

The Westcoast Reader

Mammoths! Giants of the Ice Age. 📖



You can see woolly mammoths and other Ice Age animals at the Royal BC Museum.

Photo: --Exhibit Royal BC Museum

In June, a special exhibit opened at the Royal BC Museum in Victoria. The exhibit is called *Mammoths! Giants of the Ice Age*.

Visitors can learn about life in British Columbia during the Ice Age. The Ice Age was from 2.6 million to 10,000 years ago.

At the exhibit, you can see Ice Age plants and animals. You can touch mammoth tusks. There is also an IMAX® film.

- Woolly mammoths were about the size of modern African elephants — about 3 metres (10 feet) high.
- They ate plants.
- Humans hunted mammoths thousands of years ago.
- Mammoths are extinct. The last mammoth died about 3,600 years ago.

This mammoth tooth was found on Vancouver Island.



Photo: --Exhibit Royal BC Museum

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Where did mammoths live?

- Huge mammoths lived in Asia, Europe, and North America more than 1.8 million years ago.
- Woolly mammoths lived in BC during the Ice Age.

Lyuba



Lyuba: Francis Latreille/International Mammoth Committee

Lyuba is a baby mammoth

One highlight of the exhibit is a baby woolly mammoth. Herders in Russia found the mammoth's body in 2007. They named her Lyuba (say: LOO-bah).

Lyuba died thousands of years ago

Lyuba died about 40,000 years ago. Scientists think the baby mammoth got trapped in mud and died. Lyuba was only about a month old when she died.



In this drawing, hunters work together to kill a mammoth. It could provide food for a group of people through the winter.

Illustration: Velizar Simeonovski/The Field Museum

The mammoth exhibit is open until December 31, 2016.

For information, go to: www.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca

Exercise

True or False?

Circle T if the sentence is true, or F if the sentence is false.

- 1. The Royal BC Museum is in Vancouver..... T F
- 2. The Museum has a special exhibit about Mammoths..... T F
- 3. The exhibit shows what life was like in BC during the ice age..... T F
- 4. The Ice Age was from 250,000 to 1,000 years ago..... T F
- 5. The highlight of the exhibit is a baby Wooly Mammoth..... T F
- 6. Herders found the body of the Mammoth in Finland in 2007..... T F
- 7. The herders named the baby mammoth Lyuba..... T F
- 8. Lyuba was one year old when she died..... T F
- 9. Scientists believe Lyuba got trapped in the mud and died..... T F
- 10. The Mammoth exhibit is open until December 31, 2017..... T F

Answer key

1. F 2. T 3. T 4. F 5. T 6. F 7. T 8. F 9. T 10. F

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