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1 Nature Place
McKinney, Texas 75069

Hours

Monday-Saturday 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.
Sunday 1 - 5 P.M.
Closed for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's
Open until 3 P.M. on Christmas and New Year's Eve

Admissions

\$8 Adults
\$5 Seniors and children ages 3-12
Members and children under 2 are free

Trails

Trails are open only when the museum is open.
Check in at the front desk by 4 P.M.
First come, first serve; weather permitting.
Call 972.562.5566, ext. 237 to reserve a trail guide.
Fees may apply.

Contact

972.562.5566/972.548.9119 (fax)
heardmuseum.org

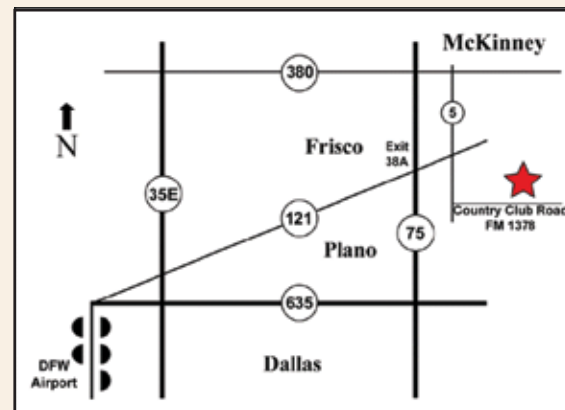
Rental Facilities

Make your special occasion extraordinary! Enjoy dinners, retreats, birthdays, receptions, weddings, anniversaries and corporate events and meetings in a beautiful setting. For booking information and virtual tours, visit heardmuseum.org.

Directions

Exit 38A off U.S. 75. Proceed east to SH 5, then south.
The museum is one mile east of SH 5 on FM 1378.

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Oct/Nov/Dec 2009

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HAVE YOU HEARD NEWS

Bringing nature and people together

Dinosaurs Alive! Life-size Animatronic Dinosaurs

October 1 - January 31

Many people have been contacting the Heard since just a few weeks after the previous dinosaurs left in February to see if they will be coming back. . .



46-ft T-Rex

Encounter the 46-foot T-Rex and eight new life-size animatronic dinosaurs along the Heard nature trails. The 4th annual *Dinosaurs Alive! Life-size Animatronic Dinosaurs at the Heard* exhibit opens Thursday, October 1. The exhibit always gives families and friends a fun, educational activity to enjoy together. Don't forget, it also provides a unique family outing during the holidays!

See the dinosaurs move and hear them roar! Check out all nine carnivorous dinosaurs including the Tyrannosaurus Rex, Acrocanthosaurus, Quetzalcoatlus, Carnotaurus, Rugops, Allosaurus and three Deinonychus dinosaurs. You can also take your pictures at the special photo op dinosaurs.



Rugops

Visit the indoor exhibit, *Treasures from the Earth* (open now) featuring dinosaur skulls and fossils. Kids can also dig for fossils, participate in the new educational Observation Station program

and have their dinosaur-themed birthday party.



Remember to make *Dinosaurs Alive!* your family staycation! With ticket pricing being only \$8 for adults and \$5 for seniors and kids 3-12, you get an affordable day of fun and education.

Allosaurus

Dinosaurs created by Billings Productions, Inc.

EDUCATION

Homeschool & Preschool Classes
Sept 8 - Dec 10
Free Day for homeschool registrants

Nov 6
Second Saturday Bird Walks
Sept - May, 9 AM

Dinosaurs Alive!
Oct 1-Jan 31

Fall Plant Sale

October 10-11

Members only:

Oct 9, 4-7 PM

Fall Night Hike

Oct 17, 7 PM

Treasures from the Earth

Now Open

Halloween at the Heard

October 24

6-10 PM

Holiday Trail of Lights

December 18 & 19

6:30-9:30 PM

Volunteer

Museum volunteer

Opportunities are available for trail guides, animal caretakers and other museum activities. This also provides a fun opportunity for your child to learn about responsibility.

Shop for you and the Heard

Help support the Heard by shopping at Kroger, Tom Thumb, or use the shop-for-museums link on our website. A percentage of qualifying purchases will be donated; contact us for details.

