Welcome to the Museum of Natural History! As we have recently undergone some changes due to building work and the pandemic, we have put together some photos to help you prepare for your visit. Please note you will need to pre-book tickets to visit the Museum. Book here: https://www.oumnh.ox.ac.uk/visit-us

**Accessing the Museum**

Building work is currently taking place outside the Museum and we have had to install a hoarding wall. To access the building, walk past the Museum so it is on your right.

With the hoarding still on your right, turn and walk along the tarmac path towards the Museum’s **Main Entrance**.

Keep to the pedestrian/cycle path with the hoarding wall on your right. You will then approach an opening on the right.

The Museum has no general parking for visitors. If you walk along to a second opening on the right, you will see the 2 **disabled parking bays** which are offered on a first-come first-served basis.
From the parking spaces, you can follow the tarmac path that will lead you to the Museum’s **Main Entrance**.

The **Main Entrance** has stone steps leading up into the Museum. If you need the **Accessible Entrance**, turn right past the main entrance and follow the metal wall.

There is a white ticket booth located at the **Main Entrance**. At the booth a member of staff will ask you to scan your pre-booked ticket—usually sent to you in an email. You should also check in with the NHS app or use the alternative QR code to enter your details for track and trace purposes.

Foot-pump hand sanitiser station outside the Museum’s **Main Entrance**.

Route to **Accessible Entrance**. Follow the metal wall and gravel path.
The **Accessible Entrance** is under the arcade on the left. An automatic hand sanitiser station is outside.

**Accessible Entrance** door is push-button activated. The button is on the wall on the left.

For **lift access**, turn right before the stairs.

**Lift into the Museum. Take ‘G’ for Ground Floor.**

**Inside the Museum**

Staff will be wearing face coverings. They will explain route directions and help with any questions.

Welcome sign showing health and safety measures - *please wear a face covering if you can, follow the one way system around the outer corridors, keep a safe distance from other visitors and use the hand sanitiser.*
Family trails are available in a stand opposite the Welcome Desk. There is a yellow pot for new pencils and a red pot for used pencils.

There are QR codes for the trails on the stand if you would prefer to access the trails on your own device.

In the Museum’s Main Court you are able to roam freely, but please do maintain a 2 metre distance from other visitors. The display cases are brand new and contain information about the Museum’s history.

There are automatic hand sanitiser stations throughout the Museum.

Around the Outer Corridors (under the arches), please follow the direction of the arrows on the floor.
There are various touchable specimens on display in the Museum. Most are located in the **Museum Court**. We advise that you sanitise your hands when entering the Museum, this will reduce the risk of spreading the virus on surfaces. There are some specimens that cannot be touched, they will have a sign stating this and/or a barrier around them.

The **Museum Shop** is situated just to the right of the Museum’s Main Entrance. The shop will be open from 9.15am and you can receive 10% off. Please note that we can only accept card payments at the moment.

The **Upper Gallery** can be accessed via stairs located at the front the Museum on both the left and right hand sides. **Lift** access can be found through the shop and on the left.
The **Upper Gallery** is an outer corridor that goes all around the museum. This image shows one side of the corridor. Some of the exhibits here feature birds and gemstones.

This is the insect gallery which is directly opposite to the section of corridor in the photo on the left. It is all about insects.

In the insect gallery there are live specimens on display, such as cockroaches.

There is also an exhibition space on the **Upper Gallery**. This photo shows the entrance to the exhibition. A family trail is available here.

This is the exhibition space. The theme of the current exhibition, *Meat the Future*, is about meat and its impact on the planet. Please note that there is a neon red light sign at the entrance.

One part of the exhibition is downstairs in the **Main Court**. It is an art work that features two white tanks with calves inside them.
The Café is located on the Upper Gallery. Please note, the fridge in the café can be quite noisy. It opens at 10am and closes at 4.30pm.

There is also a temporary art exhibit called ‘The Sphere’ just off of the Main Court. The art work is about coronavirus. Please note that the room is very dark. The art piece is made of glass and has low lighting.

Toilets are on the Lower Ground Floor. They can be accessed by lift, or by the stairs located at the end of the Museum’s Shop. Please note that the hand dryers in the toilets are quite noisy.

Accessible Toilets are located on the Lower Ground Floor.
The Pitt Rivers Museum

The Museum of Natural History and the Pitt Rivers Museum share the same main outer entrance. The Pitt Rivers Museum can be accessed at the back of the Museum of Natural History. There are arrows on the floor showing the direction to take. There are stairs leading down into the Museum, or a platform lift on your right. There are three floors in the Museum and there are stairs and a lift to access all floors. Please note the change in lighting when you enter, the lighting is much darker. The cases on the ground floor are also very close together.

Other Facilities

The Horsebox café will be open on the Museum of Natural History’s front lawn from 9.30am and closes at 4.30pm. It serves hot and cold drinks, as well as snacks. There are tables and chairs available to sit on outside.

Staff

All staff members will be wearing face coverings and will be on hand to help and answer any questions. The Museum of Natural History Front of House staff wear blue T-shirts and fleeces, and the Pitt Rivers staff wear white shirts with red ties.

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