

The University of Manchester
The Manchester
Museum

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EVENTS & EXHIBITIONS

...there's much more at The Manchester Museum

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Exhibitions

Free entry

Finding Manchester, lost in Bolivia

Until 30 Jan 2011

2 people, 1 canoe, 300 piranha fish, 243 miles, 79 days, 1400 photos and 1 warm welcome. Follow Chris Smith and Liz Peel on their search for the South American Manchester.

Health Rocks

Until 1 Apr 2011

Scientists believe doing five simple things a day can protect our mental wellbeing. This display and trail shows how the Museum could contribute to your five a day.

CHINA: JOURNEY TO THE EAST

A British Museum Tour supported by BP, a CHINA NOW legacy project


Until 26 Jun 2011

Soak up 3,000 years of history and culture through objects from the British Museum, alongside stories about modern day China.

Stonehenge: henge diggers

19 Feb-17 Jul 2011

Photos by Bill Bevan and emotive texts capture the feelings of archaeologists as they dig and make discoveries near this renowned sacred site.



Families or adults, as a group or on your own - there's something for everyone. We'd love to see you soon at one of our exhibitions or events.

New galleries

Living Planet

Opens Apr 2011

Polar bears living in the arctic may seem very distant but choices we make can help reduce climate change and help them survive. Living Planet, the new home for our stuffed animals, will explore the connections between all living things, including us, and show how we can all shape the future by the choices we make.

Ancient Egypt & Mediterranean Archaeology

Close May 2011

This is so we can create our new Ancient Worlds galleries: Discovering Archaeology, Egyptian World and Exploring Objects. These are due to open in Oct 2012, 100 years after the Museum's first Egypt gallery opened in 1912.

Big Saturdays

Touching a 200 million year old fossil and objects from ancient cultures; stroking a fox; meeting scientists working on the latest research; making your own treasures; performances and films; having objects brought to life through storytelling and tours. These are some of the things you can experience at our monthly Big Sats.



Booking: Most activities are drop-in, some may need to be booked on the day
Cost: Most activities are free, some may cost up to £1.50
Age: All ages - from under 5s to adults

Sat 29 Jan / 11am-4pm
Monsters

Sat 12 Feb / 11am-4pm
Happiness

Sat 19 Mar / 11am-4pm
The body experience

Sat 9 Apr / 11am-4pm
Planet youth

Sat 7 May / 11am-4pm
Living planet

Sat 11 Jun / 11am-4pm
Journey to the West

School holidays

Similar to Big Saturdays, but the activities go on all week.

Booking / Cost / Age: Same as Big Sats

Feb half term

Mon 21-Fri 25 Feb / 11am-4pm
Year of the Rabbit

It is said that people born in the Year of the Rabbit are creative, compassionate and sensitive. Identify and make your Chinese Zodiac animal.

Easter holidays

Mon 18-Thurs 21 & Tues 26-Fri 29 Apr / 11am-4pm
Chinese food, play & writing

Make jam tarts (which were used in China as a feast for the soul in the afterlife), shadow puppets and simple Chinese characters.

May/June half term

Mon 30 May-Fri 3 Jun / 11am-4pm
Living Planet

What would happen to Planet Earth if we had no minibeasts like dung beetles and earthworms? Create an animal or plant and add it to our giant paper chain of life.

Magic Carpet

T.rex, mummy rabbit and Monkey are some of the characters you'll meet at our Magic Carpet storytelling and activity sessions.



Book on 0161 275 2648 a week before
Cost: £1 per child
Age: Under 5s and their families/carers

Fri 28 Jan / 11am-12pm
Monsters

Fri 25 Feb / 11am-12pm
Year of the Rabbit

Fri 25 Mar / 11am-12pm
Head, shoulders, knees & toes

Fri 29 Apr / 11am-12pm
Dinosaurs

Fri 27 May / 11am-12pm
Living planet

Fri 24 Jun / 11am-12pm
Journey to the West

Museums at night

Sat 14 May / 5-9pm

The ghost of a man from the 1880s is just one of the Museum's ghostly sightings. See if you can spot anything on our spooky tour and watch an after-hours family friendly film screening.

