

2022 FOSSIL DIG CHECKLIST

Dates: June 14-17, 2022

*Reasons for Hope** - Foundation Advancing Creation Truth – Glendive Dinosaur and Fossil Museum

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Thank you for joining us on this adventure. When I saw what FACT and the Glendive Dinosaur Museum were doing I had to get involved. I've always love dinosaurs, fossils etc. My most memorable experience prior to this was breaking rocks apart in Utah to find trilobites and in Wyoming to find fish! But, finding my first dinosaur bone, well, that blew those experiences out of the water!

We will do our best to make this an experience you will treasure and want to do again. I'm praying that it may even stimulate some of the younger folks on the trip to pursue a future in paleontology! We need Christians in this important field using the Bible as their foundation to interpret the evidence.

This will be an authentic excavation experience, at a real working dig site. So, we have included some important information to help prepare you for the big day. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. If we can't answer them, we'll find someone who can. Thank you for trusting us enough to join us. We can't wait to be with you.

Stay Bold,

- Carl Kerby

OUR CANCELLATION POLICY:

For the safety of all participants, digs are always weather-permitting and cannot be guaranteed. If weather conditions require them to cancel, they will contact us as soon as possible prior to our dig (via phone call or e-mail) to reschedule or refund.

If circumstances require you to cancel your dig, please contact Carl or Candace as soon as possible so that we may try to accommodate other dig guests. **Please note:** we regret that we will be unable to refund a deposit of \$250.00 if we're unable to schedule another participant in your place.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

The dig site is an approximate 1/3-mile hike from the parking-shelter area with an elevation gain of 125 feet over uneven terrain; they will pace the walk to suit our needs, making stops along the way. Their property is an active dig site in the badlands. Weather can be extreme; summer temperatures can exceed 100 degrees with little or no shade, possible windy conditions, no restrooms (portable unit at the parking-shelter area) or drinkable water. I'd encourage you to consider investing in a good hat and possibly a Camelbak. I found one on sale for \$14.95 Just search "Camelbak pack" on Google shopping. It was at "Stealth Angel". *The bottom line is, please be prepared.*

We will make great effort to ensure a safe excavation experience, but we need your help to accomplish that. Therefore, a waiver of liability will need to be signed on the day of your dig. Only paying guests who have signed a waiver of liability will be allowed on the FACT dig site property. Minors must be accompanied by a paying adult (parent, guardian, or approved sponsor).

Bring your camera! We'll stop for photographs along the hike. We'll gladly photograph you with your camera/cell phone as well. You may also wish to photograph your digging experience and discoveries. **Note: they do have cell coverage at the dig site.** Record and upload later!!

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN YOUR DIG FEE:

Use of all necessary excavation tools which will be provided at the dig site.

Admission to the museum. Please allow time in your visit to Glendive to walk through the museum. Guided tours are offered by the museum with advance notice at no additional charge, subject to guide availability. Carl will be available if you'd like to go through with him as well.

Water. It is recommend to have at least 1 bottle of water per person. We'd suggest at least 2 and on hot days, at least 3 bottles per adult. We will have cases of bottled water for you to take when we meet under the Dinosaur, but I still like the Camelbak! The dry climate and elevation can catch you by surprise, especially when digging. Protect yourself. If you want something else to drink, please bring it.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR DIG FEE:

Transportation. The dig guides will meet us the morning of our dig in the museum parking lot by the T-Rex head at 8 a.m., where we will follow them to the dig site in our pre-arranged vehicle. Carl will have seats available if you want to carpool and will have the water there for you to pick up. At the end of the dig, they will accompany us back to the museum parking lot (if needed).

Snacks (for half-day digs) and/or Lunches (for all-day digs). Snacks and lunches will be eaten up at the dig site; be prepared to carry everything up with you in a backpack or cooler (please pack out your trash). There are many options for food. Here are just a few:

Albertson's Grocery Store

Reynold's Market

CC's Family Café – 406-377-8926 and/or Yellowstone River Inn – 406-377-4433 Will also make packed lunches for you with coordination in advance.

Plus, there is a Conoco gas station right across from the Dinosaur museum that has snacks.

Ownership of fossils. All fossils found on the dig site property *belong to Carl!* We wish! No, they belong to the museum because they may be of value to ongoing work and study. They understand that taking home fossil souvenirs from our excavation is a special part of the experience; so these will be granted at the discretion of our dig guide. Please keep in mind this is an authentic dig site (bones are not "planted" for discovery); therefore, though they will do their best to help us find fossils, they cannot guarantee our discovery of them.

HOW YOU SHOULD DRESS:

- Hat (a wide-brim hat with an adjustable string to secure in a breeze is ideal)
- Long-sleeved shirt or sunscreen (if you choose sunscreen, remember to bring it for reapplying)
- Full-length pants
- Sturdy shoes (athletic shoes are okay, hiking boots are best)
- Fitted work gloves if you have sensitive hands. Floppy or loose gloves can easily damage fossils.
- BRING CHAPSTICK! Or some other lip moisturizer. You will need it.

WHAT YOU SHOULD NOT WEAR:

- Contact lenses will be uncomfortable due to wind, dust, and dirt at the site. Wear glasses, if possible.
- Sandals, flip-flops, crocs, etc. These are simply dangerous. Wear sturdy, comfortable shoes.
- A frown.

Carl, FACT and Glendive Dinosaur and Fossil Museum all look forward to being with you on this adventure!

Carl will also be there the day before if you want to get together for dinner. Just let him know.

- Candace Nordine

GLENDIVE DINOSAUR & FOSSIL MUSEUM

Reasons for Hope: 2022 Itinerary for 4 DAY GROUP FOSSIL DIGS

This schedule is subject to change based on weather.

Tuesday:

- 2:45 Transportation departs from Holiday Inn
- 3:00 - 5:00 Introductions and Museum tour with Robert Canen and Tommy Lohman
- 5:00 Transportation to Holiday Inn

Wednesday:

- 8:00 Transportation departs from Holiday Inn
- 8:15 - 11:45 FACT dig site (all fossils collected by Tommy/Martha at end of dig)
Transportation to GDFM workshop
- 12:00 - 12:30 Lunch at dig site (Lunch by GDFM)
- 12:30 - 2:30 FACT dig site *return to museum
- 3:00 Presentation by Carl Kerby
- 4:00 Transportation to Holiday Inn (individually responsible for dinner / evening activities)

Thursday:

- 8:00 Transportation departs from Holiday Inn
- 8:15 - 11:45 FACT dig site (all fossils collected by Tommy/Martha at end of dig)
Transportation to GDFM workshop
- 11:45 - 1:00 Lunch on your own
- 1:00 - 3:00 Lab preparation in workshop (including introductory "lab lecture" from Tommy)
- 3:00 Presentation Carl Kerby
- 4:00 Transportation to Holiday Inn (individually responsible for dinner / evening activities)

Friday:

- 8:00 Transportation departs from Holiday Inn
- 8:15 - 11:45 Baisch ranch (walkabout or dig, depending on group size and project availability)
Transportation to GDFM workshop
- 12:00 - 12:30 Lunch in workshop (Martha & Keylee coordinate)
- 1:00 - 2:00 "Scavenger hunt" in museum or fossil prep in lab
- 2:00 - 3:00 Presentation Carl Kerby
- 3:00 Transportation to Holiday Inn (individually responsible for dinner / evening activities)