



Palaeontology Outdoor and Gallery Guide - Lead

The Palaeontology Outdoor and Gallery Guides will be responsible for providing excellent visitor experience in the museum during the busiest summer months, as well as assisting with aspects of the museum's active research and collections program.

Description of Tasks:

The Palaeontology Outdoor and Gallery Guide Lead will have five main roles:

1. Under the supervision of the Curator and Program Manager, the Palaeontology Outdoor and Gallery Guide Lead will be responsible for developing content for the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum's (PJCDM) 'Secrets of the Wapiti' float tour. This 3-hour public program takes 4-12 visitors down the Wapiti River in rafts, pointing out the natural, geological, and paleontological history of the area. Content should be correct, engaging, informative, and appropriate for visitors of all ages.
2. Throughout late June, July, and August, the Palaeontology Outdoor and Gallery Guide Lead will work with other outdoor guides to deliver content on the 'Secrets of the Wapiti' float tour. The Lead Guide will be responsible for providing content on 2-5 tours a week. All necessary watercraft training will be provided.
3. Under the supervision of the Museum Curator, the Palaeontology Outdoor Guides will assist with the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum's (PJCDM)'s 'Palaeontologist for a Day' program. This day-long program takes participants to the Pipestone Creek *Pachyrhinosaurus* Bonebed, allowing them to help uncover, collect, and document fossil material from this exceptional bonebed. Along with the PJCDM's paleo team, the guides will be responsible for teaching participants about palaeontological tools and techniques and will help supervise the execution.
4. Under the supervision of the Visitor Experience Coordinator and Curator, the guides will provide guided tours of the galleries, palaeontology laboratory and the Bonebed for visitors. They will be responsible for assisting individuals or groups with special needs (e.g., guests with special accessibility needs, sensory issues etc.) through the gallery and lab, as well as facilitating tours for private or specialty groups. In addition to working with the public, the gallery guide will also be responsible for overseeing the care of the museum's live animal (reptile) exhibits.
5. Under the supervision of the programs manager, curator and animal care lead- the Palaeontology Outdoor and Gallery Guide will assist with care of the live animals (snake and tortoise) and assist with delivery of the animal show each day.

In addition to these duties, the Palaeontology Outdoor and Gallery Guides will also work with the Museum Technician and Collections Assistant and the Summer Laboratory Assistant, to help facilitate the volunteer program in the lab. The guides



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This position will:

1. Promote an understanding of palaeontology within the Peace Region of Alberta.
2. Promote interest and enthusiasm for fossils through providing the public an opportunity to speak with a palaeontology student.
3. Provide excellent visitor experience.
4. Assist visitors with special needs through the galleries/lab
5. Oversee the care of the museum's live animal exhibits
6. Help develop ideas for the betterment of the museum galleries/ exhibits.
7. Preserve and protect palaeontological resources as historical resources for future generations.
8. Attend to duties within the museum not other specified, as the need arises.

The ideal candidate will have the following attributes/qualities:

1. Some knowledge and interest in Alberta's palaeontology, geology, and/or natural history.
2. Comfortable working and interacting with the public, including children.
3. Comfortable working outside in all summer weather conditions
4. Comfortable being in a boat
5. The ability to work as a team
6. Fluency in written and spoken English.
7. A Class 5 Driver's License or equivalent.

Preference will be given to candidates who:

1. Are currently attending and/or be returning to post-secondary education with a degree in palaeontology, geology, archaeology, museum studies, zoology, biology, science, engineering, or equivalent.
2. Have experience in guiding and/or adventure tourism
3. Have experience developing content for delivery to the general public
4. Have some experience preparing and/or handling fossils in a lab or field setting.
5. Have supervision experience.
6. Have an Alberta Class 4 or higher Driver's license
7. Have proficiency in French



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Period of Employment

One Head Palaeontology Outdoor and Gallery Guide position's period of employment will be May 15th, 2024 to August 30th, 2024. (Some negotiation around start/end dates can be considered).

Salary: \$18.00/hr

To Apply:

We are an equal opportunity employer, and any eligible person is welcome to apply for this position. If interested, please e-mail your cover letter and resume to the following address:

Attention: Dallal Olver

Email: HR@dinomuseum.ca

Programsmanager@dinomuseum.ca

The application deadline is **Friday, April 19th at 11:59 pm MDT**. Please note only successful candidates will be contacted and scheduled for an interview a week after the application deadline. Virtual interviews are possible.

About the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum

The PJCDM is located 2 km outside the Town of Wembley and approximately 33 km from the City of Grande Prairie. While the successful candidate is responsible for finding their own accommodation in the Grande Prairie area, the museum can suggest some potential options. The successful candidate must be present, in-person, at the museum during work hours. They must be willing to work some evenings and weekends to accommodate volunteers and special events.