Booking essential.

Email anna.bunney@manchester.ac.uk, £5

Skills swap shops & poetry

Booking: Drop-in

Cost: Free

Age: Adults and older children unless otherwise stated

Tues 8 Mar / 3.30-5pm
International Women's Day skills swap shop

Are you proud of the woolly jumper you've just knitted? Or your grandma's legendary chocolate cake recipe? Swap your skills with others, learn museum skills such as conservation and find out about the Museum's women collectors.

All ages

Thurs 19 May / 12-4pm
Nature skills swap shop

Bird spotting, flower pressing and growing your own fruit and veg. These are the kinds of skills you could learn and share with other visitors and experts from the Museum, Manchester City Council and elsewhere. Part of Adult Learners Week.

Thurs 9 Jun / 6.30-8pm
Poetic inspirations

An evening of poetry reading inspired by the Museum's collection.

Talks & debates

Book on 0161 275 2648

Cost: Free

Age: Adults and older children

**Fri 21 Jan / Tues 22 Feb /
Mon 21 Mar / Tues 3 May /
Tues 14 Jun / 12.30-1.30pm**

Confucius Institute China talks

Gunpowder, silk, paper and porcelain were all invented in China. Find out more about one of the most important and influential civilisations in world history in this series of talks by The Confucius Institute.

Thurs 3 Feb / 12.30-1.15pm

Fern hunting in China

There are 1500 species of ferns in Yunnan Province, China, compared to 50 in Britain. Join Yvonne Golding for an illustrated account of the recent British Pteridological Society expedition to China.

Thurs 3 Mar / 3.30-4.30pm

Fairtrade teatime treat

Come along for a cuppa (about 165 million of which are drunk in Britain each day) and to find out about Fairtrade tea, Manchester's links to tea and see some *Camellia sinensis* (tea) specimens.

Thurs 17 Mar / 12.30-1.45pm
Arguments and umbrella stands: Victorian Manchester's natural history collections

In Victorian Manchester there was a Geological Society and a Natural History Society. They shared a museum, but disagreed about the admission fee – and about everything else, including the museum's umbrella stand. Find out more then go on a behind-the-scenes geology tour.

**Sat 7 May / Sat 14 May / Sat 21
May / Sat 28 May / Sat 4 Jun /
Sat 11 Jun / 2-3pm**

Conservation & sustainability

Did pre-historic hunters live in balance with nature or over exploit their resources? How can we make sure our current food resources, such as fish, are harvested sustainably? Join museum and university experts along with 6 objects from the Museum's collection to explore the history of sustainability and how we might become more sustainable.

**Come along to our Big Saturdays
for more talks and tours**



Specialist

Showcase lectures

As a leading university Museum, we offer talks from experts on the latest museum based research.

Booking: Drop-in
Cost: Free
Age: Adults



Wed 9 Feb / 3-4.30pm

Cursus awareness: the other Stonehenge monument

Mark Anstee, Leverhulme Artist in Residence in Archaeology.

Wed 23 Mar / 3-4.30pm

The Artificial Ape: Technology, Evolution and Humanity

Timothy Taylor, author and archaeologist.

Wed 8 Jun / 3-4.30pm

Contested points: a 1920s archaeological controversy

Bryan Sitch, The Manchester Museum.

Access

We aim to meet everyone's access needs. Please let us know about any requirements a week in advance of any event you would like to attend.

Phone **0161 275 2648** or email **museum@manchester.ac.uk**

Whitworth Art Gallery

Five minutes up the road you'll find the University's art gallery, the Whitworth, home to art, wallpaper and great cakes.

Opening times

Tues-Sat: 10am-5pm

Sun, Mon & Bank hols: 11am-4pm

27-31 Dec: 11am-4pm

24-26 Dec & 1 Jan: closed

Booking and information line:

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