



## Media Release

# Museum Eyes Busy Re-opening

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WEMBLEY, AB – The Philip J. Dinosaur Museum is counting down the days until it re-opens and adjustments have been made to fulfill the region’s appetite for all things palaeontology. A Wednesday to Sunday menu full of programming, exhibits and activities starts July 1.

“The revised schedule is designed to recognize the popularity of our venue for both regular visitors and camp attendees,” says Executive Director Linden Roberts. “Our new hours of operation and other steps will enhance the visitor experience and health and safety.

Visitors are asked to purchase a timed ticket at [www.dinomuseum.ca](http://www.dinomuseum.ca) and plan their visit between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Guests can also buy customized, reusable masks at the museum or through our Facebook page.

The popular bonebed tours, Palaeontologist for a Day and summer camps are all back with some changes to address COVID-19 protocols. There’s also the opportunity to sign up for lab tours to watch the fish and Peanut the Snake being fed.

### Summer Camps

Summer camps were redesigned with COVID-19 in mind. These are held outdoors and are reduced to 10 participants per camp. Kits will be delivered to campers unable to participate in person or who can’t continue due to illness.

They’re divide into age groups of 4-6, 7-10 and 10 to 13.

Summer camp enquiries can be sent to [info@dinomuseum.ca](mailto:info@dinomuseum.ca)

### **Palaeontologist for a Day**

The Pipestone Creek bonebed is one of the densest in the world. Local and visiting palaeontologist wannabes can rub shoulders with professional researchers and field crews exploring the nearby excavation site.

Participants must be at least 12 years of age and those under 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

After a behind-the-scenes tour of the museum, Palaeontologists for a Day members are transported to the bonebed to be part of exploration on the site. This is a rain or shine activity, barring extreme weather. Participants must bring their own water and weather-appropriate attire.

To sign up, visitors click on the Book Now link on the website. Bookings can be completed for an individual, group or as a gift for a young dinosaur enthusiast.

### **Dining Facilities**

Visiting the museum can result in a dinosaur-like appetite. Those needs are covered by the Café on 43, open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. during the summer, Tuesday through Saturday. The fully-licensed restaurant with a wide-ranging menu can be accessed by the general public without museum admission.

*The Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum – a 41,000 square foot world-class facility named for Canada’s preeminent palaeontologist and highlighting the rich fossil resources of Northern Alberta – opened its doors to the public on September 26, 2015. It is Canada’s second devoted dinosaur museum, and is located 19 kilometres west of the City of Grande Prairie in the Town of Wembley.*

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