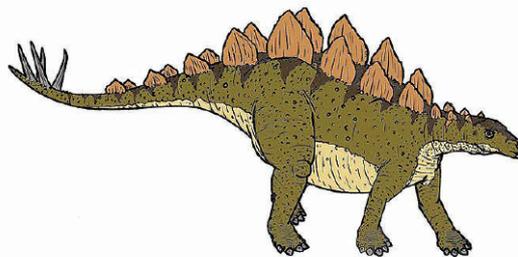
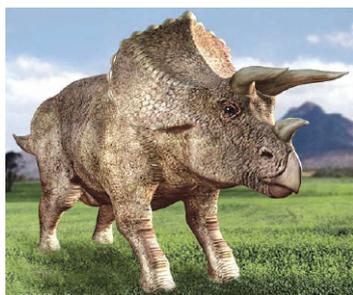
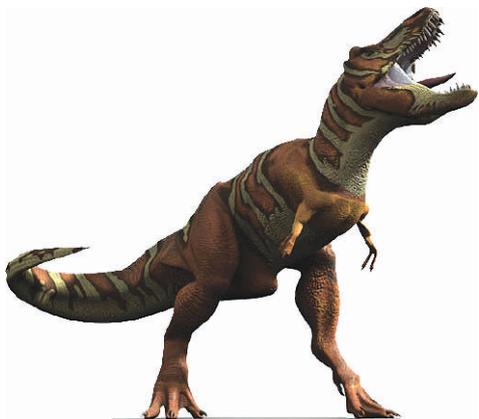


Fun Dinosaur Facts!



- 'Tyrannosaurus' comes from the Greek words meaning 'tyrant lizard', while the word 'rex' means 'king' in Latin.
- Tyrannosaurus rex is often abbreviated to T-Rex.
- Tyrannosaurus rex lived in an area of the Earth that now makes up western North America.
- Tyrannosaurus rex measured up to 42 feet in length, 13 feet at the hip and could weigh up to 7 tons!
- The skull of a Tyrannosaurus rex alone measured up to 5 feet long.
- The largest tooth of any carnivorous dinosaur found to this date is that of a T-Rex. It is estimated to have been around 12 inches long when including the root.
- When Tyrannosaurus rex hit around the age of 14 its body size would increase rapidly, putting on around 1300 pounds a year over the next 4 years.
- Tyrannosaurus rex had small arms that were extremely powerful and featured two clawed fingers.

- The name 'Triceratops' comes from the Greek language, with 'tri' meaning three and 'keratops' meaning horned face.
- Triceratops lived in the late Cretaceous Period (around 65 million years ago).
- It needed its three horns to try and protect itself from the Tyrannosaurus Rex which lived during the same time period.
- It is believed that fully grown Triceratops were about 26 feet in length, 10 feet in height and weighed anywhere between 6 to 12 tons.
- The skull of a Triceratops alone could grow over 7 feet in length.
- The Triceratops was a plant eating (herbivore) dinosaur.
- The first known fossils to be that of a Triceratops were horns attached to a partial skull, found near Denver, Colorado in 1887.
- Triceratops had anywhere between 400 and 800 teeth, although only a small percentage of these were in use at any one time as they were constantly replaced throughout its lifetime.
- The State of Wyoming lists the Triceratops as its state dinosaur.

- The Stegosaurus is the most famous dinosaur from a group of dinosaurs known as Stegosauria. They were all herbivores (plant eaters) and featured rows of unique bones that developed into plates and spines along their back and tail.
- The name 'Stegosaurus' comes from the Greek words 'stegos' meaning roof and 'sauros' meaning lizard.
- Stegosaurus fossils have been found in western North America.
- In terms of size, the Stegosaurus was large and heavily built. On average, a fully grown Stegosaurus was around 30 feet in length, 14 feet in height and up to nearly 5 metric tons in weight.
- Although the Stegosaurus body was large, the size of their brain was only around the size of a dog's.
- The 17 plates found along the back of the Stegosaurus arose from the skin rather than being attached to the skeleton. The largest plates were around 2 feet tall and 2 feet wide.
- The Stegosaurus also featured tail spikes that reached around 2 to 3 feet in length.

- The Spinosaurus lived around 100 million years ago in what is now North Africa.
- The name Spinosaurus means 'spine lizard'.
- Fossils of the Spinosaurus were first found in Egypt around 1910.
- The Spinosaurus was larger than the Tyrannosaurus Rex and may have been the largest carnivorous (meat eating) dinosaur ever.
- Studies estimate that it was around 49 feet in length and weighed anywhere between 7 to 20 tons.
- The Spinosaurus featured distinctive spines which grew over 1.5 meters (5 feet) long.
- The Spinosaurus had a long, thin skull.
- While the Spinosaurus usually walked on two legs, studies suggest that it may have occasionally crouched on all four.
- Spinosaurus were featured in the popular movie Jurassic Park 3.