Our Visit to the Rutgers Geology Museum
INTRODUCTION

We can read this story to get ready to go to the Rutgers Geology Museum. In this story, we will learn what to expect at the museum step-by-step. We will learn about how to enter the museum, some of the people we will meet on our visit, and what we can do at the museum.

We are going to have such a fun visit at the museum!

We are going to visit the Rutgers Geology Museum. The museum is on a college campus. When we arrive, we might see students and teachers walking around.
The Rutgers Geology Museum is on the second floor of the building so we will have to walk up some stairs. While walking up the stairs, we will try to use inside voices because people are working and need quiet.

When we enter the museum, we will be at the welcome desk. This area might be crowded. We might have to wait in line to check in. We will wait patiently until it is our turn to talk to the staff at the desk.
When it is our turn, staff at the welcome desk will greet us and ask us to sign in. We will write our names down so they know who we are.

The staff will ask us if we want to do a scavenger hunt.

If we complete the scavenger hunt, we will get a prize.

We can decide to do the scavenger hunt or not.

Both choices are good.

Let’s practice writing our name.
The staff who work at the museum can help us during our visit. We can ask them questions about the museum and they will help us find the answer.

While in the museum, there are some things we can touch and some things we can’t touch. We will ask which things we can touch and look at the rest.

There are a lot of cool things we can see in the museum. Some things we can see are...
We can see the grallator and its footprints. A grallator was a small dinosaur that left a 3-toed footprint.

We can look at the other dinosaurs’ footprints too!
We can even see some that glow in the dark!

To see the glow in the dark minerals, we have to go into a special room. We will have to hit a button to turn off the lights. The room will be dark. We will not be scared.
We can see Manny the mastodon. The mastodon is a relative of the Woolly Mammoth and elephants!

We can see the mummy named Iset-Ha. She is over 2,000 years old! We can look at the way she crosses her arms and how her face is painted on the top of her coffin.
When we are done looking on the first floor, we can **climb the spiral staircase** to go to the second floor.

If we don’t want to climb the spiral staircase, we can go **outside** the museum to **climb regular stairs** and come back in.
We can see the giant spider crab on the second floor. Did you know this crab can grow as big as a human, and sometimes even bigger?!

We can also find more minerals upstairs. They have different textures and colors. Some might even look shiny and reflect the light off of them.
If we need to sit, we can find a seat on the first or second floor and sit.

If we need a break, we can find a quiet place in the museum to rest or we can leave and come back later.

If we need to go to the bathroom, I can ask a grownup to bring me to the bathroom. We will walk downstairs to the basement to find the bathroom.
Some people want to spend a long time in the museum. Other people want to stay for only a short time. Both are good.

The important thing is that we enjoy our time at the museum. If there are some things we did not see, we can come back another day or look online.

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