



Scavenger Hunt: **FLOOR 2**



Let's head up to the Second Floor by the elevator or escalator. Remember, don't run while we explore habitats from North America and Native American cultures that intertwine modern and past cultural features.

Our 37 life-sized figures dressed in traditional attire feature a contemporary powwow. The exhibit features contemporary and historical items from seven Wisconsin tribes. Local American Indian communities dedicated hundreds of hours to fabricating this powwow. Be aware of loud voices!

A TRIBUTE TO SURVIVAL



Can you find the eagle-feather staff?

Fun fact: This staff is always carried by a veteran and is a unique and sacred symbol for Indigenous leaders.

Hint: *I have seven feathers hanging from me and an eagle at the top.*



Can you find the Indian Princess?

Fun fact: The Indian Princess is chosen by higher-ranking members of the community for their abilities or services within their community.

Hint: *I have a Miss Wisconsin Indian Nation sash with an eagle on my blue and yellow dress!*



Can you find the Master of Ceremonies?

Fun fact: The Master of Ceremonies, also known as MC, has the vital role of beginning and ending powwows.

Hint: *I am holding a microphone in one hand and a brown hat in the other!*



Can you find the drum?

Fun fact: The powwow drum is considered “the real heartbeat of America,” and the way its dressed gives it life and spirit.

Hint: *I am blue and being played in the middle of our powwow.*

Let’s turn around and look at the *Bison Hunt* exhibit. This diorama replicates how Plains Indians hunted bison on horseback in the 1500s. Each part of the bison was used for everyday life and survival through food, shelter, clothes, and tools.

BISON HUNT



Can you find and touch bison hide?

Fun fact: Bison hide was used in the late 1700s to the 1880s as clothing and blankets. Bison hide is considered more durable than cowhide.

Hint: *I am “hiding” next to rocks.*



Can you find the snake button?

Fun fact: The long reins on the horses allowed hunters to remount the horse quickly if they fell during the hunt.

Hint: *I am underneath the rocks near the rattlesnake.*



Can you find the bison?

Fun fact: Bison have large humps on their back and large heads, while buffalos have small heads and no humps.

Hint: *I am brown and in a herd.*



Can you find the arrow?

Fun fact: Skilled hunters can shoot four arrows in less than a minute.

Hint: *I am above a herd.*

Let's stroll to *North America*. Our exhibit consists of the changing landscape found throughout North America. This exhibit demonstrates Indigenous peoples' influence throughout the United States. Be aware of loud noises and dim lights.

NORTH AMERICA



Can you find and touch the Tlingit mortuary pole?

Fun fact: Mortuary poles honor essential members of communities following their passing. These mortuary poles are from Tlingit, Alaska.

Hint: *I am stacked high with four faces; one of my faces can see the powwow from where I stand.*



Can you find the sea otters?

Fun fact: Sea otters can lie on their backs to use stone tools on their chest to smash seafood shells.

Hint: *I am in a trio, while lying on my back with seaweed near me.*



Can you find the manzanita berries?

Fun fact: The manzanita berries were an essential part of the diet and used to make cider drinks.

Hint: *I am ripe, red, and purple, and can be found alongside other foods and herbs used for medicinal and elemental diets.*



Can you find and touch trees in the broadleaf forest?

Fun fact: The broadleaf forest consists of different plants and trees, such as oak or maple.

Hint: *I am green, standing tall in a circle of trees.*

Let's visit the *Wisconsin Woodlands* to see more than 75 birds. Our exhibit includes mammals, habitats, quillwork, beadwork, weaving, and crafts from Wisconsin woodland Indians. This exhibit also includes artifacts from Aztalan and projectile points. Be aware of bird noises and bright lights!

WISCONSIN WOODLANDS



Can you find the summer tanager?

Fun fact: This bird is typically found in the woods of Ohio. Summer tanagers are rarely seen in Milwaukee.

Hint: *I am the only completely red bird in North America.*



Can you find the butterfly weed?

Fun fact: This milkweed is native to eastern and southwest North America, and its full name is *Asclepias tuberosa*.

Hint: *I am a part of the Wisconsin prairie plants and attract butterflies, moths, and bees with my orange flowers.*



Can you find the Sauk yarn bags?

Fun fact: This bag's unique design symbolizes Prairie Indian culture.

Hint: *I am a colorful bag with a hidden triangle pattern.*



Can you find the whooping crane?

Fun fact: This endangered species is named after its "whooping" calls.

Hint: *I am white but have a rust-colored patch on my head.*

