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*Sternberg Memorial Museum
Museum of the High Plains*

Impressive Facts

The following are a few impressive facts about the two nationally-recognized museums on campus:

1. The Sternberg Memorial Museum was visited last year by more than 92,000 persons from 48 states and 21 foreign countries.
2. Nearly 30,000 school children from western and central Kansas are given guided tours of the Sternberg Memorial Museum each year.
3. Some of the most complete and impressive fossils ever found are on exhibit in the Sternberg Memorial Museum.
4. Two dioramas in the Sternberg Memorial Museum were painted by one of the world's best-known museum artists.
5. Several outstanding traveling exhibitions from other museums are displayed each year in the Sternberg Memorial Museum.
6. The total number of specimens housed in the Sternberg Memorial Museum is well in excess of 3 million. No university the size of Fort Hays State and no town the size of Hays has a comparable museum.
7. The overall market value of specimens housed in the Sternberg Memorial Museum is in the millions of dollars.
8. The Museum of the High Plains contains nearly 750,000 specimens, including the largest collection of fossil grasses at any museum in the world.
9. The focus of the Museum of the High Plains is the Great Plains region of North America. It is the largest museum anywhere with this focus.