

# Titanoides

**Common Name:**  
Bear-like mammal

**Classification:**  
**Class:** Mammalia  
**Order:** Pantodonta  
**Family:** Titanoideidae



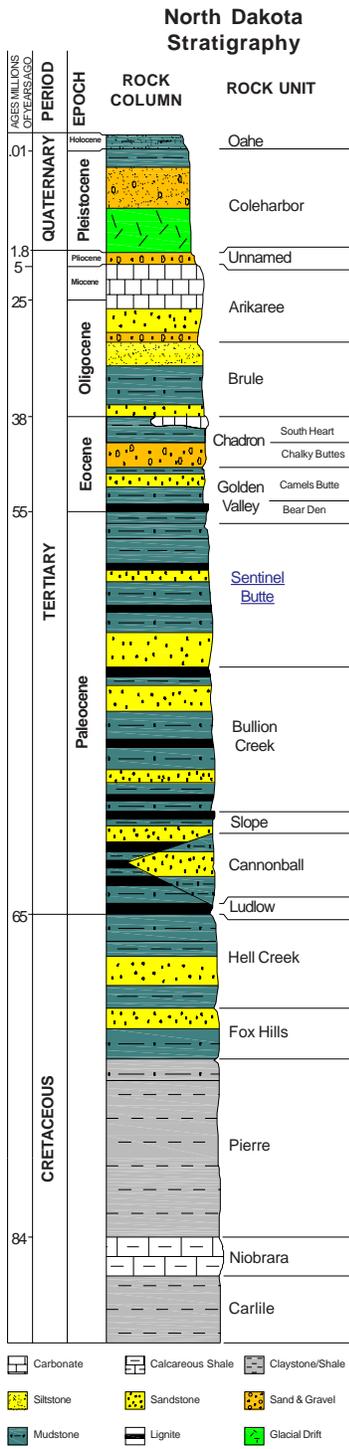
Crushed skull and lower jaws of the bear-like mammal, *Titanoides*. Sentinel Butte Formation. Recovered from United States Forest Service-Dakota Prairies Grassland administered land in Billings County. Length 300 mm. North Dakota State Fossil Collection ND98-38.

**Description:**

*Titanoides* was one of the early Tertiary browsing mammals called pantodonts. Their limbs were short and stout, and they were bear-like in appearance. Some were rhinoceros in size. Even though they had huge canine teeth they were herbivores. Their feet possessed five, clawed digits. *Titanoides* was the largest mammal that inhabited North Dakota 60 million years ago when western North Dakota was a subtropical swampland. The main predators at the time were crocodiles, and it is possible that *Titanoides* at times feel prey to those reptiles.



*Titanoides*. Painting by Michael R. Long, courtesy of the Natural History Museum, London.



Locations where fossils have been found