



Are you ready for an inspiring journey where nothing is as it seems? Welcome to **Fantastic Beasts™: The Wonder of Nature!**

Fantastic Beasts™: The Wonder of Nature explores the links between the magical creatures of the wizarding world and the remarkable animals in our natural world, encouraging a greater connection to our planet and empowering us all to be its caretakers. Be awed by the powerful combination of science, nature, and imagination as you explore fantastic beasts in all their forms and learn how these animals inspired some of the world's most incredible stories and folklore.

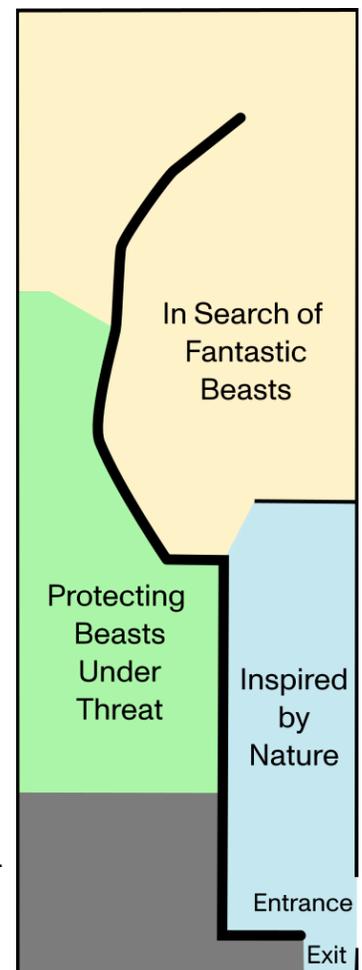
- You may use **any objects you like** for most of the questions on this Gallery Trail.
- Work in small groups on the questions and the activities.
- Remember that you're sharing the space with other people.
- Choose a working space that doesn't block someone's view or stop them from moving past you.
- Refresh your memory at artsandculture.google.com/project/nhm-fantastic-beasts

Museum Guidelines:

1. Walk. Don't run.
2. Use indoor voices.
3. Stay with your chaperone.
4. Make space for ROM educators if they are teaching a lesson.
5. Be gentle with interactive screens and objects.
6. Only touch objects that are clearly marked as safe to touch.
7. Don't rush. Focus your time on the objects that interest you and finish what you can.
8. Ask questions and have fun!

Pencils may be used while at the museum. Pens are not allowed for the safety of the objects.

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Inspired by Nature

 Stories of magical beasts have been told around the world since time immemorial. But what inspired these stories?

Look around the exhibition and **choose TWO beasts** that may have been inspired by nature. Use what you learn to fill in the table.

	Beast #1	Beast #2
Name of the beast:		
Sketch or photo of the beast:		
What did you learn about this beast? For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What did it look like?• What magical things can it do?		
What real-life animal might have inspired it?		
Sketch or photo of the real animal		
What makes you think this animal inspired the mythical creature? For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is the same?• What is different?• What is strange or unusual?		

Amazing Adaptations

 **Adaptations** are something an animal has on its body, or a way that an animal behaves, which help it survive better in its natural habitat.

Explore the “**In Search of Fantastic Beasts**” section until you find one beast you find interesting. It could be a real-world animal or a magical beast.

- **Sketch** your beast
- **Label** the adaptations that help it survive
- **Explain** how each adaptation helps it survive

Save a Species

 Explore the “**Protecting Beasts Under Threat**” section and **find one real-world animal** you would like to protect.

Using the labels, and extra research if you need it, find the answers to these questions:

- What is it?
- Where does it live?
- What does it need to survive?
- Why is it threatened?
- How could we help?

BACK IN CLASS: Create an information poster or display to tell everyone about your animal and how we might protect it.

Get creative! You can share your ideas in lots of different ways, including:

- Posters
- Dioramas
- Video ads
- Minecraft projects

Teachers, share your projects with us [@ROMtoronto](#) [#ROMLearning](#)!

Exploring the ROM

 When you've finished in *Fantastic Beasts™: The Wonder of Nature*, head upstairs. You can find many more plants and animals in the galleries on Level 2.

Explore the galleries and **find plants or animals with amazing adaptations**. Add your discoveries to the table below. Add extra paper if you run out of space.

Plant or Animal	Where did you find it?	What's amazing about it?
Example: clownfish	<i>The aquarium in Life in Crisis: The Schad Gallery of Biodiversity</i>	<i>All clownfish are boys when they're born, but if a mother clownfish dies, the father clownfish transforms into a new mom!</i>

Use your favourite adaptations from all the plants, animals, and fantastic beasts you've discovered as inspiration to create your own brand-new magical creature.

- Just like you did on Page 2, sketch your new beast and label its amazing adaptations.
- What is your new beast called?
- Are there any threats to your fantastic beast?

BACK IN CLASS: Write a story about a magical adventure that features your new fantastic beast!