

What is Fierce! The Story of Cats?



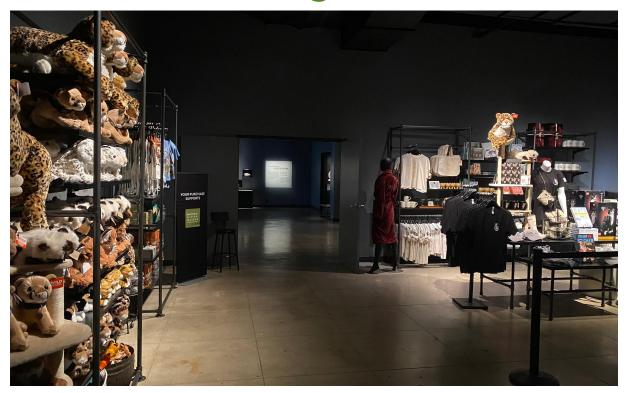
In Fierce! The Story of Cats, you may observe an array of taxidermy and dioramas, interactive displays, and hands-on activities that connect the beauty, diversity, and predatory skills of cats. This temporary exhibit also explores the deep connection between humans and cats through cultural objects and archeological research. Only available with advanced reservations.

Before I go inside



I can take my belongings inside but I may be asked to store my water bottle inside my bag.

Entering Fierce



I will enter the Fierce! through the gift shop. I won't have time to look at the shop on the way in but might have time after we exit if my adult says it is okay.



Entering Fierce

Lights will be low at the entrance and throughout the exhibit. I'll do my best to stay with my group as we explore.

Before entering, I will see a video projection of a lion drinking water at night. My adult will lead the way.



Inside I will see a display with lots of taxidermy of cats and hear loud cat sounds or calls from across the world. Using the touch screens can help me learn more about all the cats that I see.

This exhibit has animals that are dead, but posed to look like they are alive. This is called **taxidermy**. They may seem like they are looking at me, but the eyes are made out of plastic, similar to a toy stuffed animal!





I will see many displays with skulls, skeletons, and more taxidermy.



I will see many bright screens with video playing throughout the exhibit. Seats are available to sit if I need to take a break or want to watch the videos of cats in their natural habitats.



Many visitors are excited to learn about cats too! I will try to take turns with others when looking at all the many things inside the exhibit.



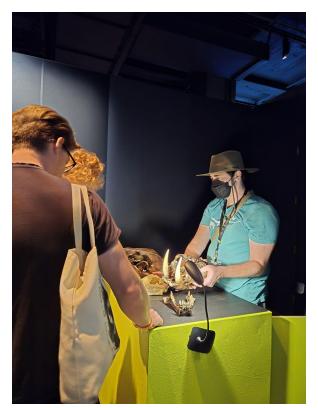
There are many things inside the exhibit that I will be able to look at but not touch. These things may be fragile or very old, so touching them wouldn't be safe! The sign below will let me know when to only look with my eyes.



There are also many things that are okay to touch! A sign or Museum staff will let me know an object is touchable. If I am ever unsure, I can ask an adult in my group.



I may see dioramas and videos of how cats hunt their prey for food. Just like us, cats need food to survive. If I am scared in this part of the exhibit, I will let an adult know and we can look at another part of the exhibit.





Museum Educators and volunteers know a lot about cats! We can ask a volunteer or Museum Educator any question we may have. We'll see them standing behind a cart or walking through the exhibit wearing a green shirt.

Exiting Fierce

An adult will let me know that it is time to exit the exhibit. I can ask for directions to Museum staff or volunteers wearing green shirts.



