

We're going on a **Dinosaur Hunt!**



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**Natural
History**

Adult Notes

The Dinosaur Hunt trail is aimed at EYFS and Year 1 children and is intended to provide a fun and active way of exploring the Museum's dinosaur displays.

After evaluating the trail with school groups, we found that the trail works best when:

- The children are split into small groups of up to 8 children, with an adult in each group.
- Each group has one copy of the trail (so children are not burdened with bits of paper in small hands!).
- The trail is treated like a book that the adult is sharing with the children.
- Each group has one toy dinosaur and this is passed around the group during the trail (this prevents the inevitable toy dinosaur play fights!)
- The dinosaur is taken along on 'the hunt' and used as a discussion point, measuring tool or fun companion whenever appropriate.
- The adult uses the map to guide the children round the exhibitions, pausing when appropriate, to read them the next section.
- The trail is seen as a starting point and NOT A RIGID TASK that leaders feel they must follow at the expense of enjoyment or looking at other exhibits.

But please use the trail as it seems best for your children!

A few things to be aware of...

- The trail is intended to be active, with children moving, measuring and talking throughout. However, please be aware that the specimens are valuable and irreplaceable, so children may need reminding to be very careful.
- Pencils are not needed for this trail as there are no right or wrong answers. Exploration, wonderment and discovery are the intended outcomes!
- We will provide toy dinosaurs and a big book of We're Going on a Bear Hunt on the day of your visit.

We look forward to seeing you in the Museum soon and hope that you enjoy your visit.



Now you've looked all round the Museum, did you find a **bigger** version of your toy dinosaur?

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Talk about...

What type of dinosaur is it?

What did it eat?

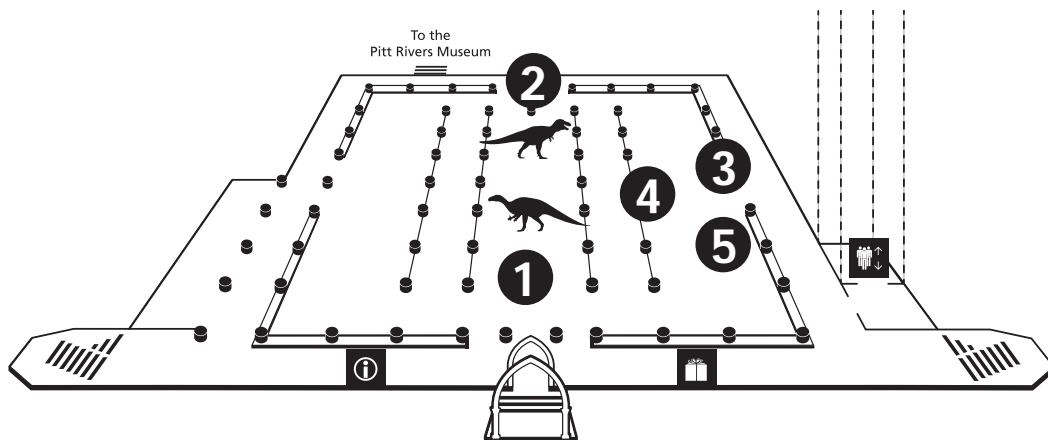
How many legs did it walk on?

Back past the *Triceratops*...
Rush past the *Edmonstosaurus*...
Creep past the *T rex*...
Stomp past the *Iguanodon*...

Please come on a dinosaur hunt again!



Museum Map



We're going on a Dinosaur Hunt!

We're going on a dinosaur hunt.

We're going to find a big one.

What a beautiful day!

We're not scared.

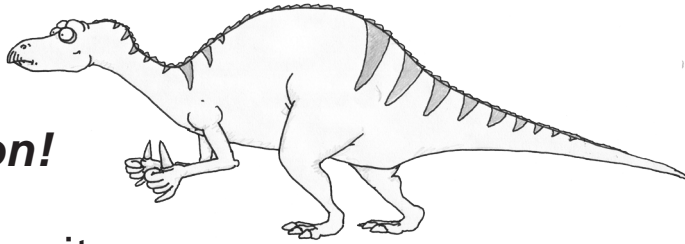


Take your little dinosaur on a walk
around the Museum.
I hope you're feeling brave, you might
meet a lot of scary dinosaurs!



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Oh-oh!
An *Iguanodon*!



1

We can't go over it,
we can't go under it.
Oh no, we've got to go up to it!

Take giant strides like an Iguanodon.
How many does it take you to get to the *Tyrannosaurus rex*?

Oh-oh! A *T rex*!

2

We can't go over it,
we can't go under it.
Oh no, we've got to go up to it!

Use your toy dinosaur to
measure the *T rex*'s foot.
How many toy dinosaurs long is
it?
Compare it with your own foot.



Can you find this dinosaur skeleton with a
funny mouth, like a beak?

3

Ask an adult to read the name
for you.

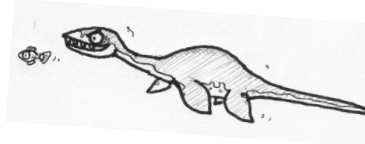
Talk about which other animals
have a big wide mouth like this.

Can you walk like those animals?



Can you find this reptile?

4



It's not a dinosaur because
it **didn't live on land.**

Where do you think it lived?

Oh-oh!
A *Triceratops*!

5

We can't go over it,
we can't go under it.
Oh no, we've got to go up to it!

Choose some words to describe the *Triceratops* skull.

bumpy pointed strong big

scary friendly smooth

