

GROUP VISIT POLICIES & GUIDELINES

If you are a group/class visiting from the Colorado School of Mines, please email museumevents@mines.edu to schedule your visit.

SCHEDULING YOUR VISIT

SCHOOL GROUPS ARE WELCOME ON WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS.

All groups of 10 or more visitors are REQUIRED to schedule their visit at least 48 hours in advance. If you do not schedule your visit in advance, you may not be admitted into the museum due to current capacity limits.

DUE TO COVID restrictions, we are NOT offering guided tours. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. We are still operating under limited capacity of 20 people per floor, per hour – if your group number exceeds this size, we may have to split up your group during the visit.

To book your group visit, email your group size and preferred visit dates and times to museumevents@mines.edu with the words, “GROUP VISIT.” You will receive confirmation of your scheduled visit via email.

MUSEUM RULES

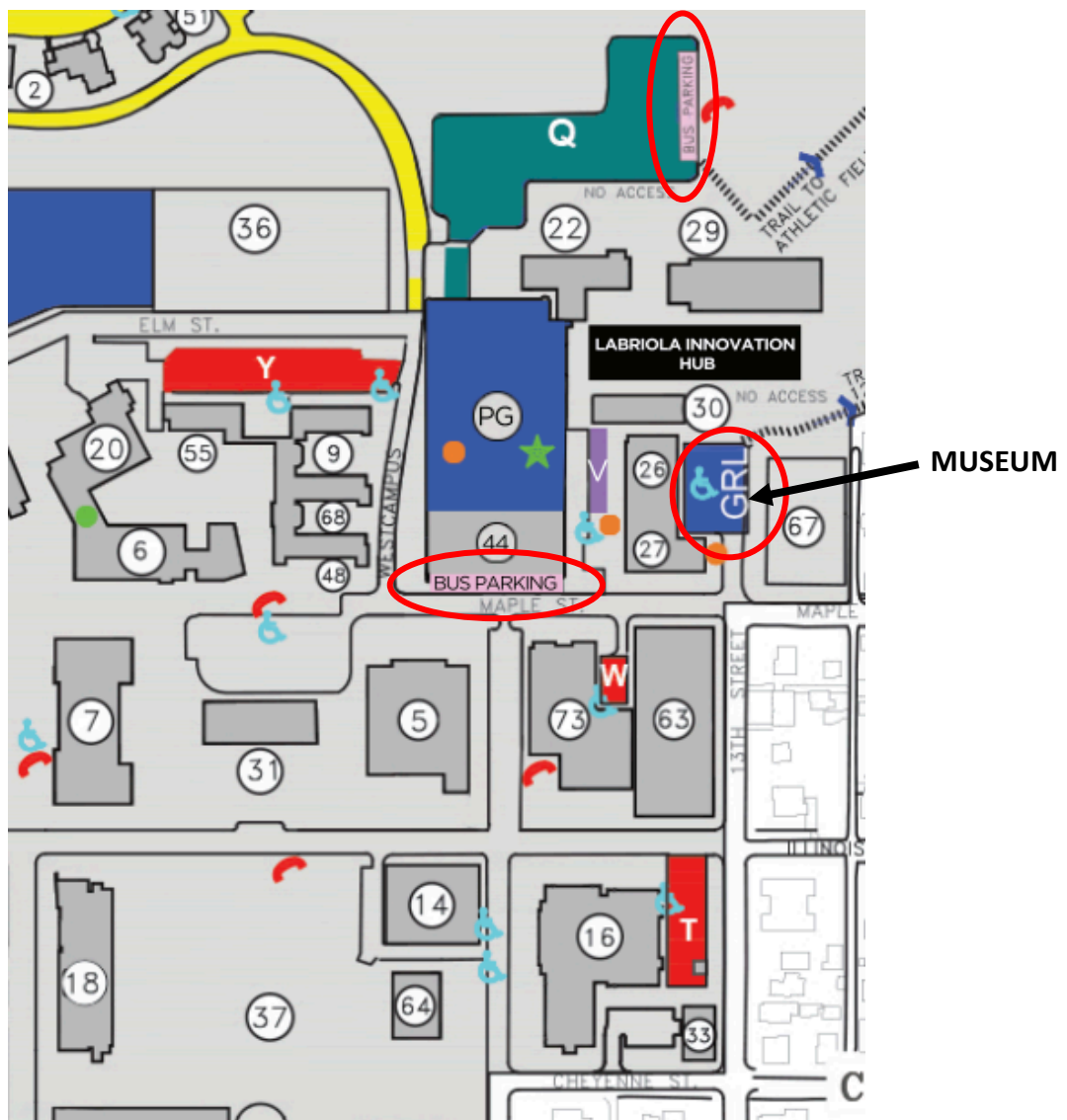
The following rules are in place for ALL GUESTS in order to ensure a safe and enjoyable visit. Upon entering the museum, you agree to abide by all museum rules. Violations to the below rules will result in a verbal warning from museum staff. Upon repeated violation after warning, your group may be asked to leave.

