



## Raft Guide/Interpretive Guide

The Summer Raft Guide/Interpretive Guide will be based out of the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum (PJCDM) in Wembley, AB, with many days spent primarily outdoors on the river and at various fossil sites in the region. This position will be very important for the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum by assisting in our 'Secrets of the Wapiti' Float program, Floods, Fossils, and Footprints Bonebed Tours, and Gallery Tours. Raft Guide training will be supplied as well as interpretive training. However, prior experience is an asset.

### The position:

This position will work from May 12 to August 31, 2025. Days will be spent on the Wapiti River guiding half-day trips on oar rafts. The Raft Guide is responsible for rowing the raft as well as delivering content to guests on the Secrets of the Wapiti raft tours. The Raft Guide/Interpretive Guide is primarily responsible for deliver content on the river during the Secrets of The Wapiti river tour, as well as delivering bonebed tours and gallery tours. Priority will be given to raft tours. When not on the river you will work on prepping for the rafting trips, maintaining the gear, helping with education initiatives, and working on summer initiatives. This position contributes to the care of our guests, always providing a positive, friendly and engaging experience. Ongoing content training will ensure that you are prepared to deliver content to all ages and types of people. It is essential the person in this role is collaborative, team based and open to feedback and growth.

The Philip J. Currie Dinosaur museum will pay for successful candidates swift water training, with Rescue Canada. It is the candidates responsibility to ensure they pass the training.

### Responsibilities include:

- Training and providing demonstrations to guests for rafting techniques and safety protocols
- Provide an outstanding level of service to guests and coworkers on and off the river
- Participate in daily meetings and post-trip debriefs (as needed) with supportive and constructive feedback to team members



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- Maintaining and monitoring rafting equipment for wear, demonstrate and execute high standard of equipment care
- Help build a positive and supportive team environment by being open to feedback, engaging in respectful staff interactions, and providing feedback on the program to team and supervisor
- Deliver content during the Secrets of The Wapiti River tour, bonebed tours, and gallery tours
- Prepare guests for raft tours by being the first point of contact within the museum
- Ability to learn content and deliver content to guest in an engaging, friendly, and knowledgeable way
- Ability to research content that is unfamiliar and takes initiative to identify skill and knowledge limitations and pursue ways to address limitations
- Promote an understanding of palaeontology within the Peace Region of Alberta.
- Promote interest and enthusiasm for fossils
- Provide excellent visitor experience
- Assist visitors with special needs through the galleries/lab
- Attend to duties within the museum not yet specified, as the need arises

### **Job Requirements/Qualifications:**

As this position is grant funded, the following conditions must be met for successful candidates:

### **Rupertstland Institute Candidate Requirements:**

- The summer student must register with Rupertstland Institute (information will be provided to successful candidates)
- The summer student must work with a Rupertstland advisor to do an intake process and sign an action plan
- Students must be approved by the Rupertstland Advisor to ensure eligibility
- Students must be between 15-30 years old
- Student must have a Metis Nation Association membership card
- Students must be a full-time student for the current year and plan on returning to school the following term



**Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum requirements/Qualifications:**

- First Aid, CPR, and Water Rescue certification required (we can host these paid courses).
- PROAOA - Professional River Outfitters Association of Alberta (or equivalent) Rafting Guide license required (we will host this training).
- Outstanding leadership experience and skills, including proven examples of working through difficult situations with ease and composure
- Hardworking and professional demeanor, both on and off river
- Strong attention to detail as well understanding the importance of the bigger picture
- Exceptional interpersonal and communication skills
- Ability to take responsibility for the safety of the entire trip
- Ability to drive a truck and haul a trailer (17 foot)

**Period of Employment**

The period of employment for this position will May 12th, 2025 to August 31th, 2025.

**Salary:** \$18-\$20/hr (based on experience)

***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.