Royal BC Museum: Behind the Scenes

- Royal BC Museum: Behind the Scenes is a two-part exhibition that brings the inner workings and collections of the Royal BC Museum out to the visiting public:
  - Part one runs June 25, 2010 - fall 2011 and focuses on the museum’s natural history collections, research and staff.
- The components:
  - **Behind the Scenes – the exhibition**: a 929-square-metre (10,000-square-foot) exhibition, conceived, designed and built entirely in-house.
  - **Behind the Scenes – the tours**: come (literally!) behind the scenes and tour our collections, work areas and science labs.
  - **Aliens Among Us – an exhibition within an exhibition**: a small feature show that’s all about non-indigenous species who have decided to call BC home (June 25, 2010 - Jan. 9, 2011).
  - **Behind the Scenes – online**: visit the exhibition online and experience the abundance of life within BC. (www.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/BehindtheScenes)
- In celebration of the UNESCO International Year of Biodiversity, be introduced to the curators and collections managers of the Royal BC Museum natural history department. Step into the shoes of skilled professionals and see what a “day in the life” is really like.
- **Behind the Scenes** is arranged into eight natural history disciplines and collections: ornithology (birds), entomology (insects), ichthyology (fish), paleontology, botany, herpetology (reptiles and amphibians), invertebrate zoology and mammalogy.
- Special exhibition programming for visitors, educators and BC students:
  - Kids can go hands-on in the *AmusEum* [“Amuse-EE-um”] – an interactive mini-museum for explorers 10 and younger.
  - Sit back and relax in the Biodiversity Lounge – a place to rest, browse the museum’s work and enjoy daily presentations by experts.
  - Participate in a variety of curator- and expert-run family and adult workshops.
- Young explorers can follow Piper the Pika, an illustrated tour guide, on a trail of exploration and discovery throughout the exhibition.
- Part two of Royal BC Museum: Behind the Scenes opens summer of 2012 and explores museum’s human history collections, research and staff.
- This exhibition is proudly supported by BC Hydro.

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