Contact us or visit our website to learn about [Heard History](#) and [Miss Bessie Heard](#).

Sign-up for our e-newsletter

at heardmuseum.org to receive more articles and information about the Heard as well as event and program notices. Updates and special museum member e-vites are also sent via email so sign-up today!

Fall Plant Sale

October 9-11

Make your yard beautiful this fall. Pick from natives, other well-adapted plants, and a few popular oddities. Find new agaves and varieties of colorful grasses, the usual and unusual perennials, as well as hard-to-find plants like Eve's Necklace and Sawtooth Sunflower.

Desert Willow



Member's Only Sale (must show member ID)
October 9, 4-7 PM
Public Sale
October 10, 9-5
October 11, 1-5

Turk's Cap



Blue Star



EcoAdventures & Ropes Course

Schedule your own program



Schedule a fun, challenging team-building activity for you and your colleagues, family or friends! Perfect enrichment for corporations, non-profits, churches, scout groups, schools and other organizations. Enjoy fourteen elements on the beautiful, forested ropes course as well as canoe and kayak programs in the Heard wetlands.

Visit www.heardmuseum.org for details on scheduling your custom program. General public dates are also available.



October 24, 6-10 PM

ACTIVITIES

- 94.9 KLTY - Live On-Site 6 pm – 8 pm
- Trick or Treat along the Dinosaurs Alive! Trail (with 9 animatronic dinosaurs)
- Watch the animated movie "Monster House" from Steven Spielberg & Robert Zemeckis at the outdoor Heard Amphitheater
- Costume Contests for kids 12 & under
- Museum exhibits included in admission
- Concessions including Peter Piper Pizza and Del's Frozen Lemonade
- Free flashlights and trick or treat bags for the kids while supplies last

TICKETS

- Limited Seating/Admission Available!
- Tickets Sell Out Fast. Buy your tickets beginning October 1 at heardmuseum.org
- \$15 for Adults and \$10 for Kids 3-12, Kids 2 and under are free



ACTIVITIES

- Walk through our trail with thousands of lights
- Christmas tree lighting
- Artisan's Market for those perfect holiday gifts
- Live entertainment on our Amphitheater Stage
- Bring your camera and take family pictures with Father Christmas & Mother Nature in the Heard log cabin
- Complimentary hot chocolate & cider
- Concessions

Trail of Lights

December 18 & 19, 6:30-9:30 PM

Visit heardmuseum.org
for all the details!

Sponsors

Dinosaurs Alive!

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Halloween at the Heard

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Huntington Learning Center
Pat Lobb Toyota

Holiday Trail of Lights

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Treasures from the Earth

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& Dinos**

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SAVE THE DATES

Treasures from the Earth

Open Now

Animals of the World

Open Now

Dinosaurs Alive!

October 1 - January 31

Fall Plant Sale

October 9-11

Fall Scouting Classes

Visit heardmuseum.org or call for dates

Ropes Course: Teambuilding

By reservation, ext. 234

Fall Night Hike

Oct 17, 7 PM

Halloween at the Heard

October 24, 6-10 PM

EcoAdventures Fall Canoe Program

November 7, 1-4 PM

Heard Holiday Trail of Lights

December 18 & 19, 6:30-9:30 PM

Creature Feature: Capybara (*Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris*) in our *Animals of the World* exhibit!

The largest rodent in existence today, capybara can grow to over 4ft in length and 1.6ft tall and weigh 100lbs. A semi-aquatic species, the capybara has partially webbed feet and is known to dive underwater for up to five minutes! Its normal range includes densely vegetated areas near the rivers, ponds, lakes, swamps, and marshes of Panama and the northernmost countries of South America. To help it in these aquatic environs, the capybara's eyes, ears, and nostrils are on the top portion of its head. However, the capybara may also live in arid grasslands. They prefer to munch water plants and grasses, but will eat fruit and bark occasionally.

The capybara is highly social and lives in groups averaging ten individuals, in which the females are closely related and a male dominates the group. The capybara mate in water and after a 150 day gestation period, a litter of 2-8 capybaras are born. The young are able to graze within one week of birth and their parental care is provided by all members of the group including predator watch and suckling which continues for three months.

