

In order to introduce you the rich and beautiful nature of Wakayama Prefecture, we exhibit various water creatures at the aquarium as well as a collection of specimens of animals, plants, insects, shells, fossils and minerals. We hope you will enjoy learning about our abundant nature.

Aiming to be a museum friendly to local people, we also conduct research and educational activities.



Educational Activities

Nature Observation Tour etc.

We hold nature observation tours as "Kinokuni Outdoor Museum" in various places such as shores and fields in Wakayama Prefecture including the event to discover fossils of dinosaurs. During summer vacation, nature observation camps are also held. In addition, we offer experience-based events at the museum such as "Feed the fish" and "Night Aquarium".

Special Exhibitions

Special Exhibitions are held in summer.

Lectures

We offer lectures by experts on various interesting themes of nature.

Publication

We issue "Museum Newsletter" and "Guidebook".

Scale and Structure of the Museum

Reinforced concrete construction / One floor under ground and two floors above ground / Total floor space of 2613.87㎡
More than 100 water aquariums including the largest one containing 450 tons of water
Approx. 6000 water creatures across 550 species
Approx. 2000 specimens of animals, plants, insects, shells, fossils and minerals

Visitor Information

■ Opening Hours ■

9:30-17:00 (Last Admission 16:30)

■ Closed ■

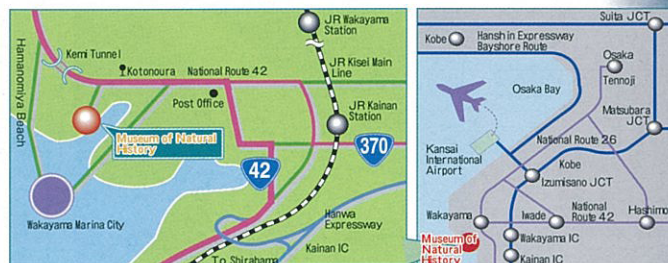
- Mondays (If a national holiday falls on a Monday, the museum will be open on the holiday and closed on the following Tuesday)
- Year-end and New Year holidays (29 December to 3 January)

■ Admission Fee ■

	Individual	Group (20 adults or more)
Adult	480 yen	350 yen

- Admission free for children/students of high school age or younger and seniors of 65 or older
- Admission free for people with disabilities (upon presenting the certificate)

■ Access ■



Public Transportation

- From JR Kainan Station, take the bus bound for Wakayama City and get off at Kotonoura Bus (10 minutes)
- From JR Wakayama Station or Nankai Wakayama-shi Station, take the bus bound for Kainan City and get off at Kotonoura Bus Stop (30 minutes)

Access by Car

- From Wakayama City, follow National Route 42 and turn right after Kemi Tunnel.
- From Kainan IC, follow National Route 42 towards Wakayama City (10 minutes)

<Free Parking Available>



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Explore nature through observations and learning!

WAKAYAMA Prefectural Museum of Natural History



Floor Guide

You can enjoy learning about nature and creatures in Wakayama at Wakayama Prefectural Museum of Natural History. Exhibition Room 1 is the aquarium area where you can see various creatures living in Wakayama. Exhibition Room 2 consists of exhibition of specimens and models introducing animals, plants, insects, shells, fossils and minerals.



Intertidal Zone

You can experience ebb and flow of the tide on the shore of Wakayama and touch creatures such as sea urchin, starfish, sea cucumber and so on.

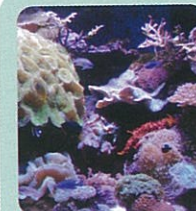


Fish and Their Habitats in Wakayama

The ocean environment around the Kii Peninsula is recreated in the aquariums.

Hands-on Exhibit

You can touch and observe models and stuffed fish.



Schools of Fish Coastal Creatures

Schooling fish including sardine as well as various creatures found along the coast of Wakayama including coral, jelly fish and feather-star are shown.



Various Creatures

Not only fish, there are various interesting creatures such as sea urchin, shrimp, sea anemone ... Take a close look at the small aquariums.



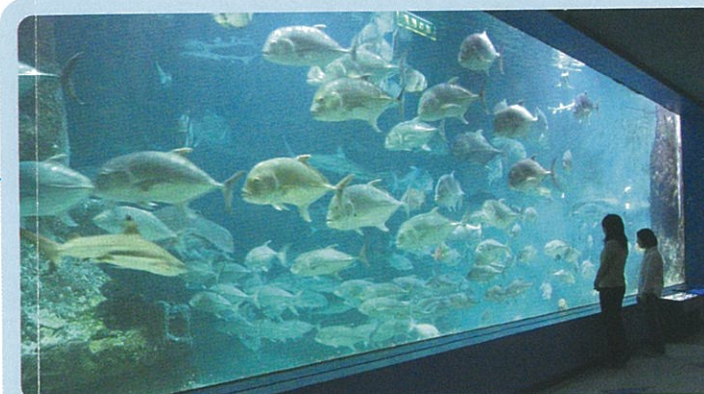
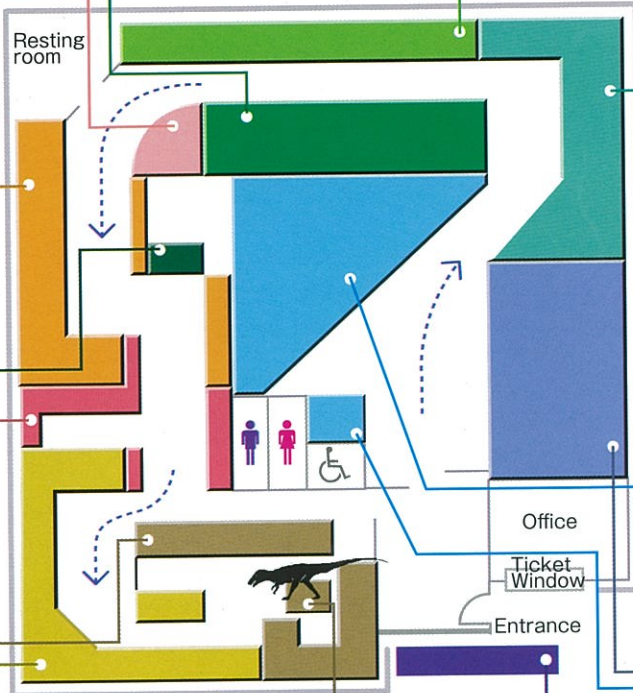
Ponds and Rivers

You can see many fresh water fish such as killifish and carp.



Deep sea

Deep sea creatures such as Japanese spider crab, the largest crab in the world, which lives in the Pacific side of Japan are on exhibition.



Fish in the Kuroshio Current

In the big aquarium made of a 15-meter long glass, you can see giant trevallies and longheaded eagle rays swimming around peacefully.



Rivers, Ponds and Forests of Wakayama

Specimens of animals, insects and birds are on display. The Nachi primeval forest is recreated in the magnificent diorama.



Shells in Wakayama

Shells mainly found in Wakayama are displayed.

Fossils, Rocks and Minerals in Wakayama

We exhibit fossils of carnivorous dinosaur teeth and ammonite, crystals and so on.



Whale Skeleton

The skeleton of the whale drifted to Wakayama Port in November 1995 is displayed.



Subtropical Sea

Beautiful and colorful fish living in subtropical sea fish welcome you.



Lecture Room

Movies are shown on Sundays and holidays. A collection of books are available and we can answer to your questions.