



## Walk Through The STORY OF TIME AND LIFE

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The Walk Through **The Story of Time and Life** begins in the south basement lobby of the Science Building. The walls with exhibit panels and posters are marked by **Dinosaur Footprints along the floor!**

**Ga = Billions of years ago**  
**Ma = Million of years ago**  
**Ka = Thousands of years ago**

Find below the content displayed on various walls within the building. See **Exhibit Map (on back)** to locate the walls referred to below.

**PART I: Basement Level (Engineering & Earth Sciences) – South to North South Entrance Basement Lobby**

WALL#	FOSSIL GALLERY AND KICKOFF
A	<b>Fossil:</b> <i>Dimetrodon</i>
B	<b>Panels:</b> Introduction to the Exhibit; Mammoth or Mastodon; Contributions <b>Fossil:</b> Elephant Footprint <b>Banners:</b> Welcome Banner, Footprints Banner
C	<b>Poster:</b> What is A Fossil?
D	<b>Fossil:</b> <i>Plesiosaur</i>
E	<b>Fossil:</b> Dinosaur Footprints
F	<b>Fossils:</b> <i>Dilophosaurus</i> , <i>Ichthyosaur</i> , <i>Plesiosaur</i>
G	<b>Fossil:</b> Early large jawed fish ( <i>Xiphactinus</i> )
H	<b>Panels:</b> Rock Clock; It's All Relative
I	<b>Mural:</b> Big Fish

WALL#	The Walk Begins
K	<b>Panels:</b> 13.7 Ga Big Bang; Universe Lets Light Shine; 12.7 Ga Galaxy Era <b>Photos:</b> Max Planck; Einstein <b>Posters:</b> Hubble Ultra Deep Field; Galaxies
L	<b>Posters:</b> Universe; Periodic Table of Elements; Scaled Solar System; 4.6 Ga The Sun <b>Panel:</b> 5 Ga Solar System Formation;
M	<b>Posters:</b> The Aurora; The Earth
N	<b>Posters:</b> Meteorites; Earth's Structure <b>Panel:</b> Remnants of the Past
O	<b>Panel:</b> 4.6 Ga Earth Formation
P	<b>Poster:</b> Moon <b>Panel:</b> 4.5 Ga Moon Formation
Q	<b>Poster:</b> Scaled Earth Layers
R	<b>Panels:</b> Early Atmosphere; 4.4 Ga When Things Got Hard; 4.4 Ga The Great Flood; Curtain Rises On Life
S	<b>Poster:</b> Earth's Surface Today

WALL#	First Floor (Physics) – North to South
A	<b>Panel:</b> Plate Tectonics
B	<b>Panel:</b> Convection; Layers of Earth; Kinds of Plates
C	<b>Panel:</b> Plate Boundaries; Plate Tectonics Through Time
	<b>NOTE:</b> Visit Earthquake Hall, our Seismograph, and other Physics displays in the main hall as you travel to the end of the hallways and the continuation of our story!
D	<b>Poster:</b> Geologic Time <b>Panels:</b> First Evidence Panel; 3.8 Ga The First Spark of Life; 3.5 Ga Stone Blankets; 3.5-2 Ga The Great Rust Storm (Banded Iron Formations)
E	<b>Panels:</b> 2.2 Ga Eukaryotes; 1.4 Ga Green Planet (+ Errata) 1.2 Ga Rodinia: The First Supercontinent

