



Homeschool Day Tips

THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

PARKING

Parking for personal vehicles and vans is available for **\$20** in the NHM Car Park on Bill Robertson Lane off of Exposition Blvd. If the Car Park is full, you will be directed to the California Science Center visitor parking structure which is **\$20**. For more information and to find directions to the Museum, check out nhm.org/plan-your-visit.

REGISTRATION & ADMISSION

Registration/advanced ticket reservation is not required but HIGHLY encouraged. Admission is free for all homeschoolers participating in the event. Tickets for special Homeschool Day programs with limited availability will be distributed on a first-come, first serve basis; please see a staff member for ticket pick-up location. For more information, visit nhm.org/educational-resources/homeschool-days.

CHECK-IN

Beginning at **9:30am**, check in at any admissions kiosk to receive **free General Admission** to the Museum or scan your pre-reserved tickets. After checked in, visit our Welcome Table in the Grand Foyer where you can learn about the experiences for the day, pick up scavenger hunts and other resources. Homeschool groups and families receive free Museum admission all day, with their admissions sticker, however, special Homeschool Day programming may only be scheduled at specific times. See the program schedule for details.

WHAT TO BRING

Need some ideas on how to prepare for your visit during a Homeschool Day?

Checkout what's on our list below:

- Printed program schedule and Museum map (or go green and download onto your device).
- **Pencil or pen** to write with
- Clipboard or notebook to write on
- Sensory resources - view our sensory resources here:
 - Sensory Kit - ["What's in my sensory kit?"](#)
 - [Visual Checklist](#)
 - [Social Narrative](#)
 - [Sensory Guide](#)

Visit the Learning Resources section of our website, nhm.org/learningresources, to find supplementary materials, lesson plans, videos, and all kinds of cool resources to download and print to use during your trip.

ACCESSIBILITY

We aim to make NHM an exciting, educational, and enjoyable experience for everyone. Visit nhm.org/plan-your-visit/accessibility to learn more about what accommodations we offer. If you have any questions about your visit and the services we offer, contact our Call Center at 213.763.3466 or info@nhm.org.



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Museum Guidelines

Take a look at the important information below to learn about how we can keep each other safe, protect the collections, and explore the Museum together. **Questions? Contact us at info@nhm.org!**

How We Keep Each Other Safe

- Students should stay within view of a teacher or chaperone at all times, regardless of age, including in the NHM's Neighborhood Grill, Museum Store, and ticketed spaces.
- Be kind to our live animals by not tapping on the glass of their homes.
- Please be mindful of your voice, space around you, and other visitors while exploring the Museum.

How We Protect the Collections

- Help keep our Museum clean by consuming food and beverages outdoors. Food can attract pests that can damage our collections.
- Protect our fragile and very old objects in the Museum by looking closely (but not touching). There are many things in the museum you can touch! Look for a sign or staff member if you're unsure.
- Practice "Leave No Trace" while onsite (indoors and outdoors). We welcome you to touch plants you are interacting with in the garden, but please leave plants as you found them.

How We Explore the Museum

- On Homeschool Days, stations will be available with shared supplies and resources. Be courteous of how many materials you use and return items after so everyone has the opportunity to enjoy them.
- Encourage students to be curious and ask questions as they explore!
- Museum staff are always available to help. Staff will have a green Museum shirt or badge.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR HOMESCHOOLERS

Free Days & Hours

In addition to our Homeschool Days at NHM (and over at [La Brea Tar Pits!](#)), here are other ways you can enjoy the museums for free:

- **Free hours for L.A. County residents:** L.A. County residents receive free Museum admission Monday–Friday from 3 to 5 pm with I.D. or a utility bill.
- **L.A. County Library Discover & Go Program:** L.A. County Library cardholders receive free general admission for up to two adults and four children to the Natural History Museum and La Brea Tar Pits. Reserve tickets at lacountylibrary.org.
- **Museums for All:** The Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County and La Brea Tar Pits are proud members of the Museums for All initiative, a signature access program that encourages families of all backgrounds to visit museums regularly and build lifelong museum habits. Visit museums4all.org to learn more. *Additional tickets must be purchased to see special exhibitions, Butterfly and Spider Pavilion, Dinosaur Encounters, and other special ticketed experiences.*
- **Free daily admission:** The Museum also offers daily free admission to individuals who are EBT cardholders, CA teachers with school I.D., or active/retired military, as well as children 2 and under.