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**“Monsters of the Deep”**

*You won't believe your eyes. You won't believe their size.  
Join us beneath the sea for our largest exhibit ever.  
June 13, 2009 – January 8, 2010*

**Jackson, Miss.** – The Mississippi Museum of Natural Science, recently named the state's Travel Attraction of the Year by the Mississippi Tourism Association, will host the “Monsters of the Deep” exhibit, developed by PaleoFun, Inc., from June 13, 2009 – January 8, 2010.

“The exhibit includes displays from prehistory to the whales, sharks and turtles that inhabit our oceans today. Don't miss the 21 foot, fleshed-out, 40-million year old toothed Zygorhiza whale!” explains Libby Hartfield, Museum Director.

Using a combination of skeletons and amazingly realistic fleshed-out models, this exhibit transports the visitor into the aquatic creatures' natural habitat. With their incredible teeth and gaping jaws, and long snake-like necks, the bizarre monsters of the ancient seas were unlike anything known today. In this thrilling prehistoric world, huge carnivorous, marine reptiles filled the oceans such as sea turtles the size of a car. Although the creatures of the deep have changed over the past 65 million years, we are still fascinated with the modern marvels of the present day monsters, such as the elusive Giant Squid, the fearsome sharks and the amazing giant whales that inhabit today's oceans.

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The Museum is located at 2148 Riverside Drive in Jackson. Call 601.354.7303 or visit [www.msnaturalscience.org](http://www.msnaturalscience.org) for details. The Museum is part of the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. The Mississippi Museum of Natural Science is an Equal Opportunity Employer and is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

**Museum Hours**

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sunday: 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

**Admission**

Adults: \$5

Children ages 3-18: \$3

Senior Citizens 60 and over: \$4

Children under 3: FREE

Members: FREE

School Teachers with classes: Call for  
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