

Catalogue Record

During World War 2, the Natural History Museum did send some of their objects to country estates to protect them from bombing. Larger specimens which couldn't be transported, including some of the skeletons, remained in their displays protected with sandbags.

The museum experienced several bombings, one of which damaged the east wing of the museum, which held the botany department and herbarium. Many of the objects and books were lost in the resulting fires. Almost every display case suffered from shattered glass, which became embedded within the fur of taxidermy specimens.

Where to read more:

- www.nhm.ac.uk/discover/the-museum-during-wartime
- iwmvolunteerlondon.wordpress.com/2019/01/02
- A Museum at War: Snapshots of Life at the Natural History Museum during World War One, by Karolyn Shindler



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