WALL#	Second Floor (Chemistry) – South to North
A	<b>Panel:</b> 600 Ma Ediacaran Garden
B	<b>Panels:</b> 600 Ma Soft Body, Hard Body; Old Softies; 550 Ma Development of hard parts: The Hard Facts; Sticking To Basics
C	<b>Panels:</b> 530 Ma Blueprint For Backbones Panel 520 Ma First Vertebrates (A Little Backbone) 500 Ma First Arthropods (Leg Up On Evolution) 475 Ma North America Margin Subducts
D	<b>Panels:</b> 430 Ma First life on land – plants! (Happy Landings) First jawed vertebrates (Jaws) 425 Ma First animals on land: Arthropods, like scorpions (Patter of Little Feet) 400 Ma – First lunged vertebrates (Breath Of Fresh Air) First jawed fishes – such as sharks (White Death, Skin and Bones; From Fins To Limbs) 380 Ma – Improved fins (Something Fishy) 370 Ma A New Leaf 350-290 Ma Fuel Forests <b>Samples:</b> Coal, in varying degrees of formation
E	<b>Mural:</b> Early life on land
F	<b>Panels:</b> 300 Ma First Dragonflies, nonfolding wings (Winging It) First Amniotes (Have Eggshell Will Travel) Synapsids and Reptiles (A Hole In the Head) First Cycads: palm-like plants (Seeds of Change) 245 Ma Major extinction event ends the Paleozoic (Here Today Gone Tomorrow) Flood Basalt Extinctions
G	<b>Poster:</b> 245-65 Ma The Age of the Dinosaurs!

WALL#	Third Floor (Biology) – North to South
A	<b>Panels:</b> 240 Ma – First seed-bearing plants (Going To Seed) 235 Ma – First Upright Dinosaurs (Up And At 'Em), Pterosaurs with leathery wings (Flying Fingers), Learn how footprints are fossilized (Good Impressions), Learn what dinosaurs look like (A New Look).
B	<b>Panels:</b> 235 Ma – First Ichthyosaurs (see Basement Ichthyosaur Fossil!) 230 Ma – First Amphibians (Water Babies) 225 Ma – Pangaea Formation (also see Plate Tectonics Section on Floor 1) 220 Ma – First Crocodilians (In A While, Crocodile) 215 Ma – First Plesiosaurs (see Basement Plesiosaur Fossil!) 160 Ma – First Sauropods: (Four On The Floor) 152 Ma – First Birds: (Birds Are Dinosaurs) 145 Ma – First Mammals (If The Shrew Fits) <b>Samples:</b> Shrew skeleton and rodent skulls
C	<b>Panels:</b> 140 Ma – First carnivorous 'saurs (Crunchers & Munchers) 110 Ma – First Deinonychus: large sickle-shaped claws used for slashing prey (Terrible Claw)
D	<b>Panels:</b> Out of the Woods 100 Ma – First marine lizards (Last One In The Water) 95 Ma – First horned dinosaurs (Thundering Herds) <b>Fossil:</b> Triceratops tooth
E	<b>Panels:</b> 75 Ma – First Maiasaura (Good Mother Dinosaur) 71 Ma – First Tyrannosaurus Rex (Face To Face) Review how we determine these ages (It's All Relative) 65 Ma – Dinosaurs go extinct (End Of The Line) Flood Basalt Extinctions Bird and Mammals advance (Land Of Opportunity) <b>Poster:</b> 65 Ma onward – The Age of Mammals
E*	<b>Mural:</b> Dinosaurs in the Forest
F	<b>Panels:</b> 63 Ma – First Primates (Monkey Puzzle) 55 Ma – First grazing teeth in mammals (Grass Guzzlers; Sea of Grass) <b>Samples:</b> Tooth evolved to eat grass; Grass sample
G	<b>Panels:</b> 50 Ma – First whales (Warm Blood, Cold Water); California Cat 25 Ma – A Crack Spreads Across California 12 Ma – First Horned Rhinos (Headlines) 2 Ma to today – Ice Ages 400 Ka – Formation of San Francisco Bay 10-25 Ka – Wisconsin Ice Age (A Bridge is Crossed)
H	<b>Panel:</b> 2-4 Ma – Ancient Hominids
I	<b>Panels:</b> 1800s and today – San Francisco Estuary Life Elsewhere in the Universe? <b>Poster:</b> Carl Sagan's Cosmic Calendar