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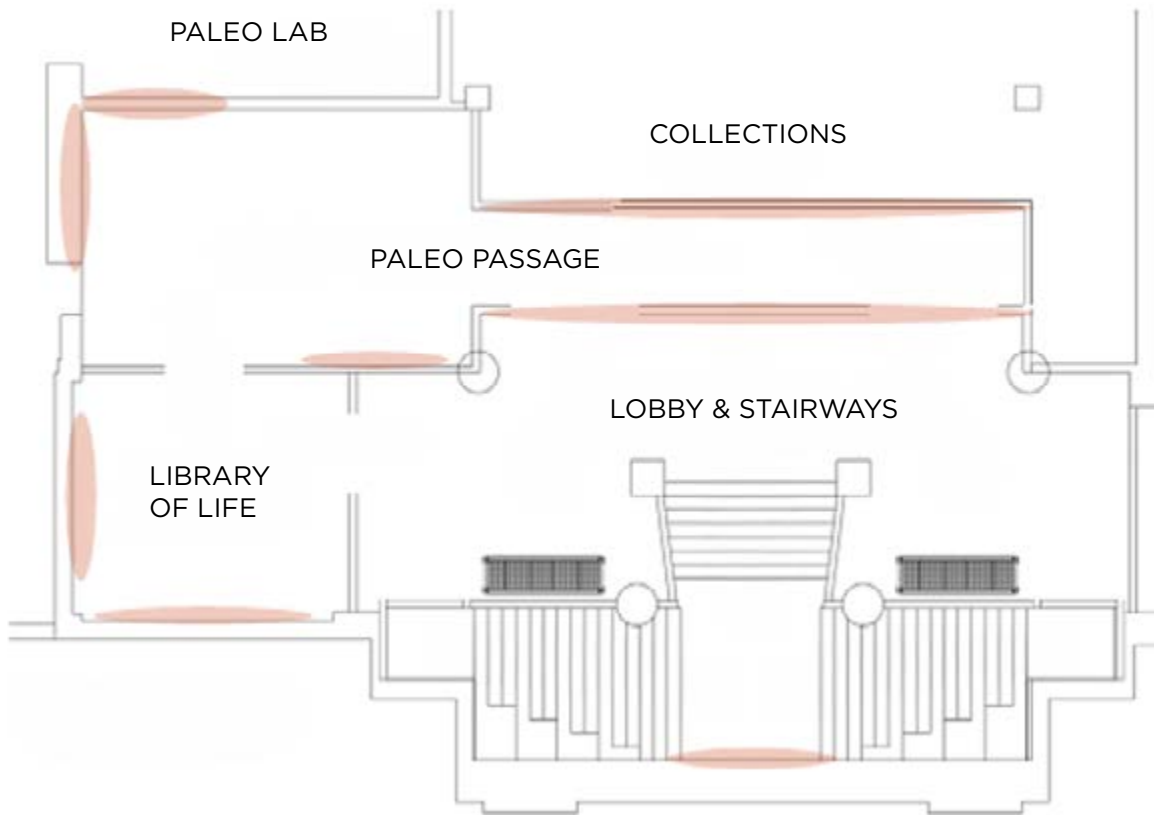
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AMAZEMENT IN THE BASEMENT: SCAVENGER HUNT

Have you ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes at The Nat?

Our newest experience offers a rare “backstage” glimpse into the Museum’s collections and research work. Use this scavenger hunt to explore *Amazement in the Basement*.

LOWER LEVEL MAP



LOBBY & STAIRWAYS

1. With a wave of my fin, I welcome visitors in. What am I?
2. One to the left and one to the right, we stare you down with our feathers of white. What are we?
3. We crawl, flutter, and buzz as we pass by. How many boxes can you spy that are filled with specimens of our kind?

PALEO PASSAGE

1. Rock-a-bye baby fossil in the paleo collection. What do you call the big white things that protect our fossils in storage?
 2. About 120,000 years ago this bone played an important part in helping me roam. I am a distant relative of the elephant. Who am I? What bone of mine can be found on display?
 3. Scientists solved the mystery of what I was when I was found near the Museum. Can you put the puzzle together and discover what I am?
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LIBRARY OF LIFE

1. I'm elusive and quiet, I hunt in the night. Droppings filled with fur, my diet is clear—What am I that leaves such signs near?
2. We can be big or small; but always watch out when we fall. To help our trees grow strong and tall, spreading seeds is our call. Name one of us that you can find.
3. In ponds and streams where red-legged frogs like to play, a tiny fungus gets in their way. It is hard to see, but it makes them sick—invasive frogs carry this disease without dying from it. What is it called?

ANSWER KEY

LOBBY & STAIRWAYS

1. With a wave of my fin, I welcome visitors in. What am I?
Cuvier's beaked whale or gray whale fin
 2. One to the left and one to the right, we stare you down with our feathers of white.
What are we? **American White Pelican**
 3. We crawl, flutter, and buzz as we pass by. How many boxes can you spy that are filled with specimens of our kind? **8**
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PALEO PASSAGE

1. Rock-a-bye baby fossil in the paleo collection. What do you call the big white things that protect our fossils in storage? **Cradle**
 2. About 120,000 years ago this bone played an important part in helping me roam. I am a distant relative of the elephant. Who am I? What bone of mine can be found on display? **Mastodon leg bone**
 3. Scientists solved the mystery of what I was when I was found near the Museum. Can you put the puzzle together and discover what I am? **Dire wolf**
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LIBRARY OF LIFE

1. I'm elusive and quiet, I hunt in the night. Droppings filled with fur, my diet is clear—
What am I that leaves such signs near? **Mountain Lion**
2. We can be big or small; but always watch out when we fall. To help our trees grow strong and tall, spreading seeds is our call. Name one of us that you can find.
Coulter, Torrey, Sierra lodgepole, Shortleaf, or Cedros Island pinecone
3. In ponds and streams where red-legged frogs like to play, a tiny fungus gets in their way. It is hard to see, but it makes them sick—invasive frogs carry this disease without dying from it. What is it called? **Chytrid fungus**