Upper Level

Rose Berry Alaska Art Gallery
Explore 2,000 years of Alaska art, from the traditional to the modern. Examine ancient ivory carvings and Alaska Native objects used for both ceremony and everyday life. Discover paintings, photographs, and sculptures made by Alaska residents and visitors to the state. From the functional to the fantastic, each object reveals Alaska's artistic influence on the world.

“A model for 21st century art and anthropological museums.”
—National Endowment for the Humanities

About the Museum
The Alaska Territorial Legislature included a museum in the charter for the University of Alaska in 1917, making the University of Alaska Museum of the North a part of the university system from the very beginning. The museum offered its first exhibit in 1929—a collection of ethnographic, archaeological and paleontological material collected by local naturalist Otto Geist along with the University's small collection of paintings.

Over the years, the museum collections grew through field acquisitions, donations, and the transfer of collections from other institutions. Today, the museum is the premier repository for artifacts and specimens collected in Alaska and a leader in northern natural and cultural history research. The museum’s exhibits and public programs enrich the lives of community members and visitors alike.

The University of Alaska Museum of the North is a wheelchair accessible facility. Designated parking is available near the museum entrance. Ask about our other accessibility features.

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& Gallery Map

The Place Where You Go to Listen
The Place Where You Go to Listen is a unique sound and light environment created by Grammy and Pulitzer Prize-winning composer John Luther Adams. This ever-changing musical ecosystem gives voice to the rhythms of daylight and darkness, the phases of the moon, the seismic vibrations of the earth, and the dance of the aurora borealis.

Family Room
For kids of all ages. Relax, browse our collection of books and maps, and investigate hands-on activities from previous exhibits and public programs.
Welcome to the University of Alaska Museum of the North

Immerse yourself in Alaska’s diverse wildlife, people, and lands. This gallery map will help you find your way around the museum.

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- Gallery of Alaska
- Auditorium
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- Museum Store
- Museum Café and Café Gallery
- Creativity Lab

Upper Level (see reverse)
- Rose Berry Alaska Art Gallery
- The Place Where You Go to Listen
- Family Room

Thank you and enjoy your visit.

Please note:

For the safety of other visitors and to protect the exhibits, please observe these guidelines:

- No smoking or pets are allowed in the museum.
- Photography and video recording are permitted for personal, non-commercial use only.
- Touch only these exhibits with the “Please Touch” icon. Dirt and oils on our skin can damage the exhibits.
- No food or beverages in the galleries.

Main Level

Gallery of Alaska

Our cultural and natural history gallery explores Alaska’s five geographic regions through a selection of the museum’s 2.2 million objects and artifacts. Learn about the people, wildlife, geography, and the history of each region.

Arnold Espe Auditorium

The museum offers Dynamic Aurora and other movies several times daily. Movie passes are available at the admissions desk.

Special Exhibits and Collections Galleries

These galleries explore the art, culture, history, and science of Alaska. They highlight the recent adventures of museum and university researchers, whether peering apart driftwood on an active Aleutian volcano, or observing marmot behavior high on Alaska’s tundra.

Museum Store

Shop for a wide variety of handmade Alaska Native art, books, videos, jewelry, and other fine Alaskan gifts. Proceeds support the museum’s exhibits, research, and education programs.

Let’s Get Social!

While you’re here, share a photo on Facebook or Tweet what you think about your favorite specimen.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please ask a Museum Attendant at the admission desk or in the exhibit galleries.