Museum Addition Features Dynamic, Engaging Spaces

Science Engagement Center: Three Above-Ground Levels

With a beautiful glass expanse that truly connects the Denver Museum of Nature & Science and City Park, the three-level Science Engagement Center will forever alter how visitors interact with science.

New Temporary Exhibition Gallery

Ramses II, Genghis Khan, Benjamin Franklin. Some of the greatest names in history have been featured in spectacular traveling exhibitions at the Museum, attracting millions of visitors over the years. The new Temporary Exhibition Gallery will adjoin the existing Phipps Gallery, allowing an expansive, dynamic space that greatly enhances the Museum’s ability to bring blockbuster exhibitions to Denver. This second gallery may also be used independently to present small or mid-size exhibitions.

New Discovery Zone

The Museum’s youngest visitors experience the joy of learning through hands-on play. The new Discovery Zone takes inspiration from locations around Colorado to provide children with the opportunity to discover their world, place by place. Dinosaur Gulch, Science Kitchen, Big Backyard, and the Water Play area are just a few of the unique spaces where children can innovatively interact and engage with nature and science.

Science Studios

These 21st-century learning areas are designed for today’s student. Each studio incorporates gorgeous park views, state-of-the-art technology, and real specimens to deliver engaging programs for students and adults alike.

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The Science Atrium
This vibrant, flexible, multi-level space will buzz with activity. It provides a wonderful environment for hands-on experiments, large-scale science demonstrations, festivals and performances, evening events, and more.

Nature Plaza
Outside, the learning experience integrates with City Park via a spacious terrace, offering a place to appreciate the natural surroundings and make discoveries. The area also serves as the Museum’s new school entrance, filling young visitors with a sense of wonder from the minute they get off the bus. As they approach the spacious area, public art piques their interest and excitement for what is inside.

Rocky Mountain Science Collections Center: Two Below-Ground Levels
Below ground, two floors make up the Rocky Mountain Science Collections Center—a state-of-the-art preservation and research facility.

Rocky Mountain Science Collections Center
This new area is dedicated to housing, studying, and preserving more than 1.4 million precious artifacts and specimens. This state-of-the-art space helps the Museum’s scientists make new discoveries and provides proper temperature and humidity to ensure that these treasures are preserved for generations to come.