1. When you arrive, please check-in at the front desk. All group leaders/chaperones will be given a, “LEADER,” name badge.
2. No running inside the museum.
3. Do not lean on, sit on, or place objects on top of any exhibits.
4. Do not yell or scream inside the museum.
5. Do not use foul language inside the museum.
6. Do not congregate in the lobby outside of the museum – classes are scheduled in the room across the hall and the noise is a disturbance.
7. Do not eat or drink inside the museum (water is OK).
8. Adhere to all current COVID guidelines including social distancing and wearing masks when applicable (applies to visiting school groups)

PARKING

The museum is located in the **GRL** (General Research Lab) Building at 1310 Maple St. (circled on the map below). Across the street from the museum on Maple St., alongside the parking garage, is a **bus unloading area** (pink rectangle on the map). **Please pull the bus in here to unload visitors.** The bus can then **park long term** in the bus parking area (pink rectangle) in the **Q lot** (green lot on the map), up the hill.

If you are traveling via car or van to the museum, **parking is fee-based** and you may park in the parking garage or any visitor parking space and then **pay at the parking kiosk** outside of the main entrance of the museum.



RESTROOMS

Restrooms are available in the hallway outside of the museum on both the upper and lower levels. If you need to exit the museum on the lower level, please follow the signage on the door to avoid setting off any alarms.

SENSORY WARNING

The fluorescent mineral exhibit, Blaster's Mine, is located in a reproduction of a mine. This exhibit is dark inside and plays a loud recording of a miner's drill which may be frightening for visitors who are sensitive to these experiences.

HANDICAPPED & STROLLER ACCESS

Mines Museum has exhibits across two floors, with the stairwell located inside the museum. The elevator and handicapped/stroller accessible entrance can be accessed via the hallways outside of the museum on both floors. If you need to exit the museum on the lower level, please follow the signage on the door to avoid setting off any alarms.

FOOD/DRINKS/LUNCH AREA

There are water fountains available for public use outside of the museum on both the upper and lower levels. A limited selection of bottled drinks and light snacks are available in the vending machine on the 3rd floor of the building. There is no indoor space available for eating at the museum and only VERY limited outdoor seating (a single picnic table). If you plan to eat lunch after your visit, we recommend finding a nearby grassy area on campus (Kafadar Commons, across from Arthur Lakes Library, is a good spot - #37 on the parking map on the previous page).

