

ABOUT THE MUSEUM

2024 - 2025

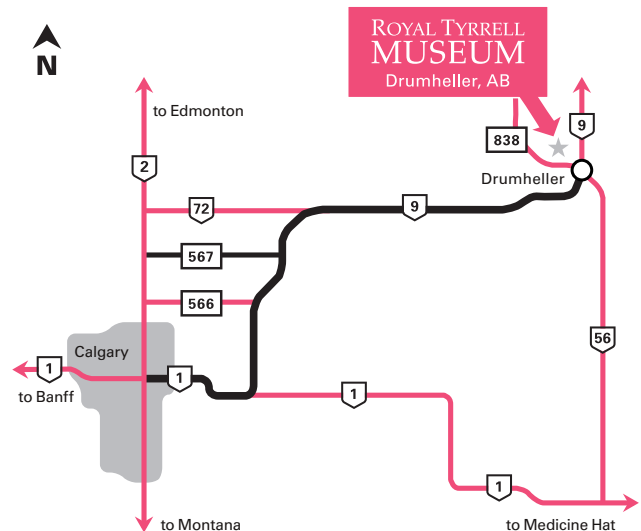
MUSEUM OVERVIEW

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 Alberta badlands, which offer spectacular views and some of the richest deposits of dinosaur fossils in the world.

Our mandate is to be an internationally recognized public and scientific museum dedicated to the collection, preservation, protection, presentation, and interpretation of palaeontological history, with a particular emphasis on 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 more than 15 million visitors from over 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 home to more than 170,000 individual specimens, over 350 of which are holotypes (an individual plant or animal that serves as the basis for the description of a species).
- adds thousands of specimens to its collection annually.
- is operated by Alberta's Ministry of Arts, Culture and Status of Women and generates the highest economic output of all Alberta Government heritage attractions.
- spans over 77,500 m² (835,000 sq. ft.) of the Alberta badlands. The main building is 12,300 m² (132,500 sq. ft.), which includes spaces for exhibits, educational programming, outreach activities, and hands-on exploration.



ATTENDANCE & VISITORS

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.

In 2023, the Royal Tyrrell Museum welcomed:

- over **525,000** visitors from more than **150** countries
- over **31,000** participants in onsite public programs
- over **11,000** distance learning participants

Museum Hours

May 15 – August 31 **9 a.m. – 9 p.m.**
Seven days a week

September 1 – May 14 **10 a.m. – 5 p.m.**
Closed Mondays, except for holidays

Hours subject to change

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	280	174	3 hr
Medicine Hat	251	156	2 hr 30 min
Red Deer	169	105	2 hr

AMENITIES

Parking

Parking is free. Spaces in the upper lot are designed for cars/trucks and motorcycles. The overflow parking area accommodates recreational vehicles and buses.

Accessibility

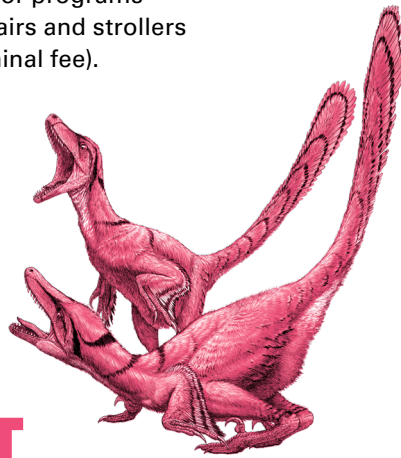
Museum exhibits and indoor programs are accessible by wheelchairs and strollers (available for rent at a nominal fee).

Dining

The Museum's cafeteria is open daily May 15 – August 31, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m., and September 1 – May 14, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., closed Mondays except holidays.

Museum Shop

Operated by the Royal Tyrrell Museum Cooperating Society, the Museum Shop specializes in apparel, giftware, souvenirs, and books, and features exclusive lines of logowear 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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