

Welcome to the University of Alaska Museum! Whether you have an entire day to spend with us or only an hour, I hope you enjoy exploring our galleries and learning about Alaska's people, places, and wildlife. Learn from the video presentations in the galleries. If your time is limited, I recommend the following highlights.

Note: Sounds of Place audio guide corresponding selection numbers are listed.

DIRECTOR'S HIGHLIGHTS

Exhibits Tour



Start here

◀ This 1,250 pound, 8' 9" brown bear, named for Museum founder Otto Geist, is one of Alaska's most-photographed bruins.

Expansion

Artists' renderings, floor plans, and a balsa model give a preview of the expanded Museum, scheduled to open in 2004.

Watch the "Did You Know" video to get an overview of the Museum's work.



Southeast Gallery

◀ Ceremonial robes, masks, and a totem pole reflect the art and culture of Alaska's Southeast Coast Indians. (Audio #56)

Learn about Alaska's five salmon species, their life cycles, and the communities that depend on them. (Audio #58)

Alaska's first car was hand built in 1905 by Robert Sheldon, who had never even seen cars except in books and magazines. (Audio #59)



Southcentral

◀ Millions of birds come to Alaska each year to breed and raise their young. Follow their migration routes on the Birds of the Wetlands exhibit. (Audio #45)

See the development of the state—from early Russian America to the Trans-Alaska Pipeline. (Audio #48)



Interior

◀ *Blue Babe*, a restored 36,000 year-old mummified steppe bison, was discovered during gold mining. (Audio #28)



Alaska's largest gold display is the centerpiece of the Fairbanks' Gold Rush exhibit. (Audio #30)

◀ Examine the fine beadwork and embroidery on Athabascan clothing, footwear, and baby belts. (Audio #35)

Western Arctic Coast

Ancient and contemporary ivory carvings depict birds, bears, and other designs in a longstanding Eskimo tradition. (Audio #16)



◀ Polar bears, seals, walrus, and bowhead whales inhabit the coastal sea-ice environment on Alaska's Western Arctic Coast. (Audio #9)

Southwest

Learn about the internment of Alaska's Japanese Americans and Aleuts during World War II. (Audio #3)



◀ Examine the fine weaving in Aleut baskets, some of which have more than 1,000 stitches per square inch. (Audio #6)