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Dig Edition

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Hide and seek. Some children can hardly restrain their giggles as they awkwardly attempt to conceal themselves behind an object that is smaller than they are; others maneuver themselves into spaces with such flexibility that the seeker would not think it possible that someone could be concealed there. In the former case, the discovery is easy and the game is over quickly; in the latter, the seeker eventually calls out, “I give up”, and the hidden person gleefully emerges.

Digging for fossils is similar to playing hide and seek. Sometimes the discovery happens quickly and its excavation is easy; more often, it requires diligence and patience, testing one’s endurance. There is a key difference between searching for fossils and playing hide and seek: If we call out, “I give up”, the fossils never voluntarily walk out from their hiding places!

As field paleontologists, we lead our guests on a journey many of them have never experienced: will the next push of your tool through the sediment reveal the hiding place of a fossil that was catastrophically interred over 4,000 years ago, making you the first human to see it?

In addition to explaining and assisting with excavation techniques, we come alongside as diggers navigate a range of thoughts and emotions: disappointment when we tell them, “It is a rock”, celebration when we announce, “That’s bone!”, and enthusiasm if we are able to identify the anatomical type of fossil they have and which kind of animal it came from. Whether our guests have youthful imagination, inquisitive minds, or are quiet, deep-thinkers, seeing their thrill over the fossil in their hand refreshes our pleasure in the journey of discovery, too!

Our guests this summer included family groups and individuals coming for a single day dig and several multi-day group digs coordinated with Reasons for Hope, Liberty University, Bob Jones University, the Institute for Biblical Authority, the Institute for Creation Research, and Montana Bible College.



2025 Museum Hours
10am-5pm

Friday & Saturday April & May

Mon-Sat Memorial thru Labor Day

Friday & Saturday Sept & October

Friday & Saturday November 28 & 29

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Some of the many discoveries from this year's digs include:



- * Tyrannosaurus teeth
- * Edmontosaurus metatarsals, phalanges, vertebrae, rib pieces, and teeth
- * Triceratops vertebrae, cervical rib, rib pieces, and teeth
- * Thescelosaur humerus, phalanges, and vertebra
- * Struthiomimus coracoid
- * Dromaeosaur ulna and cervical rib
- * Crocodilian left maxilla (upper jaw piece), parietal (skull piece), humerus, scutes, and teeth
- * Champsosaur ribs and vertebrae



If you are interested in joining us for a “hide and seek” fossil adventure, please visit our website (creationtruth.org/digs) for more information. The available dates for the 2026 season will be posted at the beginning of the year.

2025 Fall Hours:



**Fridays and Saturdays
from 10 am-5 pm
through November 1st.**

**Plus a *special* Thanksgiving opening:
November 28th & 29th
from 10 am-5 pm.**



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