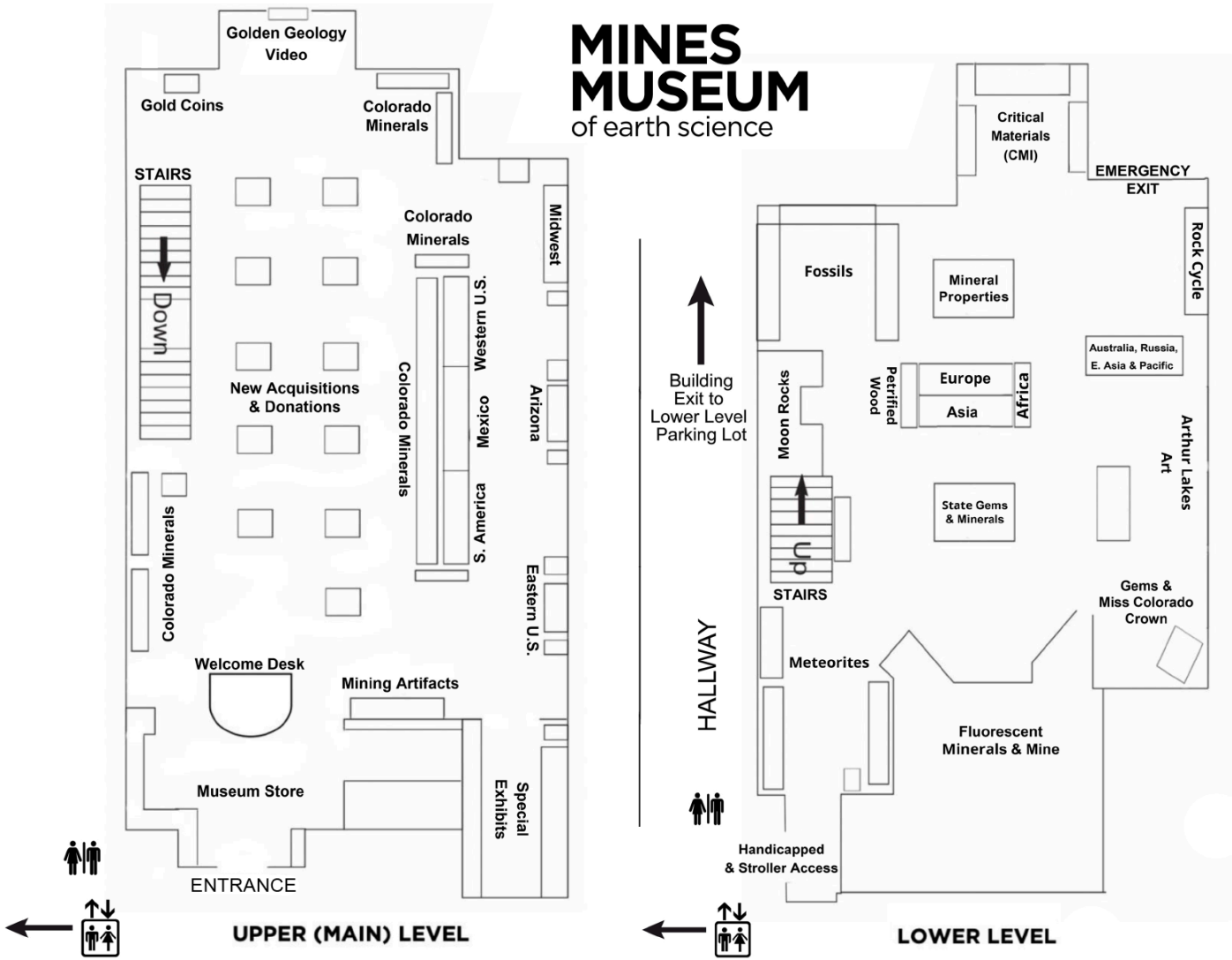
SCAVENGER HUNT

Six accessorized, mini metal burros (Blaster's friends) are hidden throughout the exhibits in the museum. If your group would like to participate in this activity, please let us know in advance and we can prepare the materials for you. This activity takes about 20 minutes (depending on age).

COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY, INCLUSION & ACCESS

The Museum is committed to cultivating an inclusive culture that proactively welcomes, respects, and supports all community members, provides equitable access and promotes an open exchange of diverse ideas.

MUSEUM MAP & EXHIBIT LAYOUT



*Thank you for choosing Mines Museum of Earth Science for your visit!
We look forward to seeing you.*

*If you have any questions or need to cancel,
please email museumevents@mines.edu or call, 303-273-3815.*