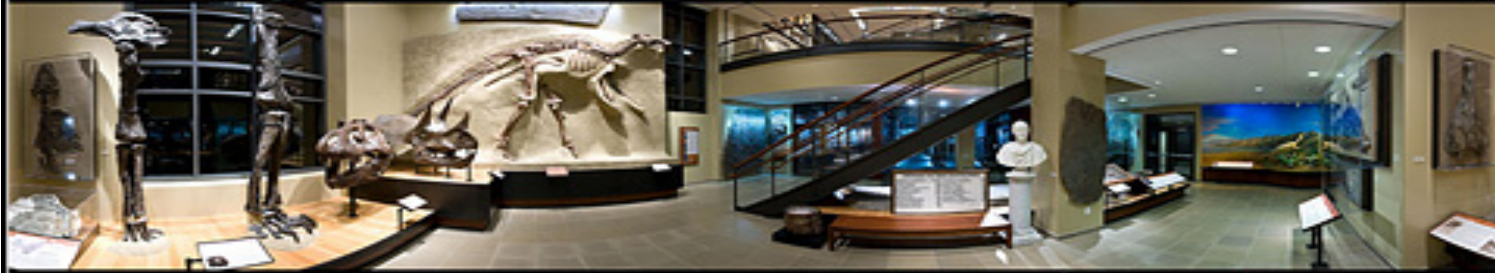


Herbivores & Carnivores – (Scavenger Hunt)

(Ages 3-6 with support Ages 7 & up independent)

Hints for Parents & Chaperones



MUSEUM INFORMATION:

The "Herbivores & Carnivores" activity sheet is designed for children to practice scientific inquiry to be used in the Beneski Museum of Natural History.

- The Beneski Museum of Natural History displays the fossil remains of many different creatures throughout different periods of life.
- While exploring the exhibition, encourage your children to look above their heads to see specimens displayed at different levels of the museum.
- Please allow your children a few minutes to explore the main and bottom floor before beginning the Herbivores & Carnivores activity.
- The part of the question stating "How do you know I am carnivore/herbivore?" is a good time for children to discuss.
- All specimens can be found on the main and bottom floor.
- Remind your children to look all around them, even above their heads.
- Remember: While in reach of children, remind them that the exhibits in the museum are fragile. Please do not allow them to touch any of the exhibits.

At Home :

Extend the fun!

- This activity sheet includes definitions for herbivore and carnivore. Nevertheless, make sure children are aware of the words they are given. Talk with your children before your visit about different eating habits.
- The focus of this activity sheet is mainly on teeth, but explain to your children some other ways that an animal can be identified as an herbivore or carnivore.

Carnivore & Herbivores

Name: _____

What is a carnivore? *Carnivores* are meat-eating animals. They need sharp nipping incisors, piercing canines, and slicing premolars and molar teeth. Their teeth are built to cut through meat like a knife.

What is an herbivore? *Herbivores* are plant-eaters. They generally have large grinding pre-molars to break down and process hard-to-digest plant materials.

Check through the museum to find animals that match the description and picture. To find these animals, you will have to look critically at all of the exhibits.

I am a carnivore. I have similar K9 teeth to the Sabertooth Cat. I lived millions of years before the great Cat. I am found on the main floor.

What am I? _____

When did I live? _____

How do you know I am a carnivore?



I am an herbivore. I lived until the end of the Last Ice Age. I spent much of my time in caves and enjoyed eating fruit and berries. I am found on the main floor.



What am I? _____

Where Did I live? _____

How do you know I am an herbivore?

I am a carnivore. I am a dinosaur, not a mammal. People often think of me as a fierce hunter but I was also a scavenger. I am found on the bottom floor.



What am I? _____

Where Did I live? _____

How do you know I am a carnivore?

I am an herbivore. I am a dinosaur as well. A pointed, toothless bone at the front of my face is a beak to help me snip plants. I am located on the bottom floor.



What am I? _____

Where Did I live? _____

How do you know I am an herbivore?

I am an herbivore. I am a part of a long line of evolution. I use my front teeth to snip up vegetation while my back molars grind up my meal. I am located on the Main floor.

What am I? _____

Where Did I live? _____

How do you know I am an herbivore?

