



## PUBLIC PROGRAMS

### Opening Weekend: Welcome to Neanderthal

**Saturday, May 18**

**10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Curatorial tours: 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

**Public lecture: 1 p.m. (in French, with simultaneous translation in English)**

**Neanderthal exhibition, Resource Centre and Main Lobby**

Did you know that some of us inherited as much as 4% of our DNA from Neanderthals? That's just one of the many astonishing discoveries you'll make when you visit our newest major exhibition, **Neanderthal**. Opening weekend is especially exciting, with a lively trivia game and a table where you can handle stone tools. This is also your chance to enjoy a lecture by Neanderthal experts Marylène Patou-Mathis and Pascal Depaepe, and to take a tour of the exhibition with curator Janet Young (in English), or Marylène Patou-Mathis (in French). **Neanderthal** will be here all summer, but there's only one opening weekend!

### Live Interpretation – Neanderthal: Fact and Fiction

**May 18, 2019 to January 26, 2020**

**(except December 24 and 25, 2019 and January 6 to 10, 2020)**

**Tuesday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; until 6 p.m. on Thursday**

**Saturday to Monday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Neanderthal exhibition gallery**

As part of the new special exhibition, **Neanderthal**, volunteers at two interactive stations will help visitors challenge outdated myths about our ancient cousins. First, get hands-on with stone tools as you learn more about the daily lives of Neanderthals, as well as the work of Canadian geologists and paleontologists, Henri-Marc Ami. Then, test your Neanderthal knowledge in a volunteer-led trivia game, and learn more about the genetic relationship between Neanderthals and *Homo sapiens*.

*Schedule subject to change without notice.*

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## **Awesome Neanderthals**

**Sunday, June 16**

**10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Canadian History Hall Lobby**

How do you stack up beside a Neanderthal? The answers might surprise you! Prehistoric humans are coming to the Museum this summer in the special exhibition **Neanderthal**. You and your family can travel back tens of thousands of years to explore the Neanderthal world. Learn how Neanderthals made sharp blades from stones. Work a reconstructed archaeological dig, and create cave art.

## **Summer Camps: Neanderthal**

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays on July and August**

This summer, bring your day camp groups to the Canadian Museum of History to learn all about the Neanderthals. With an activity sheet as their guide, day campers will explore the new major exhibition, **Neanderthal**. Interested in archaeology? Campers can try their hand at excavation in our mini indoor dig site, featuring a variety of Neanderthal reproductions, including a cranium.

## **(Pre) History Night at the Museum**

**Thursday, November 14**

**6 to 8 p.m.**

**Neanderthal exhibition, Special Exhibitions Corridor, Haida Gwaii Mezzanine**

Club-wielding brute? Slow-witted caveman? How about adaptable apex predator who thrived in a challenging Ice Age environment? Find out how our perspectives of Neanderthals are changing during an evening with Janet Young, curator of the major exhibition **Neanderthal**, and members of the exhibition team. Not only will you hear behind-the-scenes stories and discover the team's favourite objects, but you can also try your hand at a mini-excavation and answer Neanderthal trivia! Mingle over a cocktail from our cash bar. Learn more about who we are by learning more about our distant cousins.