

The Southwestern Bell **Discovery Theater**, a high resolution video theater and stage will provide a setting for a variety of programs such as first-person vignettes of life in the past, distinguished lectures, symposia, and conferences.

The **History of Baylor University** exhibit will feature the history of the university from 1845 to the present, including current research and programs. The **Poage Texas Orientation Map** will provide visitors a unique look at the state's geological and geographical variety.

Waco at the Crossroads of Texas, highlights Waco's exciting position at the geological, biological, climatological and cultural crossroads of Texas.

The **Permanent Exhibits Gallery** will showcase the John K. Strecker Collection. Greeted by the a twelve-foot Protostega, found near Waco and perhaps the largest turtle of its type ever found, visitors will experience the sweep of science and culture from pre-historic to modern times.

The Cretaceous Sea, a room evoking the feeling of being underwater among prehistoric creatures includes a life-sized replica of a thirty-foot pliosaur, and the fossil remains of a plesiosaur, both discovered near Waco.

The Waco Mammoth Site exhibit, entered through a portal in the Hall of Natural Science depicts the dramatic story of the event that mired a whole herd of Mammoths . . . making this site world-renowned as the largest of its kind related to a single catastrophic event.

Hill Country Cave, entered from the Hall of Natural Science allows visitors to explore a cave found to the south of the crossroads area.

The **Emergence of Humans** will illustrate the coming of humans to the crossroads area, based on the latest research.

East Texas Forests, entered through a portal from the Hall of Natural Science provides an overview of the trees and wildlife from the crossroads of Central Texas to the forests of the east.

In **Central Texas Lifeways**, museum visitors will be able to examine the different kinds

of dwellings found in Central Texas during the 19th Century, from a plains Indian style tipi and a Waco grass house to a log cabin and a stone house.

Exploration Stations, designed for hands-on, sensory experiences related to the exhibits, will allow visitors of all ages to examine articles from the natural world as well as artifacts from Native Americans, and people from the various cultures that settled the land.