

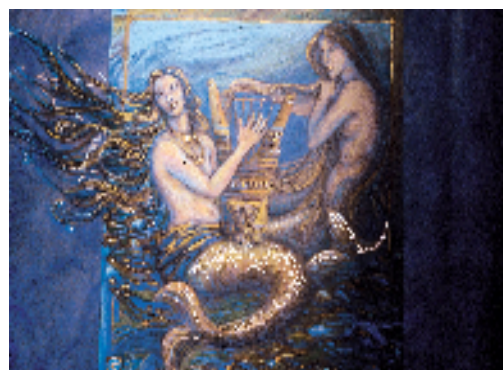


Réserve Géologique de Haute-Provence Musée Sirènes & Fossiles Castellane - France

Do you still believe in mermaids ?

The house of Mermaids and Sirenians invite you to come discover the secret world of mermaids and the equally surprising world of sirenians. The myth of mermaids is indeed at the origin of the name given to these peaceable sea mammals basking in warm waters.

Once you cross the museum threshold, the mermaids' spell is cast, carrying you through a sea-blue world to the museographic island brimming with legend and myth.



House of mermaids and sirenians



Manatees



Sirenians bones



Valley of fossils sirens

Fantastic objects, sculptures of animals, photographs, videos, illustrated panels in an almost maritime freshness plunge you into geological time and Antiquity to resurface in the modern world.

During the year 2008, an exhibition about insects will be presented.

At Col des Lèques, 6 kilometres above Castellane, is nestled the Valley of Fossil Sirens. This paleontological site harbours hundred of fossil bones of an ancestor of today's dugongs and manatees.

The abundance and remarkable preservation of these 40 million year old fossils make this site a truly unique geological treasure.

The site protected by a museum, is just an easy 30 minute walk along a pleasant trail.

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