

The Jurica-Suchy Nature Museum is a natural history museum located on the second floor of the Birck Hall of Science at Benedictine University. The museum warmly welcomes visitors of all ages.

OUR MISSION

We strive to provide an educational environment in the Benedictine tradition that inspires all people to seek a deeper understanding and appreciation of the world's natural and cultural diversity through engaging exhibits, educational programs, and the preservation of the collection.



HOURS

SEPTEMBER–APRIL

- Monday to Thursday, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- Friday to Sunday, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

JUNE–JULY

- Tuesday to Thursday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
or by appointment

The museum is closed on most holidays. Hours change seasonally. The museum is open by appointment only during May and August. Please call ahead or check the website to confirm open hours and staff availability. All guided group tours are available by appointment only.

Admission is free and open to the public.
Donations are kindly accepted.



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OUR COLLECTION

The museum currently maintains a collection of over 30,000 specimens. Over 3,000 specimens are currently on display for students and visitors. The specimens range in size from a tiny gnat to a large baleen whale skeleton. The museum also contains seven dioramas displaying various natural ecosystems and the plants and animals that inhabit them.

Founded in 1971, the collections were curated by the late brothers Frs. Hilary and Edmund Jurica, O.S.B., and by the late Fr. Theodore Suchy, O.S.B. These founders pioneered audio-visual methods of teaching science and embraced multiple learning styles in their promotion of life science education. The museum continues to push the boundaries of the classroom and encourages collaborative, interactive learning.



EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

The Jurica-Suchy Nature Museum offers a wide range of **FREE** education and outreach programs. Educators, parents, assisted living facilities and other organizations are encouraged to utilize these unique life science resources.

FIELD TRIPS AND GUIDED TOURS

The museum offers educational tours including, but not limited to, school groups, homeschool alliances, scout troops, artists, and senior groups. There are many customizable activities to enhance curriculum and stimulate thinking. The intimate setting allows visitors to easily compare animals from different environments. Group tours are generally scheduled during morning hours. All guided group tours are by appointment only. Birck Hall and the museum are fully accessible to people with disabilities.

SITE VISITS & PRESENTATIONS

The museum offers an educational outreach program, including site visits, to give engaging presentations tailored to class curricula. Presentations include hands-on activities involving museum specimens and post-visit follow-up lessons. Museum staff are also available to present at school science nights or special events.



DISCOVERY BOX LOAN PROGRAM

These learning kits contain museum specimens, background information, visual aids, curricular guides, and suggested activities. Discovery boxes are a great enhancement to classroom studies and provide hands-on learning experiences. For the complete list of the 40+ Discovery Boxes we offer, or for more information about the program, please visit ben.edu/museum.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

To learn more about any of our **free** educational programs, please contact the Museum Education and Outreach Coordinator at (630) 829-6546 or email JuricaSuchyMuseum@ben.edu. Reserve your program today!