

MUSEUM NEWS

WVGES Museum Announces Significant Donation to Collection

Morgantown, WV – March 30, 2026 – The West Virginia Geological and Economic Survey (WVGES) is pleased to announce that it has secured a *Megalonyx* (Giant Ground Sloth) skull for their Museum of Geology and Natural History. Thanks to the generosity of the Weed family of Cabell and Kanawha Counties, the skull now has a home at the WVGES museum. The *Megalonyx* skull, nicknamed “Skully,” was found in Putnam County in 2022 and is among the most significant recent paleontological discoveries in West Virginia.



Megalonyx skull, nicknamed “Skully,” WVGES.



Paleoart of Jefferson’s ground sloth

To share “Skully” with the public, the Weed family first loaned the specimen before deciding to officially donate it to the museum. With the skull now an official part of the Survey’s collection, there are more opportunities to confirm or build upon earlier scientific studies. This rare opportunity, made possible by the generosity of the Weed family, ensures future discoveries and will expand the understanding of the past presence of giant ground sloths in West Virginia. The WVGES is deeply grateful to the Weed family and their willingness to donate “Skully.”

The public can view “Skully” and the other exhibits on geology and natural history during the museum’s operating hours which are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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