



An experience  
for everybody –  
see, marvel and  
comprehend

## A museum for nature

The Solothurn Natural History Museum will awaken your interest, enthusiasm, understanding and love for nature. It has exhibits of animals, plants, rocks and fossils from the area around Solothurn and will give you information on current topics through attractive special exhibitions. Unique features are the 150 million-year old fossilised turtles from the town's quarries, the wonderful starfish from Weissenstein and the famous dinosaur footprints from Lommiswil.





## A museum for families

This is a place where children are free to move about and can also be noisy sometimes. All animals and objects which are free-standing can be touched and there are lots of interactive play areas. In special drawers you can view fascinating details at close range. The clear summary information helps parents, grandparents, uncles and aunts to answer all the “what and why” questions. Older children like to go on discovery tours on their own and then talk excitedly about what they have seen and experienced.



## A museum for schools

School children are particularly welcome to the Solothurn Natural History Museum. So that they can work without being disturbed, mornings are reserved for schools and groups who have booked. There is also space to work within the exhibition, museum packs with educational materials on the exhibits, films, writing pads, etc. The museum education officer can offer individual advice on preparing your museum visit.

## An archive of nature

The extensive collections behind the scenes have existed since 1824 and are constantly being expanded with new finds. They have therefore become a unique and irreplaceable archive of nature and give objective information on the current state and ongoing changes in nature over the course of time. Specialists process the objects from a scientific point of view and will be pleased to answer your enquiries. We can also loan out items for presentations and exhibitions.





## In the footsteps of the dinosaurs

In the quarry at Lommiswil-Oberdorf near Solothurn there is a strange rock slab which is full of holes. They are the footprints of dinosaurs. Herbivorous sauropods once walked over the soft limestone on the seashore. Today you can easily see the prints from a viewing platform. Large display boards will give you information about how the prints were formed.

A visit to the museum can be combined with a trip to see the footprints, which are within easy reach using a short footpath.

## In the heart of the old town

The Natural History Museum, located in a former granary, is a 10-minute walk from the station and the surrounding car parks. The dotted line on the plan, access to the museum, the exhibitions and a toilet are wheelchair-accessible and there is a disabled parking space on the Klosterplatz.

### Free entry

Entry to the Solothurn Natural History Museum is free, because we want to address as many people as possible in the promotion of nature. The always hungry raven caws to say thank you when it gets fed.



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Opening times:  
Tuesday to Saturday 2 pm–5 pm  
Sunday 10 am–5 pm

Groups and schools  
also in the mornings, after registering

