Two museums, one campus!
What you should know about visiting both UO museums in one day

Visiting both the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art (JSMA) and the Museum of Natural and Cultural History (MNCH) makes for a busy day for young visitors. Typical visits last 90 minutes at the MNCH and two hours at JSMA. Please allow four to five hours on campus to visit both museums plus time for walking and breaks.

There are no accommodations for meals or snacks in either museum, but each has lovely surrounding grounds ideal for picnics on the grass. For indoor seating and/or to find food for purchase, we suggest visiting the Erb Memorial Union (EMU) at 13th Avenue and University Street. Closer to the MNCH, you’ll find another indoor option at Global Scholars Hall on East 15th Avenue.

The walk between museums is about half a mile long. Most of the journey is via sidewalk, but you’ll need to guide your students across the four-way intersection at 15th Avenue and Agate Street, where there are stop signs but no traffic signals. Please allow 10 minutes for students in grades 4 and up, and 15 to 20 minutes for grades K through 3, to make the entire walk. Find your best route on the the UO Campus Map webpage.

Schedule your museum programs at least four weeks in advance. You must contact both museums separately to schedule a combined visit. Visit the K-12 webpages at the MNCH and JSMA to learn more and request your programs. Tour coordinators at each museum will work with you to find an available date for both visits. Please note both museums are closed on Mondays and JSMA is also closed on Tuesdays.

Interested in adding a wider campus tour to the day’s agenda? Request a group visit through the University of Oregon Campus Ambassadors.