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Science Park Montshire Museum of Science

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Norwich, Vermont
Montshire Museum of Science
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The Montshire Museum of Science, which the New York Times described as “one of the greatest assemblages of hands-on, child friendly exhibits ever gathered in one place,” is located on one hundred wooded acres on the Connecticut River. Copley Wolff Design Group*, worked with the museum to expand its exhibit area from its 20,000-square foot building out into the landscape through the new two-acre “Science Park.”

Science Park combines a number of functions. It houses exhibits that invite visitors to interact with water, light, sound, and other natural phenomena; it provides an amphitheater for gatherings from concerts to informal talks; it orients visitors to the surrounding site, and guides them to the trails into the surrounding meadows, forests, and wetlands. And it provides a route to the Museum’s beautiful riverfront, through a new tunnel under an existing railroad.

Copley Wolff Design Group provided masterplanning, site programming, design, and construction administration services. By working closely with the Museum’s administration, exhibit designers, and board to identify and resolve critical design, program, and phasing issues, CWDG developed an interactive and interpretive landscape that supports the Museum’s program, philosophy, and curriculum goals.



“Science Park has surpassed my grandest expectations!”

David Goudy, Director, Montshire Museum of Science