

Around the Country

Marine Life Up Close

On Saturday, November 21, 2015, the new *Marine Life* exhibition in the Putnam Family Gallery opened at the Harvard Museum of Natural History. The centerpiece of the new exhibition—a floor to ceiling re-creation of life in New England's coastal waters—immerses visitors in the astounding diversity and dynamic interplay among animals in marine communities just off local shores. As models of glowing jellies, a giant sea turtle, and other sea animals appear to swim above their heads, museum visitors will learn about new research and explore displays of real fishes, mollusks, crustaceans, corals, and other marine organisms selected from the world-renowned collections of Harvard's Museum of Comparative Zoology. A special interactive display introduces visitors of all ages to the amazing world of jellyfish, and the ocean exploration theater takes viewers on a multimedia journey of discovery into the surface and deep oceans of the world, guided by Harvard biologists.

The amazingly realistic dioramas were created by Terry Chase of the Chase Studio in Missouri. Long considered the leader in the field of museum exhibit arts, Chase Studio has designed and built thousands of natural history exhibits for over 250 museums and nature centers.



This lifelike re-creation of a finned fish is part of the stunning diorama on display in the new *Marine Life* exhibition.

Harvard Museum of Natural History
26 Oxford Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts
617-495-3045 • www.hmn.harvard.edu

ARIZONA Phoenix

ARIZONA SCIENCE CENTER
Ongoing: "My Digital World." This gallery introduces visitors to the science behind digital communications, how they work, and how they are utilized to create and share ideas and information.
600 East Washington Street
602-716 2000
www.azscience.org

CALIFORNIA Los Angeles

CALIFORNIA SCIENCE CENTER
Ongoing: "Journey to Space: The Exhibition." Examine the challenges and innovative solutions required for human space

exploration, including the very real dangers astronauts face during their missions high above the Earth. Get a feeling for what space is like, how we are learning to live and work in space, and how we are preparing for bolder and more distant missions.
Exposition Park
700 Exposition Boulevard
323-SCIENCE (323-724-3623)
www.californiasciencecenter.org

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY
Ongoing: "Visible Vault: Archaeological Treasures From Ancient Latin America." In this unique permanent exhibition, more than 600 fascinating artifacts

and treasures from ancient America are on view, illustrating the sophistication and diversity of the civilizations that thrived throughout the Americas prior to European exploration.
Exposition Park
900 Exposition Boulevard
213-763-DINO
www.nhm.org

San Diego

SAN DIEGO NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM
Opening March 19: "Whales: Giants of the Deep." This exhibition's unique blend of science, storytelling, and innovative interactive displays gives visitors the opportunity to discover more about

whales, which are some of the world's most elusive creatures. Developed and presented by the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, the exhibition features two fully-articulated sperm whale skeletons, and showcases amazing and rare specimens from Te Papa's whale collection, one of the largest in the world.
Balboa Park
1788 El Prado
619-232-3821
www.sdnhm.org

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Denver
DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURE AND SCIENCE
Opening February 12: "Chocolate: The Exhibi-