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Museum Hours

Summer (June 1 – Aug 31) 9 AM – 7 PM Daily
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For more information on upcoming exhibits and events, visit us online at museum.uaf.edu.

Museum Membership

Museum members receive free admission, enrollment in the UAMN Curiosity Club for kids, and other benefits. Join now at the admissions desk or online – bit.ly/uamnjoin.

About the Museum

The Alaska Territorial Legislature included a museum in the charter for the University of Alaska in 1917, making the University of Alaska Museum of the North a part of the university system from the very beginning. The museum offered its first exhibit in 1929 – a collection of ethnographic, archaeological and paleontological material collected by local naturalist Otto Geist along with the University’s small collection of paintings.

Over the years, the museum collections grew through field acquisitions, donations and the transfer of collections from other institutions. Today, the museum is the premier repository for artifacts and specimens collected in Alaska and a leader in northern natural and cultural history research. The museum’s exhibits and public programs enrich the lives of community members and visitors alike.

 The University of Alaska Museum of the North is a wheelchair accessible facility. Designated parking is available near the museum entrance.

The museum’s exhibits and programs are supported by



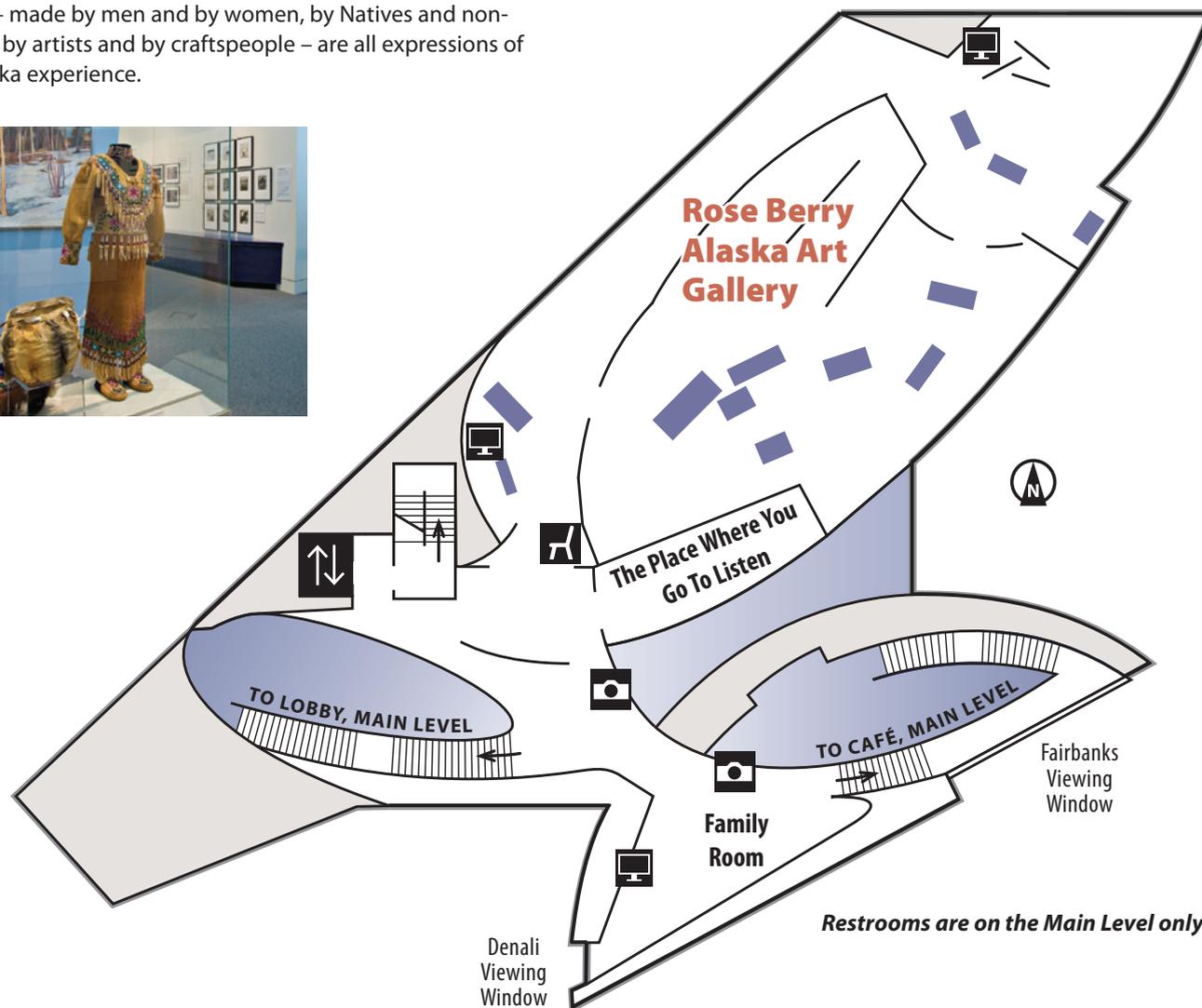
Upper Level

Rose Berry Alaska Art Gallery

Explore a 2,000-year spectrum of Alaskan art, from ancient ivory carvings to contemporary sculpture. The works in this gallery – made by men and by women, by Natives and non-Natives, by artists and by craftspeople – are all expressions of the Alaska experience.



