drop-in	
Sat 31st Mar	Making Micrographia Use microscopes and lenses to observe tiny things; then make drawings and magical monoprints. Ages 7+.	12 - 4 pm Drop-in	

children must be accompanied by an adult at all of our Family activities, including booked workshops.



ACCESS INFORMATION



Free disabled parking is available at all locations. Please telephone individual collections for details regarding wheelchair access.



Guide dogs welcome everywhere. Please ask for a torch or magnifying glass if these would be helpful.



Hearing dogs welcome everywhere.

For more information on these or any other special considerations, please telephone individual collections.



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