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When did you last visit?



The TMAG Tentacle Trail (available on page 2 of today's edition of The Wonder Weekly) is a great resource to explore the museum with.

But you can also use it to explore other locations, such as when you go to the beach, or head out on a bush walk.

Your challenge is to pick a location - it could be your own home or garden - and create a tentacle trail of your own.

You can use this tentacle trail yourself, or test it out on a friend or family member.

Children's University members can earn time in their Passports to Learning for this challenge, at the discretion of their school/ hub coordinators.



THE Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (TMAG) is a special place to visit.

The best thing is it doesn't really matter how many times you have been to TMAG, there is always something new to discover.

Even the buildings it occupies, which take up an entire city block between Macquarie Street and Davey Street, are old and impressive.

If you live in Southern Tasmania you probably drive by them

As its name suggests, TMAG isn't just Australia's second oldest museum.

It is also an art gallery and the Tasmanian Herbarium (a herbarium is a collection of preserved plant species).



The Tasmanian Herbarium is actually located at the Sandy Bay Campus of the University of Tasmania, and houses 312,000 plant specimens.

TMAG also takes care of about 200,000 items about the state's history.

There are about 300,000 specimens in TMAG's zoological collections.

The list goes on.

Another great thing about TMAG is it doesn't stay the same for very long, because there is almost always a new exhibition

to explore. One exhibition which we would highly recommend seeing is taypani milaythina-tu: Return to Country.

Ancestral objects from collections around the world have been returned to lutruwita (Tasmania) to be exhibited alongside creative responses to those objects by 20 Tasmanian Aboriginal artists.

When we visited last week an amazing Ancestral cord necklace had just arrived on long term loan from The Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago, USA.

It is now sitting alongside artist Andrew Gall's interpretation of the necklace.

You can learn more about the history of this item by visiting TMAG, but if you haven't seen taypani milaythina-tu yet, you will need to be quick.

The exhibition closes on May 7.

Other exhibitions which might interest you include:

- Tasmania: Earth and Life (plants and animals)
- The Thylacine: Skinned, Stuffed, Pickled and Persecuted (the story of the Tasmanian Tiger)
- Islands to Ice (Antarctica and the Southern Ocean).

TMAG is free for everyone, and Children's University members can earn two hours in their Passports to Learning for visiting the museum.

Find out more here: https:// www.tmag.tas.gov.au/

"Education perhaps more than anything else is a passport to a better life." - Peter Underwood AC

Find something

with an interesting pattern



TMAG TENTACLE TRAIL

Find something your favourite colour



Find something

high above you

Where will your curiosity take you?

What will you discover along the way?

Find something you don't like

Find something

you'd like to take home

Find something

that makes an interesting sound



Find something

starting with the same letter as your name

Find something

that reminds you of a person or a place



TASMANIAN MUSEUM ART GALLERY

Compare two things you find.

How are they like and unlike each other?



TENTACLE TRAIL

What is something you find made from? What else could be used to make it?



Make up a song about something you find.

Try this trail out at home, in the garden, at the beach, or in the bush – or even make up one of your own!

What's the oldest thing you can find? What's the newest?

If you could

add something to TMAG's collection, what would you choose?

something you find to a

If you could make something at TMAG come alive, what would you choose?

> **Be** a statue of something you find.

TASMANIAN Trails MUSEUM ART GALLERY

Imagine describing visitor from another planet.

