The Place Where You Go to Listen

The Place Where You Go to Listen is a unique sound and light environment created by Grammy and Pulitzer Prize-winning composer John Luther Adams. This ever-changing musical ecosystem gives voice to the rhythms of daylight and darkness, the phases of the moon, the seismic vibrations of the earth, and the dance of the aurora borealis.

Family Room

For kids of all ages. Relax, browse our collection of books and maps, and investigate hands-on activities from previous exhibits and public programs.
Welcome to the University of Alaska Museum of the North

Immerse yourself in Alaska’s diverse wildlife, people, and lands. This gallery map will help you find your way around the museum.

Main Level
- Gallery of Alaska
- Arnold Espe Auditorium
- Special Exhibits and Collections Galleries
- Museum Store
- Café
- Creativity Lab

Upper Level (see reverse)
- Rose Berry Alaska Art Gallery
- The Place Where You Go to Listen
- Family Room
- Bowhead Whale Exhibit

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.

Main Level

Gallery of Alaska

Our cultural and natural history gallery explores Alaska’s five geographic regions through a selection of the museum’s 2.5 million objects and artifacts. Learn about the people, wildlife, geography, and the history of each region.

From natural history to recorded history, explore Alaska through the objects in our collections.

Arnold Espe Auditorium

The museum offers Dynamic Aurora, Arctic Currents, and Expedition Alaska: Dinosaurs several times daily. Movie passes are available at the Admissions Desk.

Special Exhibits and Collections Galleries

These galleries explore the art, culture, history, and science of Alaska. They highlight the recent adventures of museum and university researchers, whether prying apart driftwood on an active Aleutian volcano, or observing marmot behavior high on Alaska’s tundra.

Museum Store

Shop for a wide variety of handmade Alaska Native art, books, jewelry, stationery, decor, and other fine Alaskan gifts. Proceeds support the museum’s exhibits, research, and education programs. Browse inventory online at shop.museum.uaf.edu

If you have any questions or need assistance, please ask a Museum Attendant at the Admissions Desk.

Let’s Get Social!
While you’re here, tag a photo on Facebook or share your experience on TripAdvisor.

Download
the free mobile app by searching UA Museum of the North in the App Store.

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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