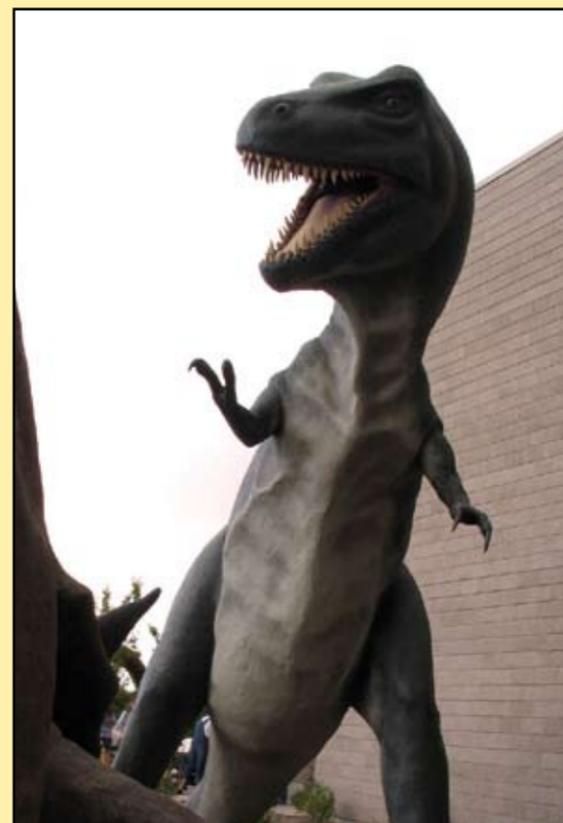


MUSEUM RENTALS

The museum, which includes a large rotunda, exhibit halls, classroom, theater and garden, may be rented separately or in its entirety for public or private functions. Please inquire at the visitor information desk for cost and availability.



VISITOR INFORMATION

Plan your visit to the Uinta Basin or other destinations in northwestern Utah with the help of our visitor information staff. Either call or stop by the front desk. Maps, brochures and pamphlets are available upon request.

GUIDELINES

Please observe these regulations to ensure everyone's visit is pleasant:

Please leave food and drink outside.

Pets are prohibited from entering the museum. Service animals are allowed.

Children must be supervised at all times. Running or rough-housing within the museum can damage displays, result in injury and disrupt others' enjoyment of the museum.

Please do not climb on or touch any of the museum or garden models.

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DIRECTIONS

The museum is conveniently located on US Highway 40 in downtown Vernal, near the junction of US Highway 191 (the Flaming Gorge-Uintas National Scenic Byway).

MUSEUM HOURS

The museum is open seven days a week, and is closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years and Martin Luther King Jr. holidays.

Museum Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Extended Summer Hours (Memorial Day to Labor Day) 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

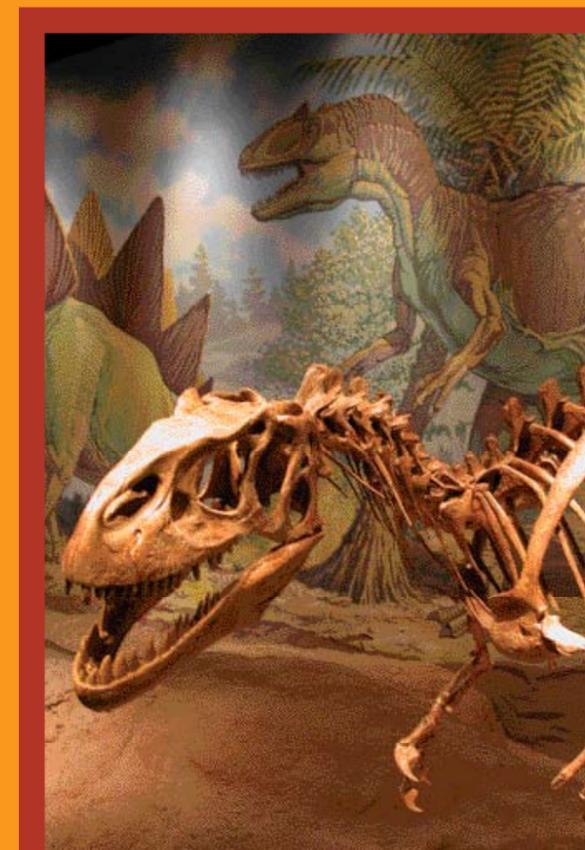
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UTAH FIELD HOUSE OF NATURAL HISTORY STATE PARK MUSEUM



The Utah Field House of Natural History State Park Museum sits amidst some of the most spectacular geologic and paleontologic resources on earth. This vast wealth of resources drew scientists from all over the world for research and collection. However, it did not escape the notice of former Ashley National Forest Supervisor A.G. Nord, that most of these priceless fossils were leaving the Uinta Basin for destinations elsewhere. It was through his vision of retaining these items locally that the Utah Field House of Natural History arose.

Share in 2.7 billion years of history revealed in the museum and explore the story of Utah's ancient past. Touch actual rock and fossil specimens, including a 150 million-year-old dinosaur bone.



MORRISON DIG SITE AND FOSSIL LAB

After leaving the theater, visitors proceed into the sites and sounds of the Morrison Formation. This chapter of Earth's story has produced many dinosaurs familiar to us. Listening to sounds of an actual dig, visitors take up excavation tools and proceed to uncover fossil bones. Several of the most recent and best dinosaur books are available in the lab study area. Younger visitors enjoy a visit to the Children's Lab, designed to both amuse and educate with a variety of toys, books and puzzles. A small theater area encourages children to make up their own Jurassic stories.

