

THE STEINHARDT  
**museum  
of natural  
history**  
מוזיאון  
הטבע  
מסטיינהרדט  
**متحف  
الطبيعة**  
مستاهرات

**Museum Map**  
And Useful Information



## We Thought You'd Like to Know...

- The Museum's collections include items collected since the late 19th century, such as the Father Schmitz Collection, displayed in the exhibition "Treasures of Biodiversity".
- In the early 20th century nature-lovers and collectors hunted animals in order to study the species and enrich their collections.
- Nowadays there is no active hunting of birds or mammals. Items that reach the collection are mainly animals that died in nature and were collected by the Israel Nature and Parks Authority.
- Most of the display items in the Museum's exhibitions are prepared by taxidermy – the reconstruction or preservation of animals for the purposes of display and research.
- Each year, tens of thousands of new items are added to the collections through active collection, monitoring, teaching and research by the Museum staff.
- Most of the items in the Museum's natural history collections are insects. The exhibition "Bugs and Beyond" includes 17 terrariums housing live insects.
- The Museum includes more than 3,000 display items. In general, it is difficult to visit the entire Museum during one visit. We recommend you consult with the Museum staff to plan a route that suits your current visit, and the rest – during your next visit.
- To intensify your experience, many items are displayed without being protected by glass (display cabinet).
- We ask you to look after the items and avoid touching them, except for those that may be touched, which are labeled accordingly.

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### Visitor Code at the Museum

- The Museum's staff members are at your service; please follow their instructions.
- Some of the items on display in the galleries are fragile and rare; please do not enter the exhibitions with large bags. A coat check with lockers is available at the entrance level.
- Some of the items on display at the Museum may be touched and are labeled accordingly. Do not touch any of the other items.
- Do not run around inside the Museum.
- Eating in the Museum is permitted only in the designated areas.
- Help us keep the Museum clean and throw your waste into the garbage cans.
- Entry to the lab and office areas is by staff escort only.

### Useful Information

Offices and labs 03-6407070  
Ticket desk 073-3802000 #1  
Email [SMNH@TAUEX.TAU.AC.IL](mailto:SMNH@TAUEX.TAU.AC.IL)

Group and tour bookings via the Museum website  
[SMNH.TAU.AC.IL](http://SMNH.TAU.AC.IL)

- The Steinhardt Museum of Natural History, Tel Aviv University (In Hebrew)
- NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM TLV
- The Steinhardt Museum of Natural History

### Accessibility at the Museum

- Each of the exhibitions has some display items that may be touched.
- You can tour the Museum using an audio guide for the visually-impaired. Audio guides may be obtained from the front desk of the Museum on presentation of an identity card.
- Assistive listening devices are provided in the auditorium, instruction rooms and screening spaces. Assistive devices may also be obtained from the front desk of the Museum.
- The parking lot includes designated parking bays for the disabled.
- Disabled toilets are located on every floor near the elevators, marked by appropriate signage.
- The videos displayed in the exhibitions are accompanied by subtitles in Hebrew, English and Arabic.

### Opening Hours

Monday and Wednesday **10:00 – 16:00**  
Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday **10:00 – 18:00**  
Friday **10:00 – 14:00**  
On Sundays the museum is closed to visitors.

Please pre-book your tickets on the Museum website and arrive at the designated time. **The number of tickets per day is limited.**

## The Steinhardt Museum of Natural History A Different View of Nature

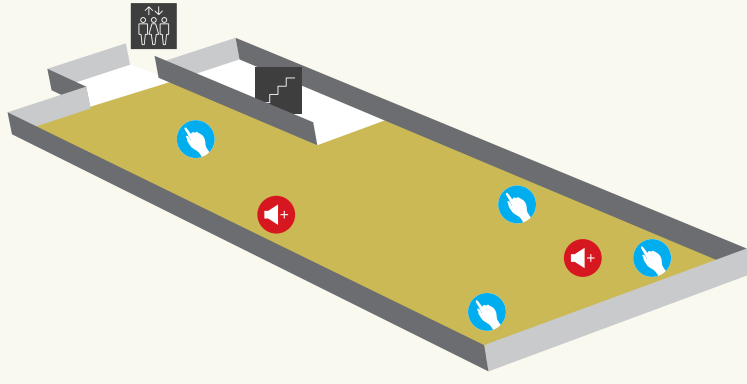
The Steinhardt Museum of Natural History, the national center for biodiversity research, presents a selection from Israel's national natural history collections forming part of a scientific collection numbering over 5.5 million items. Thousands of items are displayed in the Museum's exhibitions, which tell the story of the world of nature around us. The exhibitions reveal the scientific knowledge acquired through research at the museum and provide a unique perspective through close-up encounters and interactions with nature that cannot be experienced anywhere else.

