

# 2018 Yellowstone and Dino Dig Adventure

*With Patrick Nurre*

## **Basic Itinerary**

*Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup>* – Introductory meeting at 6:30PM in the city park in West Yellowstone. The park is located at the corner of N. Canyon Street and Firehole Avenue (meet on the side with the paved parking lot). Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Our initial meeting will introduce the framework for interpreting Yellowstone National Park.

*Saturday, September 1<sup>st</sup>* – Meet at the city park, same location, at 8:30 AM for an introduction to our day's activities. **Bring a sack lunch.** Depart at 9:00 AM. You will need to either bring cash or your credit card for a Park entrance fee. The fee is \$25 per vehicle. That is good for 7 days. Each time you enter the Park, you will need to present your Park pass.

*Saturday, September 1<sup>st</sup>* – Meet at the city park at 6:30 PM for the day's tie-down and discussion.

*Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>* – Meet at the city park at 8:30 AM for an introduction to our day's activities. **Bring a sack lunch.** Depart at 9:00 AM.

*Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>* – Meet at the city park at 6:30 PM for the day's tie-down and discussion.

*Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>* – Meet at the city park at 8:30 AM for an introduction to our day's activities. **Bring a sack lunch.** Depart at 9:00 AM. We will be driving out the Northeast Entrance of Yellowstone Park and across the Beartooth Mountains. We will end up in Red Lodge, Montana for one night's lodging in Red Lodge. Meet at the Chateau Rouge at 6:30 PM for a tie-down and discussion of our Yellowstone trip.

*Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>* – Depart at your leisure for Glendive, Montana for our Dino Dig and Agate Expedition. Meet at Lloyd Square Park in Glendive at 6:30 PM for our introductory meeting to the geology of the Glendive area and our fossil collecting.

*Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>* – Meet at the Glendive Dinosaur and Fossil Museum at 139 State Street next to I-94 and the Frontier Gateway Museum in the Parking lot at 8:30 AM. **Bring plenty of water, collection bags, snacks, and small gardening tools. We will be predominantly surface collecting, so no heavy tools will be needed.** Be sure to bring a hat and sunscreen. We will drive together for a couple of miles to the ranch where we will be diving to our dig location. *While the roads are generally passable and dusty, if you do not want to drive your vehicle over a dirt road, you will need to plan on riding with someone.* **Bring cash only for the dig fee.** If you want to search for dinosaur fossils, the cost will be \$75 per person for a half day. Children ages 10 and under are free. If you wish to spend more time with our guides after lunch, you can work out the arrangement with them. If you plan on continuing to dig, you will need to make sure you bring your lunch with you and allow for more water.

*Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>* - Meet at the Glendive Dinosaur and Fossil Museum at 6:30 PM for a seminar in their hall.

*Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>* - Meet at the Glendive Dinosaur and Fossil Museum in the Parking lot at 8:30 AM. We will have an introductory meeting and then depart for the Agate Expedition. You will be driving only over gravel roads and they are dusty but passable. **Be sure to bring plenty of water, hat and sunscreen, collection bucket.** No dig tools will be required. You will be surface collecting. **Dig fees are \$10 per person. Ages 10 and under are free. Bring Cash only.**

*Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>* - Meet at the Glendive Dinosaur and Fossil Museum at 6:30 PM for our closing seminar in their hall.

*Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>* - Depart at your leisure.

### **Lodging and food:**

If you are staying in the Park or camping in the Park, you will need to contact Xanterra (<https://www.xanterra.com>) or call them at <tel:+1-307-344-7311> to arrange your lodging. Even if you are only planning on camping, you will need to make reservations through Xanterra, the official Park reservation managers.

If you are staying in West Yellowstone, you will need to find the housing of your choice. You can do this by going to the West Yellowstone, Montana web site and shop for your housing. You may bring your own food if you like. You will need to plan on bringing sack lunches each day. If you need groceries or gas, West Yellowstone has 2 grocery stores and adequate gas stations.

You will need to find housing in Red Lodge, Montana for the night we are there, and for the three nights we will be in Glendive, Montana. I would not advise camping in Glendive. You will be in the Badlands where it can be hot, dusty and windy.

There are plenty of restaurants in West Yellowstone if you don't want to bother with bringing your own food. Cooking your own food is not advisable because of our schedule. If you bring your own food, bring your ice chest. Ice is readily available.

### **Other things to bring:**

- Patrick will have his Yellowstone book and kids' activity books for Yellowstone, all appropriately age graded for sale. You may pay by check, cash or credit card.
- Hat, sunscreen and BUG SPRAY. The mosquitos are especially bad!
- Binoculars and cameras.
- First aid kit for scrapes and cuts.
- Snacks and plenty of water.
- Fill up with gas as needed each night. You will not have time during the day to stop and get gas.
- Wipes. Yellowstone is a great place to get your hands dirty.

- Walking shoes, but no flip-flops. We will not be doing any arduous hiking, but we will be walking on trails. Some of our walks will be  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 mile in length, but not difficult.
- Questions for the guide.