

JOIN US IN JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST ON SITES ACROSS NORTH DAKOTA IN THE SEARCH FOR FOSSILS!

2024 PUBLIC FOSSIL DIGS

ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR ALL DIGS (FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED!):

Opens February 3 at 10am Central @ www.ndpaleofriends.org

Take a prehistoric fishing trip to the northeastern corner of the State, in the beautifully scenic Pembina Gorge. Sea monsters swam in the Western Interior Seaway 80 million years ago, in this Pierre Formation location.

Travel back in time to when dinosaurs roamed the land at the Bismarck Area site, located south of Bismarck-Mandan in the Hell Creek Formation. These 67-million-year-old creatures range from the fearsome *Tyrannosaurus*, horned *Triceratops*, and the ever-present duck-billed *Edmontosaurus* – along with other creatures that lived underfoot (crocodiles, turtles, mammals, and more).

You won't need a fan-boat to view the swamps of western North Dakota, but you may need some good sunblock! The Paleocene (55-65-million-year-old) Sentinel Butte and Bullion Creek Formations hold a variety of swampy denizens, including crocodiles, giant salamanders, fish, clams, snails, and more.

Or if getting out and hiking is more your style, check out the Dickinson Area site inside the Little Badlands of North Dakota. These 32-30-million-year-old Oligocene rocks hold micro-mammals galore, monstrous rhinos and entelodonts, and pint-sized horses, deer, camels, cats, and bats.

GENERAL DIG INFORMATION

- All fossils collected on these digs go to the North Dakota State Fossil Collection and are used for educational and research purposes.
- At all four dig locations, participants must bring their own lunches.
- Shade tents and porta-potties will be available on site EXCEPT at the Dickinson dig location.
- The Experienced 2-Day Site Closing Session may finish early on the 2nd day.
- Our digs have a minimum age of 15 years for a Full Day & 10 years for a Family Half-Day. No digs for children under 10 years.
- No personal vehicles! All participants will be transported by van from the meeting site to the dig site.

Scan QR code for more information and additional rules for participants.

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