



FERNBANK SHELL SEARCH

Welcome to Fernbank Museum! You will see lots of animals during your visit today, many of which have shells. The Fernbank Shell Search focuses on one type of shelled animal—the mollusk. Look for answers to these questions as you “comb through” the Museum’s exhibitions.



ENTRY LEVEL

1. Mollusks have a wide range of offensive and defensive abilities. Not all mollusks have shells. Can you find a mollusk without a shell in the Gray’s Reef diorama of *A Walk Through Time in Georgia*? Hint: It has 8 arms.
2. Take a look at the Museum’s floors. The tiles contain fossils of many shapes and sizes. The fossils we find most often in our floors are of certain prehistoric animals. Use the pictures as a reference and see if you can find some of these fossils right below your feet.



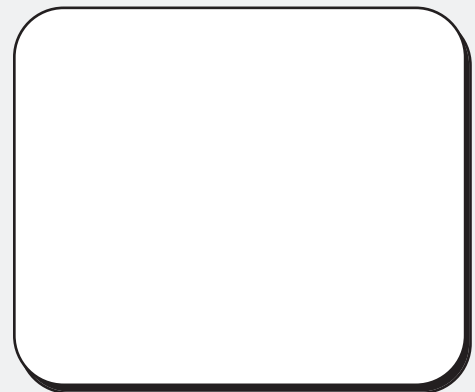
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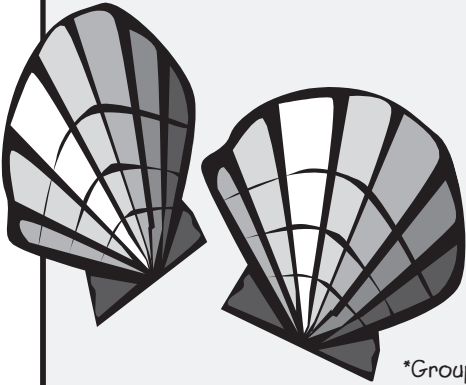
3. In *The World of Shells* exhibition take a look at the many shapes and sizes shells come in. Can you find Georgia’s state seashell, the Knobbed Whelk? Draw a picture of it in the space provided.



4. I am an ancient ocean animal. My fossil remains can be found in the limestone floor tiles at Fernbank Museum and my modern relative is displayed in *The World of Shells*. In fact I was the inspiration for Fernbank Museum’s logo. Who am I?

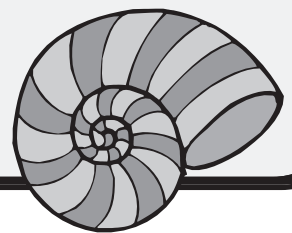
UPPER LEVEL

5. Visit *Georgia Adventure* in *The Children's Discovery Rooms* and go to the Jekyll Island Pier display.* Feel inside of the mystery crates. Can you find Georgia's state seashell, the Knobbed Whelk? What does it feel like? Many animals that live in the ocean have shells. What purpose do you think those shells serve?



*Group access to the *Discovery Rooms* is available on a space-available, age-appropriate basis.

7. Have you ever put your ear up to a shell and heard the ocean? The roaring sound you hear isn't only found inside shells. The shell is actually capturing the noises from around you and funneling the vibrations directly to your ear. Visit *Sensing Nature* and listen to the changing noises of the Pipes of Pan display. What does this familiar sound remind you of?



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