

Find the Hidden Elves Scavenger HUNT



Many Museum dioramas feature paintings by Kent Pendleton, an artist who often hid tiny camouflaged elves in his work. The tradition has continued.

LEVEL 1

SPACE ODYSSEY

- Mars diorama**
Go to the far right window on the upper level, near the Mars stream table. Lean over the interactive kiosk against the window and look down through the glass to see a ceramic elf.

LEVEL 2

BEARS AND SEA MAMMALS

- Keep your eye on the salmon stream!

EDGE OF THE WILD

- Pronghorn diorama**
Move to the far right side of the diorama and kneel or sit on the ledge. Look under and beyond the back legs of the pronghorn to find a small bush with yellow flowers. A red-bearded ceramic elf is peeking out from the right side of the bush.
- White-Tailed Deer diorama**
Find the tree with seven trunks in the middle of the background painting. Near the bottom right of the tree, there is a thin leafless branch. Below the branch and above the wild plum bush is an elf, hiding in the grove and dressed in brown.

NORTH AMERICAN WILDLIFE HALL

- Hoh River Rain Forest diorama**
In the middle of the background painting, find a fallen tree covered in moss. Follow the tree to the right until you see a narrow trunk. The elf is peeking out from behind the tree. His hat blends in with the scenery.

LEVEL 2 (cont.)

- Springtime in the Great Smokies**
Find the stream in the background painting. Find the two largest trees in front of the right side of the stream. Between these trees is a sapling with a small branch coming out of the right side. The elf is sitting on a rock below the branch.

LEVEL 3

EXPLORE COLORADO

- Lowland River diorama**
Find the great blue heron nest in the tree on the left and follow the largest branch down to the painted foreground. A white-bearded elf in a green suit is resting against the tree where the branch and painting meet.

PREHISTORIC JOURNEY

- Entrance video**
As the animation begins, look at the third panel from the left. A cluster of stars toward the middle of the screen resembles an elf. The elf will move to the left onto the next screen. It may take you a couple of tries to see him!
- Time of the Dinosaurs: Cretaceous Creekbed diorama**
Go to the tree at the far left of the diorama. On the back wall, find the dinosaur (*Ornithomimus velox*) in the trees. The elf is riding on the dinosaur's back.