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.

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