



Paleontology Outdoor and Gallery Guide

The Paleontology Outdoor and Gallery Guides will provide excellent visitor experience in the museum during the busiest summer months and assist with aspects of its active research and collections program.

Description of Tasks:

The Paleontology Outdoor and Gallery Guides will have three main roles:

1. Under the supervision of the Museum Curator, the Paleontology Outdoor and Gallery Guides will assist with the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum's (PJCDM)'s 'Paleontologist 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 paleontological tools and techniques and will help supervise the execution.
2. Under the supervision of the Programs Manager, the Paleontology Outdoor and Gallery Guides will be responsible for developing and delivering 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. Each guide will be responsible for providing content on 2-5 tours a week. All necessary training will be provided.
3. Under the supervision of the Visitor Experience Coordinator and Curator, the guides will provide guided tours of the galleries, paleontology 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, and 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.
4. 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 Paleontology 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 will also work with the Museum Technician and Collections Assistant and the Summer Laboratory Assistant to prepare and conserve fossils in lab, as time permits.

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 paleontology 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 floating down a river in a raft (no whitewater)
4. The ability to work as a team
5. Fluency in written and spoken English.
6. 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 some experience preparing and/or handling fossils in a lab or field setting.
3. Have supervision experience.
4. Have experience in guiding and/or adventure tourism
5. Have an Alberta Class 4 or higher Driver's license
6. Have proficiency in French

Period of Employment

The period of employment for this position will run **June 24th to August 25th, 2024**. (Some negotiation around start/end dates can be considered).



PHILIP J. CURRIE
DINOSAUR MUSEUM

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.

To apply, please send your resume to hr@dinomuseum.ca

