

LEARNING LOUNGE

2019 FACT SHEET



Get up close and personal with *Albertosaurus* in our new *Learning Lounge*! Take a break in your journey through the Royal Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology, and enjoy interactive displays and hands-on activities that are all about Canada's first known carnivorous dinosaur.

Explore interactive elements throughout the Learning Lounge that highlight the significance of *Albertosaurus*. Discover how this large theropod lived and breathed, ate, moved, and more.

- Get a unique perspective on a life-sized bronze *Albertosaurus* skeleton
- Play the *Build a Dinosaur* computer game
- Enjoy video-enhanced interpretive panels
- Solve a puzzle of an *Albertosaurus*; and
- Learn through touch with *Brain Power* and *Tough Teeth* activities
- Compare your age and size to an *Albertosaurus* in *Growing Up Fast*.



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Did You Know? *Albertosaurus*

- Joseph Burr Tyrrell discovered *Albertosaurus* on August 12, 1884 while mapping coal deposits in the Drumheller area.
- *Albertosaurus sarcophagus* was the apex predator in Alberta 72.5 – 68 million years ago.
- *Albertosaurus* was a theropod, a name that means “beast foot.” Theropods had hollow bones, three toes touching the ground, and small arms. They were bipedal, and generally carnivorous.
- Although it lived earlier in time, *Albertosaurus* is closely related to *T. rex*.
- *Albertosaurus* reached adulthood at about 18 years old, but continued to grow slowly for the remainder of its life.
- *Albertosaurus*—like most reptiles, amphibians, and fishes—had a very small brain relative to its body mass.
- *Albertosaurus* teeth were serrated, like a steak knife, and were used only to eat meat.



Museum Expansion

- This 1,300 m² expansion allows the Museum to better accommodate over 430,000 annual visitors with enhanced gallery and educational spaces and services.
- The \$9.3 million expansion was co-funded by the Government of Alberta (\$5.7 million) and the Government of Canada (\$3.595 million from the Department of Canadian Heritage).



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