Patricia Fisher/Fisher Photography



“A model for 21st century art and anthropological museums.”

—National Endowment for the Humanities

The Place Where You Go to Listen

Experience this ever-changing sound and light environment created by Fairbanks composer John Luther Adams, the 2014 Pulitzer Prize winner for music. The installation is driven by real-time environmental conditions, including the position of the sun and moon, earthquake activity and the aurora.

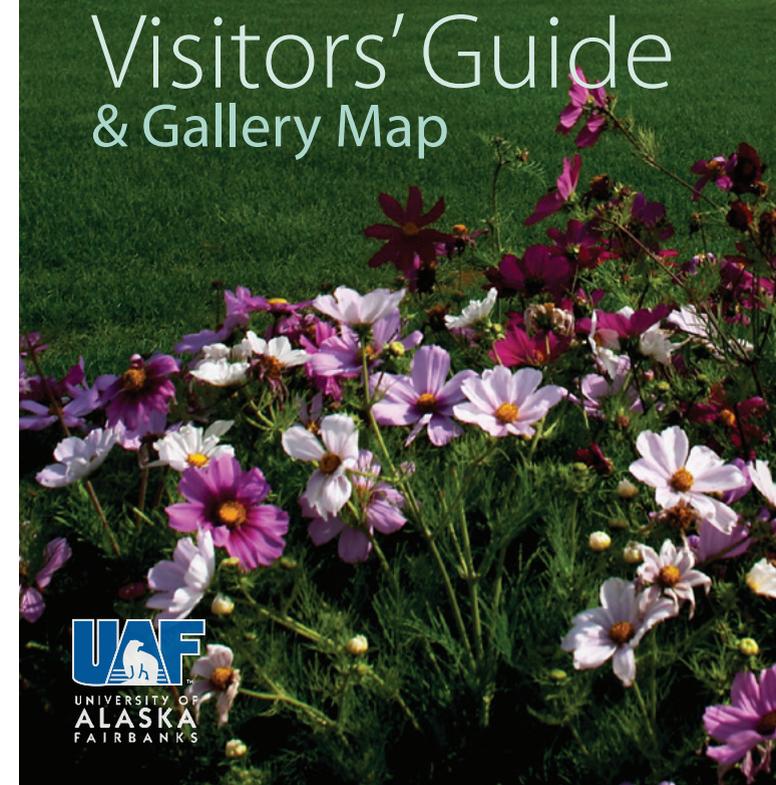


Family Room

Relax on our comfy couches, enjoy puzzles and games for children and families, and explore our multimedia resources in this space.



Visitors' Guide
 & Gallery Map



Welcome to the University of Alaska Museum of the North

This gallery map will help you find your way around the museum. From Alaska's wildlife to contemporary Alaska Native art, whatever your interest, you'll find something appealing on exhibit.

- Main Level**
- Gallery of Alaska
 - Auditorium
 - Special Exhibits and Collections Gallery
 - Museum Store
 - Museum Café
 - Creativity Lab
 - Museum Classroom

- Upper Level (see reverse)**
- Rose Berry Alaska Art Gallery
 - The Place Where You Go to Listen
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Thank you and enjoy your visit.

Please note:

For the safety of other visitors and to protect the exhibits, please observe these guidelines:

- No smoking or pets are allowed in the museum.
- Photography and video recording are permitted for personal, non-commercial use only.
- Touch only those exhibits with the "Please Touch" icon. Dirt and oils from our skin can damage the exhibits.

No food or beverages in the galleries.

UAF is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer and educational institution. The University of Alaska Museum of the North has been accredited by the American Alliance of Museums since 1973. UAMN photos except where noted. This page: aurora photo by Paul Jensen; polar bear drawing by Todd Sherman; Everyone's Grandfather totem pole photo by Barry McWayne, and Seal skin doll by Beulah Oittillan, photo by Jake Sirevaag.

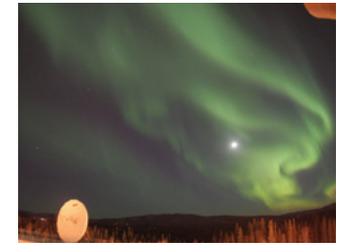
Main Level

Gallery of Alaska



Award-winning exhibits give visitors an introduction to this vast and diverse state. Exhibits focus on the cultures, wildlife, geography and history of each of Alaska's five major geographic regions. Highlights include Alaska's largest public display of gold, videos on the aurora, extensive displays on Alaska Native culture and Blue Babe, the world's only mummified steppe bison on exhibit.

Arnold Espe Auditorium



The museum offers **Dynamic Aurora** and other movies several times daily. Movie passes are available for an additional charge at the admission desk.

