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Self-Guided
Art and
Nature Walk
in the
Museum Park

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Explore *A Closer Look*, a series of twelve etched metal plates featuring images of native plants and animals in the Museum Park. These illustrations were designed by artist Tim Purus as reliefs that show the connection between art and the natural world.

Take a walk through the park and search out the location of each plate by following the map and directions. Make your own work of art, a plate rubbing, to take home. Bring paper and crayons, or find them available for purchase in the Museum Store.

Don't miss the LOOK FOR ME directions, which turn a park walk into an outdoor adventure for children.

A Closer Look is part of a series of site-specific art projects, Art Has No Boundaries, commissioned by the NCMA to encourage visitors of all ages and physical abilities to actively explore the Museum Park. The series is part of the Active Community and Neighborhood grant program funded by the John Rex Endowment through the Physical Activity and Nutrition Branch of the N.C. Division of Public Health.

A CLOSER LOOK

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GENERAL DIRECTIONS

These directions take you on a walk through the Museum Park that starts near the Main Visitor Parking lot and Blue Ridge Road and ends near *Lowe's Pavilion*, leading you to all twelve plates. From start to finish, the walk takes about an hour at a leisurely pace and covers 1.25 miles of trails. The trail surfaces along this walk vary from paved to mulch to gravel, with some stairs.



START

Begin at the Plaza between West and East buildings, and take the sidewalk that leads uphill toward Blue Ridge Road and the Main Visitor Parking lot, following the signs to the Museum Park and Greenway. At the top of the hill, turn left onto the paved House Creek Greenway Trail and the entrance to Museum Park. Stop at the grove of pine trees on the left.

a Honey Bee and Carolina Lilies

LOCATION: Entrance to Museum Park on House Creek Greenway Trail.

➤ Continue on the Greenway, toward Vollis Simpson's *Wind Machine*, stopping at the bench by Ledelle Moe's *Collapse*.

b Eastern Box Turtle

LOCATION: House Creek Greenway, on the left, opposite the *Wind Machine*, near the bench and *Collapse*.

➤ Continue on the Greenway, walking through Thomas Sayre's *Gyre* and heading toward *Lowe's Pavilion*. Stop at the double-sided bench along the mulch path to the Pavilion.

c Ants and Peonies

LOCATION: Walkway to *Lowe's Pavilion* near the double bench

➤ Go back to the Greenway and head downhill toward the woods. Pass Martha Jackson-Jarvis's *Crossroads/Trickster I*, and keep going to the bottom of the hill.

d Centipede and Oak

LOCATION: House Creek Greenway Trail, bottom of hill after *Crossroads/Trickster I*, on the left side (inside the curve).

➤ Continue uphill on the House Creek Greenway Trail, and take the stairs on the left down to the Woodland Trail, toward Chris Drury's *Cloud Chamber for the Trees and Sky*. Stop at the fork in the path on the Woodland Trail.

e Snail and Mushroom

LOCATION: Woodland Trail at the fork in the trail

➤ Continue on the Woodland Trail, walking through the Workingman Collective's *Mission* birdhouses and toward Ledelle Moe's *Untitled*.

f Hummingbirds and Trumpet Vine

LOCATION: Woodland Trail between Workingman Collective's *Mission* birdhouses and Ledelle Moe's *Untitled*, on the right side

➤ Continue on the Woodland Trail past *Untitled*, and stop at the bottom of the hill overlooking the ravine on the right before you reach the *Cloud Chamber*.

g American Toad

LOCATION: Woodland Trail between *Untitled* and the *Cloud Chamber*, overlooking ravine

➤ Follow the Woodland Trail past the *Cloud Chamber* and stay to the right, following the trail down the steps to the bridge.

h Monarch Caterpillar

LOCATION: Woodland Trail below the *Cloud Chamber*, on the left before the Eagle Scout bridge

➤ Cross the Eagle Scout bridge on the Woodland Trail. When the path forks, stay to the right, and then turn right onto the gravel trail (The Ramble). Stop near the first bridge.

i Eastern Beetle and Pinecone

LOCATION: The Ramble near Ramble bridge

➤ Cross the bridge on The Ramble, and walk straight ahead toward Jim Gallucci's *Whisper Bench*.

j Rabbit and Wildflowers

LOCATION: The Ramble near the *Whisper Bench*

➤ Keep going past the *Whisper Bench* and over the bridge, stopping at the intersection of The Ramble and the Prairie Trail at the base of the hill.

k Ladybug and Black-Eyed Susans

LOCATION: Prairie Trail at the intersection of Prairie Trail and The Ramble

➤ Take a sharp uphill turn (left) onto the Prairie Trail, and uphill to the Museum Trail.

l Mouse and Leaves

LOCATION: Prairie Trail, near the intersection of Prairie Trail and Museum Trail.

FINISH