We invite you on an extraordinary journey into nature: a fun, multi-sensory, experiential journey that encourages curiosity and promotes dialog and understanding about nature, humans, and animals – in the past, in the present and for the future.

**We hope you have a fascinating, enjoyable time at the Museum.**

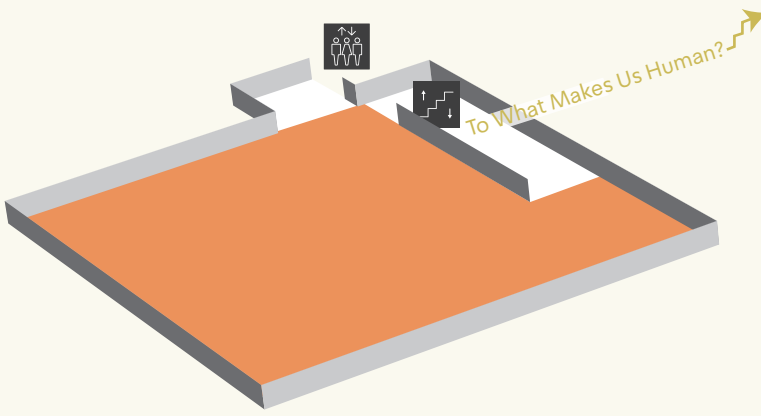
We'd love for you to share your experiences and thoughts about your visit on the Museum's Facebook page or via email: [SMNH@TAUEX.TAU.AC.IL](mailto:SMNH@TAUEX.TAU.AC.IL)

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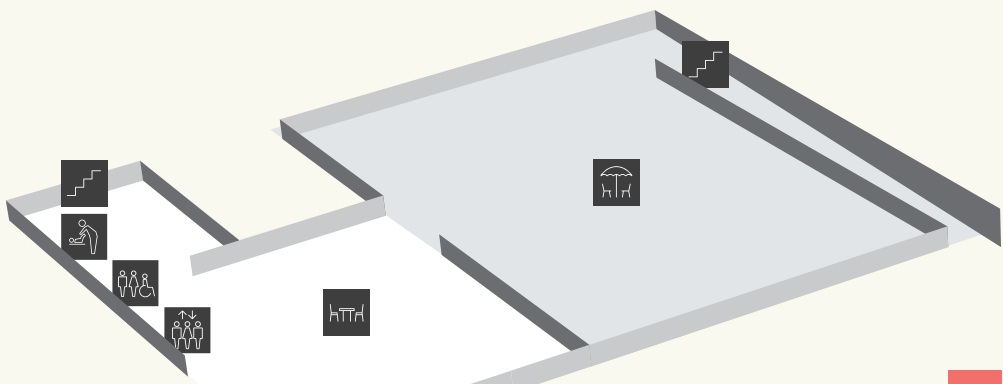
What Makes Us Human?

Level 3



Temporary Exhibition

Level 2



Treasures of Biodiversity

Deck  
Lobby



Level 1



The Web of Life    The Human Impact    Form and Function

Level 0



Israel's Landscapes    The Great Bird Migration    Bugs & Beyond    Urban Nature

Touchable items    Noise    Darkness    Pay attention

Information & customer service    Shop    Coat check  
Vending & snacks    Vending & snacks    Accessibility  
Parking    Parking    Baby changing  
Elevator

Entrance

Level -1

Galilee Breezway

Winnipeg Lobby

Klausner St.

Fabian-Cyril Boisson Auditorium

KKL Educational Gallery

Erdi Educational Gallery

Father Schmitz Collection

Seating Area

To the Botanical Garden and the Zoological Garden

To Form and Function

To Israel's Landscapes

To The Web of Life

The Temporary Exhibition

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