



## Raft Guide

**Job Position:** Raft Guide

**Organization Name:** Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum

**Location:** Wembley, Alberta

**Wage:**

**Starting** (new guides) \$18.00/ hour

**After completion of training:** \$20/hour

**Returning Guides:** \$1 increase per year

**Length of Position:** May 11-August 30, 2026

**Hours:** Full-time, 5 days, 40 hours/week

### **Job Description:**

This is a great opportunity to work outdoors in our Secrets of the Wapiti River float tours, on the beautiful Wapiti River and at Pipestone Creek Park. This position is based out of the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum in Wembley, AB, with most days spent primarily outdoors on the river and at various fossil sites. This position will be very important for the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum by assisting with our 'Secrets of the Wapiti' Float program. Raft Guide training and swift water rescue training will be provided through Rescue Canada to successful candidates. Your continued employment at the museum through the summer season (July and August) is strictly contingent upon passing the Rescue Canada training (\$2000 value). Fulfillment of the entire summer term is a core requirement of this position; we expect all guides to honor their commitment to the museum until the end of August (contract position).

Raft Guides will work from May 11 to August 30, 2026. Most days (after June) will mostly be spent on the Wapiti River guiding full day trips on oar rafts, rowing and maneuvering the raft. When not on the river you will work on prepping for the rafting trips, maintaining the gear, tracking rafts and working on other museum initiatives. In addition to leading rafting trips, our Raft Guides are also responsible for providing positive leadership and support for the Palaeontology Outdoor and Gallery Guides and other museum staff. This position is also responsible for delivering a high quality of care to our guests, coworkers, and rafting equipment. A thorough raft guide training program will start near the end of May/early June to prepare you for your duties as a raft guide. Training will require research, role play and hands on practice.

The Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum will pay for successful candidates' swift water training, with Rescue Canada. Preference will be given to local candidates.



**Responsibilities include:**

- Providing demonstrations to guests for safety protocols and rafting techniques
- Provide an outstanding level of service to guests and coworkers on and off the river
- Safety minded, able to take measures to ensure guests and staff are mitigating potential risks.
- Participate in daily meetings and post-trip debriefs (as needed) with supportive and constructive feedback to team members
- Maintaining and monitoring rafting equipment for wear, demonstrate and execute high standard of equipment care
- Participate in a positive and supportive team environment
- Ability to take initiative to learn content and help others learn content
- Ability to take responsibility for the safety of the entire trip
- Physically fit and able to row the raft (oars) on 4-hour raft trips\*
- Ability to lift heavy objects, load and unload rafts
- Ability to drive a truck and trailer (17 feet)
- Ability to deliver tour content and support Palaeontology Outdoor Guides as they deliver tour content
- Ability to work on other museum initiatives when not on the river, including maintenance, groundskeeping, exhibits, education, and museum special projects.
- Ability to work in a team and make decisions together.

**Job Requirements/Qualifications:**

- First Aid or Wilderness First Aide certification.
- Bear Aware certification
- Water Rescue and/or certification with PROAOA (Professional River Outfitters Association of Alberta). We can provide water rescue and swift water training through Rescue Canada; However, it is the candidates responsibility to ensure they pass the course within the allocated time frame. Continued employment is contingent on passing the 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
- Able to take feedback and implement it.
- Ability to implement content as directed by supervisors
- Able to comfortably lift 75-100lbs.



- Able to work outside and on the water in varying temperatures and weather conditions, including rain and heat.

### **Period of Employment**

Raft Guide position period of employment will be May 11, 2025 to August 30, 2026 (Some negotiation around start/end dates may be considered).

### **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

E-mail:

[programsmanager@dinomuseum.ca](mailto:programsmanager@dinomuseum.ca)  
[HR@dinomuseum.ca](mailto:HR@dinomuseum.ca)

The application deadline is **Friday, April 11, 2026 at 11:59 pm MDT or until a suitable candidate is secured (whichever occurs first)**. Please note only successful candidates will be contacted and scheduled for an interview. Virtual interviews are possible for candidates not local to the region

### ***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.