

# Directions to the NC Museum of Natural Sciences

The Museum is located in downtown Raleigh, between the State Capitol and the Legislative Building, at 11 West Jones Street. The main entrance faces the Bicentennial Plaza pedestrian mall linking Jones and Edenton Streets.

## Directions

**From the North or East:** Take the Capital Boulevard exit off I-440. Follow the Capital Boulevard (Downtown) designation. Continue south approximately two miles and turn left onto Jones Street. Go three blocks. The Museum is on the right.

**From the West or South:** Off I-40 / I-440, take the S. Saunders Street exit (298-B). Proceed north for two miles (S. Saunders turns into McDowell Street). Turn right onto Jones Street. Go two blocks. The Museum is on the right.

For more detailed directions to the Museum, please visit [www.naturalsciences.org/visinfo/directions.html](http://www.naturalsciences.org/visinfo/directions.html).

## Parking


**Buses:** Bus loading and unloading is available on Jones Street near the Museum entrance. Bus parking is no longer available in lot at Polk and Blount streets. Directions to the new parking lot are located on the second page of this document.

**Automobiles:** Parking is available weekdays in the Jones/Edenton Street lot for \$1.00 per hour, \$8.00 per day. Additional metered parking is available along Jones and Edenton Streets. Parking is free and abundant on weekends.

For a more-detailed parking map of the downtown area, please visit [www.downtownraleigh.org](http://www.downtownraleigh.org).

## Legend

NC Museum of Natural Sciences 

Capital Area Visitor Services   
(located in the NC Museum of History)

Automobile Parking 

Bicentennial Plaza 

State Capitol 

Legislative Building 



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## Bus Parking Directions

**New Bus Parking Location:** The new bus parking area is located next to the North Carolina Museum of Art on Blue Ridge Road.

**Note:** It is strongly recommended that group leaders have radio or telephone contact with their bus driver for pick up.

From the passenger drop off area

Continue on Jones Street one block to Blount Street and turn right.

Go one block to Edenton Street and turn right.

Follow Edenton Street which will merge with and become Hillsborough Street

Follow Hillsborough Street past NCSU campus, past Meredith College and under the Beltline (440) overpass.

The next intersection is Hillsborough Street and Blue Ridge Road. Turn right onto Blue Ridge Road. The State Fair Grounds are on the left after the turn.

Follow Blue Ridge Road until you see the entrance to the North Carolina Museum of Art on the right.

The parking lot is located before the main entrance into the Museum of Art, and is clearly marked with large white signs.

**Note:** On the return route follow Hillsborough its entire length towards the capitol until the 200 block. Make a left onto McDowell Street. Get in the far right lane. Turn right onto Jones Street and proceed 2 1/2 blocks to the Bus loading zone in front of the Museum.