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The Past,
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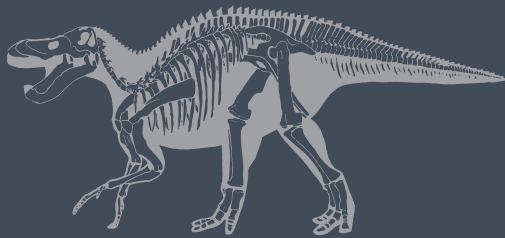
**The Campaign For
Carter County Museum**



QUICK FACTS



The Carter County Museum is located in Ekalaka, Montana, a ranching community of just 400 residents.

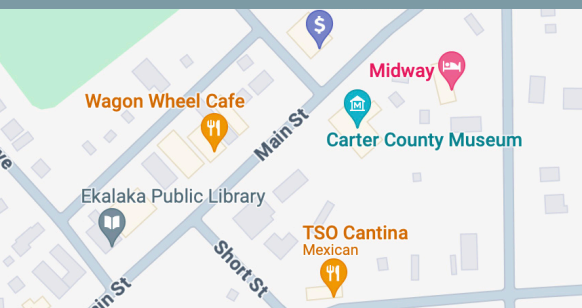


The museum is Montana's first county museum and the first to display dinosaur fossils.

90%

of the museum's collection cannot be displayed because there simply isn't space to do so.

Measuring in at just 5,800 sq ft under roof, the museum's impact far exceeds its footprint.



“ **Carter County Museum**, and its staff, demonstrates how a museum can be an evolving fixture in the community motivating people to look forward rather than just a stagnant space to look back. ”

For nearly 90 years, the Carter County Museum has been dedicated to inspiring, educating, and enriching the life of the public by deepening the understanding and appreciation of history, science, and art.

As a “sister museum” to the Museum of the Rockies (Bozeman, MT), and Amakusa Museum of Goshoura Dinosaur Island (Kumamoto Prefecture, Japan) and a non-federal repository to Bureau of Land Management fossils, the museum is also a member of the Montana Dinosaur Trail, the Kumamoto Montana Natural Science Museums Association, the Mountain Plains Museum Association, and the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology.

The museum showcases 100 million years of Montana's history through educational programming, fossil and artifact locating and preservation activities, and collections and exhibits that are unique to the region, to Montana, and to the world.

165,215

people visited the museum through visits, onsite events, & outreach programs in 2025.

45,898

PARTICIPANTS

in the museum's onsite and virtual school programs.

5,626

VISITORS

to the museum

THIS IS A
500%+
INCREASE IN
JUST THE LAST
10 YEARS

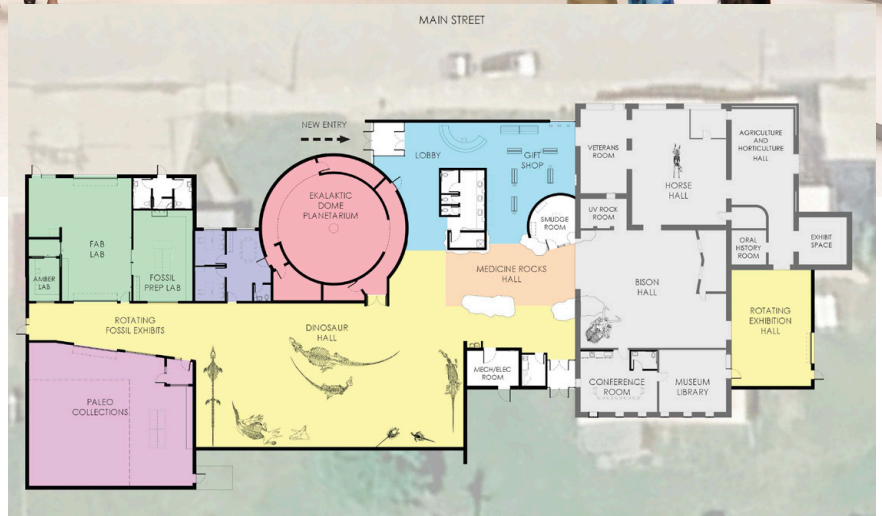
FUTURE VISION

The museum needs more space and more staff to keep up and to deliver on its mission of collecting, researching, preserving, and exhibiting fossils, archaeological, and cultural material.



The planned expansion will add approximately 17,000 square feet, fully utilizing the available land space to better reflect the world-class nature of the museum's collections.

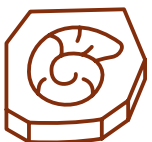
The expansion focuses on 3 primary improvements and additions:



Guest Services: A new entrance, lobby, reception area, and restrooms provide essential amenities, create a positive initial experience, and create a welcoming atmosphere that prepares visitors to experience the museum.



Museum Support Space: Housing various functional spaces for the “behind the scenes” work required for the museum’s smooth operation, this includes staff spaces, laboratories, offices, collections storage areas, and mechanical spaces.



Exhibition Space: Serving as the core of the museum, the expanded space will seamlessly connect to the current space and offer additional space to display the museum’s vast and diverse collections, artifacts, specimens, and exhibits, allowing visitors to immerse themselves in the museum’s offerings and engage with the displays.

EXPAND STAFFING



With just one full-time, year-round employee and 4 part-time employees, plus 1 summer-only position, the museum staff has reached the edge of its bandwidth keeping up with all that the museum does now and cannot expand further to fill the gaps in the community.

To maximize the effectiveness of the expanded space and keep up with growing demand for programs, our staff and our staff time must expand.

EXPANDED POSITIONS

➤ Part Time, Seasonal Positions

- Graphic Artist
- 2-4 Summer Interns

➤ Full Time, Year-Round Positions

- Custodian
- Collections Manager/Registrar
- Gift Shop Manager
- Field Manager/Chief Preparator
- Museum Educator

\$10.3M

Secured
To Date

\$13M CAMPAIGN GOAL

REQ	GIFT METER	GOAL
EXTRAORDINARY GIFTS (15%)		
\$1,000,000 2 ●●		\$2,000,000
LEADERSHIP GIFT PHASE (40%)		
\$500,000 4 ●●●●		\$2,000,000
\$250,000 8 ●●●●●●●●		\$2,000,000
\$100,000 12 ●●●●●●●●●●		\$1,200,000
MAJOR GIFT PHASE (31%)		
\$75,000 14 ●●●●●●●●●●●●		\$1,050,000
\$50,000 20 ●●●●●●●●●●●●●●		\$1,000,000
\$25,000 40 ●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●		\$1,000,000
\$10,000 98 ●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●		\$980,000
PUBLIC GIFT PHASE (14%)		
\$5,000 120 ●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●		\$600,000
\$2,500 236 ●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●		\$590,000
\$1,000 580 ●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●		\$580,000
TOTAL	1134	\$13,000,000

The museum anticipates this support will translate into backing this campaign so that the museum cannot only continue the exceptional work it is doing but can truly thrive because it will have the facilities and staff to do so.

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