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ENTER A WEB OF WONDER AT NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, LOS ANGELES

THE ORIGINAL WALK-THROUGH *SPIDER PAVILION* RETURNS FOR ITS THIRD SEASON

SEPTEMBER 23 - NOVEMBER 4, 2007



A garden spider hangs upside down in the center of its web, waiting for prey to become ensnared.
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This fall, visitors to the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County will have a unique opportunity to witness hundreds of spiders in a natural setting at the *Spider Pavilion*, open from **September 23 through November 4, 2007**.

The innovative *Spider Pavilion* began two years ago at the Museum, and is the first habitat of its kind in the United States. In this interactive exhibit, visitors can get up close to orb weaver spiders, enjoying tours guided by exhibition interpreters or roaming the enclosed greenhouse area independently.

From the large golden silk spiders of the *Nephila* genus that range in size up to several inches to the banded garden spider famous for its intricate webs and dramatic yellow and black markings, the Pavilion's residents roam freely in the beautifully landscaped garden, located on the Museum's South Lawn.

The *Spider Pavilion* grants guests the rare opportunity to immerse themselves in the spiders' habitat and witness the day-to-day lives of these arachnids. Visitors can observe spiders interact with one another, create intricate webs and feed on their prey. Guests can also learn fascinating facts about these largely harmless creatures, dispelling the myths about spiders and common fears that often surround them.

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Spider Pavilion Special Ticketing

Please note that special ticketing is subject to change.

Timed tickets are available inside the Museum, with first availability for purchase at 10 a.m. and final sale at 4:30 p.m. each day. Adults \$3; Students/Seniors \$2; Children (5-12) \$1. Members receive FREE admission and the first available tickets.

Museum Admission and Hours

The Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County is located at 900 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles. It is open weekdays, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and weekends and holidays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$6.50 for children. For more information, visit the Museum's website at www.nhm.org or call (213) 763-DINO.

About the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County

The Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County serves more than one million families and visitors annually, and is a national leader in research, exhibitions and education. The Museum was the first cultural institution in Los Angeles to open its doors to the public in 1913 and has amassed one of the world's most extensive and valuable collections of natural and cultural history—with more than 33 million objects, some as old as 4.5 billion years.