

# All things snakes on exhibit at Reno museum

Sssnakes Alive is the current exhibit at the Wilbur D. May Museum in Reno. It runs through April 10.

This exhibition is designed to promote understanding and clarify misunderstandings about snakes. Sssnakes Alive focuses primarily on the four types of venomous snakes native to North America: copperhead, cottonmouth, coral, and rattlesnake. It features more than 20 live venomous snakes along with dozens of interactive displays.

Visitors will be able to:

- Walk on a suspension bridge over a pit filled with live rattlesnakes.
- Step into the dark recesses of a rattlesnake winter den.
- Get digested while crawling through a 25-foot model snake.
- Test reflexes in a simulated bite station.
- See the world through infrared snake vision.
- Hold a live snake under the supervision of a snake handler.

Visitors will also discover snakes in world mythology, ancient beliefs and cultural relationships with snakes, snake evolution and biology, the benefits of snakes, and snakebite first aid. The museum will also host a variety of special events throughout the exhibition, including lectures, animal encounters, photo opportunities, kids activities, and more.

The museum is in the Rancho San Rafael Regional Park, 1595 N. Sierra St., Reno. Cost is \$9 adults, \$8 children, and \$8 seniors. For more info, call 775.785.5961.