ACTIVITIES

Visitors begin their Uinta Fossil Journey in the rotunda and are greeted by *Diplodocus*, a dinosaur 90 feet long from tip to tail. After taking a close look at this giant, visitors proceed to the theater where their discovery of the Uinta Basin continues.

THEATER

Did you ever wonder what it would be like to participate in a fossil dig? What kinds of tools would you use, what might the area look like, and which fossils might be found? A short film, *Stories in Stone*, answers these questions by sharing a day in the field at two dig sites. The story features volunteers and scientists who helped excavate fossils for exhibits at the Utah Field House.



JURASSIC HALL

From the dig site and lab, visitors wander back to the Morrison Formation as it looked 150 million years ago. View unique and rare fossils, one of which helped paleontologists solve the mystery of the plate arrangement of *Stegosaurus stenops*, or the most complete *Haplocanthosaurus* ever discovered, a sauropod dinosaur known from less than five skeletons.

EOCENE GALLERY

Moving from the Jurassic to the Eocene, visitors go forward in time 100 million years, when huge lakes dominated the landscape, and the fauna included crocodiles, turtles, small primates, and the massive beast, *Uintatherium*, sporting six horns and saber-tooth tusks. One complete gallery wall displays 288 panels of fossil plants, some so well-preserved insect damage can be observed. A walk-through diorama, complete with running stream, provides a snapshot of this unique time in Utah's past, the Eocene epoch.

DINOSAUR GARDEN

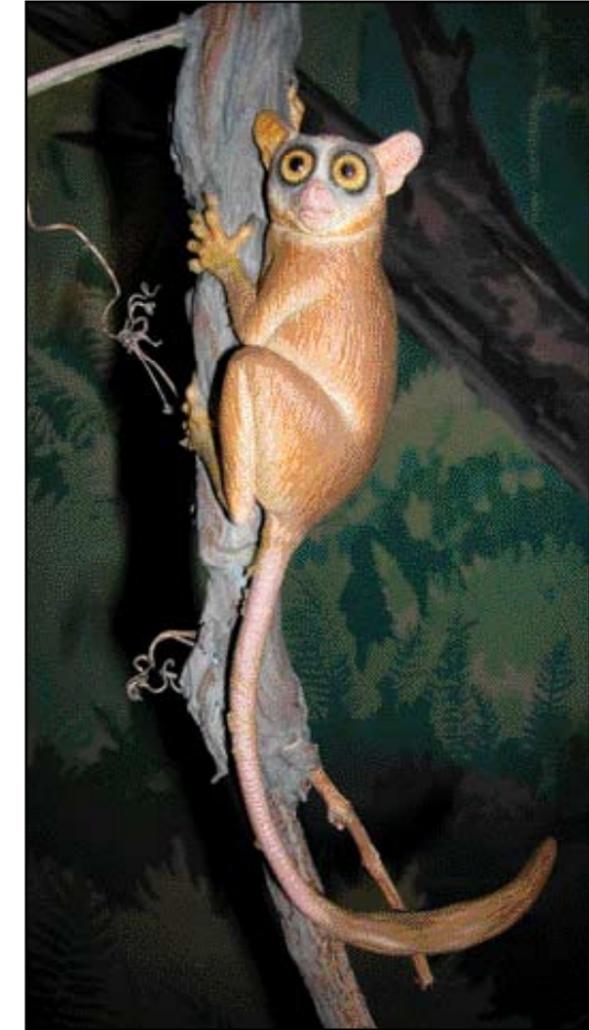
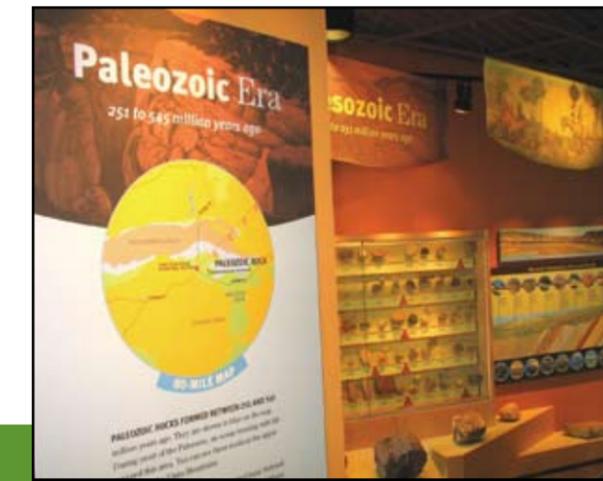
The dinosaur garden is home to 14 life-size prehistoric animals. Ever wonder just how big a woolly mammoth was, or if the tyrant of the Mesozoic, *Tyrannosaurus rex* was really so terrible? The answer is just a garden visit away.

ROCKS AND MINERAL ROOM

One of the most popular exhibits is the Rock and Mineral room. Vibrant, glowing colors are produced when minerals within the rocks are exposed to ultraviolet light. Flip the switch again to view the rocks in their usual manner and be amazed by how ordinary they look.

EDUCATION

Educational programs are available to public and private groups. It is recommended that requests be made two weeks prior to the desired date. Contact the Curator of Education for more information or to schedule a program. A junior scientist book is available for purchase in the gift shop. A variety of science based activities make learning about the museum fun. A junior scientist patch is awarded upon completion of the notebook.



ROCKS IN TIME

The Rocks In Time exhibit is designed to make the science of geology more user friendly to visitors. Different "chapters" of Earth's story are displayed in a mural covering one entire hallway from floor to ceiling. Many rocks and fossils on display complement understanding of this story through both touch and sight.