

ROYAL TYRRELL MUSEUM

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2017 ABOUT THE MUSEUM

MUSEUM OVERVIEW

The Royal Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology celebrates the spectacular diversity of life on Earth, from the tiniest grain of pollen to the mightiest dinosaur. This world-renowned museum and research facility is situated in the rugged Canadian Badlands, which offers some of the richest deposits of dinosaur fossils in the world and spectacular views.

Our mandate is to be an internationally recognized public and scientific museum dedicated to the collection, preservation, presentation, and interpretation of palaeontological history, with special reference to Alberta's rich fossil heritage.

THE MUSEUM:

- is situated in Midland Provincial Park, 6 km northwest of Drumheller, Alberta
- is the only museum in Canada devoted exclusively to the science of palaeontology and has one of the biggest displays of dinosaur skeletons in the world
- has welcomed over 12.5 million visitors from 150 countries
- has been voted one of the world's top dinosaur museums by CNN, National Geographic, USA Today, and Smithsonian Magazine several years in a row
- is a designated Canadian Signature Experience by Destination Canada
- is home to approximately 160,000 individual specimens, over 300 of which are holotypes (term used to describe an individual plant or animal that serves as the basis for the description of a species)
- adds thousands of specimens to its collection annually
- spans over 835,000 sq. ft. of the Alberta badlands. The main building is 120,000 sq. ft., which includes 45,000 sq. ft. of exhibit space. The ATCO Tyrrell Learning Centre provides an additional 16,500 sq. ft. devoted to Educational Programming
- in 2016, the Alberta Government announced a 14,000 sq. ft expansion of new museum space, including dedicated venues for hands-on activities that encourage exploration; multi-use rooms for meetings and school groups; additional outreach areas; and enhanced educational spaces
- is operated by Alberta Culture and Tourism and generates the highest economic output of all Alberta Government heritage attractions



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ATTENDANCE & VISITORS

In 2016, the Royal Tyrrell Museum welcomed:

- over 477,000 visitors from 150 countries
- over 33,500 students participating in educational programs on site
- over 4,500 distance learning students

The Royal Tyrrell Museum houses a range of galleries and exhibit spaces that immerse visitors in the 3.9-billion-year-history of life on Earth.

MUSEUM HOURS

May 15 – August 31 **9 am – 9 pm** Seven days a week
September 1 – 30 **10 am – 5 pm** Seven days a week
October 1 – May 14 **10 am – 5 pm** Closed Mondays, except for holidays

COMMON DISTANCES

From Museum to:	km	mi	time
Banff	246	163	3 hr
Brooks	138	85	1 hr 30 min
Calgary	135	84	1 hr 30 min
Drumheller	6	4	7 min
Edmonton	280	174	3 hr
Lethbridge	302	188	3 hr 15 min
Medicine Hat	251	156	2 hr 30 min
Red Deer	169	105	2 hr

AMENITIES

PARKING

Parking is free of charge. Spaces are designed for cars/trucks, recreational vehicles, buses, and motorcycles.

AUDIO GUIDES

Available for rent in English, French, Spanish, Japanese, Dutch, and German.

ACCESSIBILITY

Museum exhibits and indoor programs are accessible by wheelchairs and strollers (available for rent at a nominal fee).

FOOD SERVICES

The Cafeteria, with seating for 150, offers grill selections, snacks, and refreshments. In the summer, visitors can enjoy their meals on the patio, surrounded by the scenic badlands, or at the picnic area located on the southeast corner of the Museum grounds.

GIFT SHOP

Operated by the Royal Tyrrell Museum Cooperating Society, the Gift Shop specializes in apparel, giftware, souvenirs and books, and features exclusive lines of logowear and books produced by the Royal Tyrrell Museum. All proceeds from sales help to support the Museum's exhibits, research, and educational activities.

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