Special Exhibits and Collections Galleries



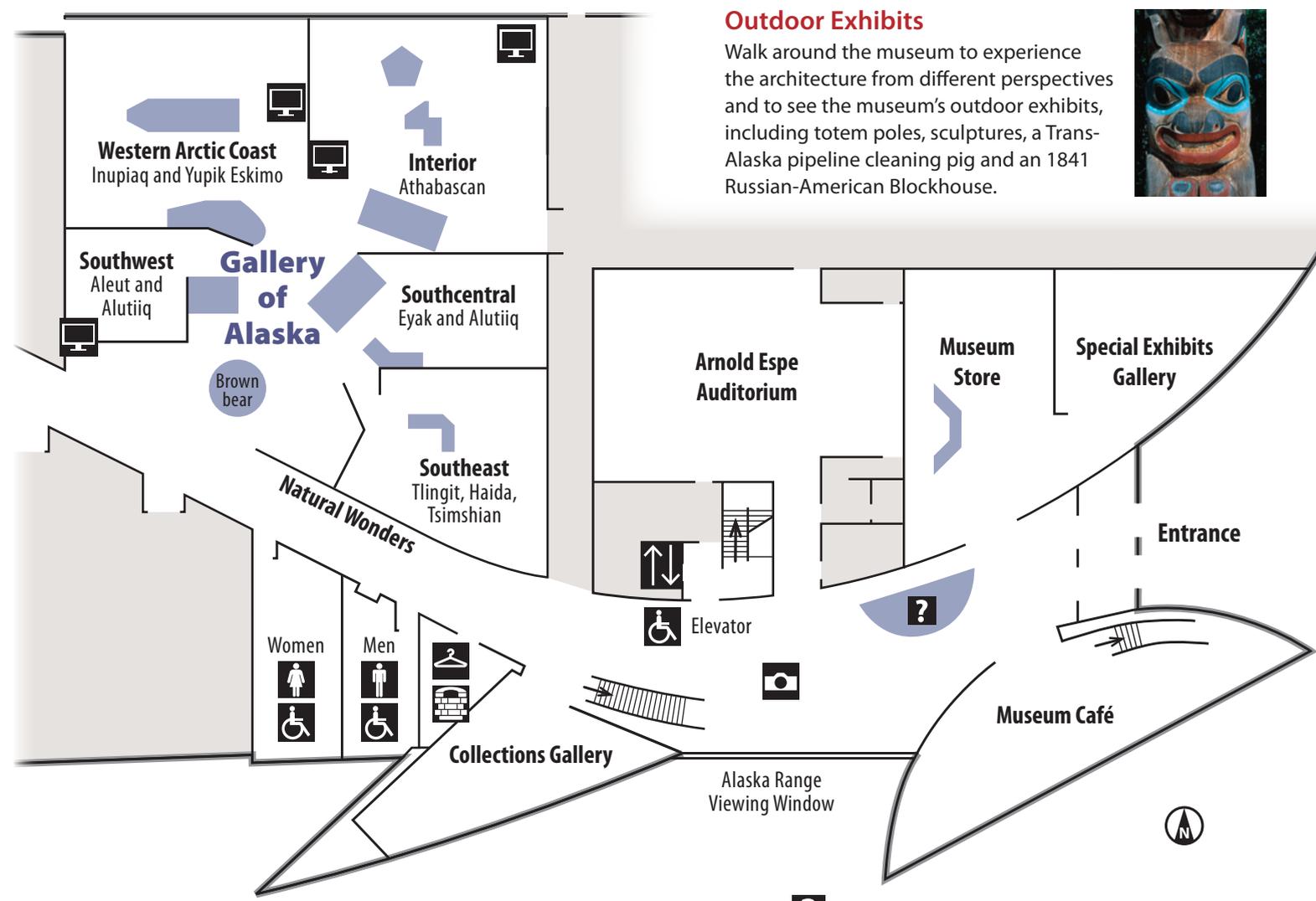
The museum offers a variety of short-term exhibits throughout the year. Recent special exhibits include *Polar Passion* and *Expedition Alaska: Dinosaurs*. A second rotating display offers a unique look at artifacts, objects and specimens from the museum's collections and elsewhere.

Museum Store



Shop for a wide variety of handmade Alaska Native art, books, videos, jewelry and other fine Alaskan gifts. Proceeds support the museum's exhibits, research and education programs.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please ask a Museum Attendant at the admission desk or in the exhibit galleries.



Outdoor Exhibits

Walk around the museum to experience the architecture from different perspectives and to see the museum's outdoor exhibits, including totem poles, sculptures, a Trans-Alaska pipeline cleaning pig and an 1841 Russian-American Blockhouse.



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- Video/media station
- Coatroom
- TTY
- Architectural viewing point
- Folding chairs for galleries



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While you're here, share a photo on Facebook or tweet what you think about your favorite specimen.

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- TripAdvisor/ MuseumOfTheNorth
- Download the Alaska App and take us with you