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Dinosaur Tracker **Dinosaur Ridge**

Evidence of life 100 million years ago—including fossils and dinosaur tracks—can be seen during this 2.5-mile walk. Explore the site by [purchasing a downloadable audio tour](#) or you can take a self-guided tour by stopping at the many informational signs along the path. You can also explore the site through [video](#).

Learn about how dinosaur tracks were made and observe the 300-track site made by 37 different animals at the Eastside dinosaur track sites. For this activity, you will need to stop and pay special attention to **East Side: Dinosaur Track Site #1**, as this is where the activity will take place.

Word Alert:

- **Paleontologist** - scientist who studies the fossils of plants and animals, such as dinosaurs
- **Trace fossil**—what the animal left behind such as a footprint, trail, burrow
- **Herbivore**—an animal that eats only plants
- **Carnivore**—animals that eat animals
- **Hadrosaur**—duck-billed dinosaur
- **Theropod**—three toed dinosaur
- **Ornithomimid**—a family of theropods which look like modern-day ostrich
- **Ichnite**—a fossilized footprint

Questions to Ask:

While observing the Eastside dinosaur track sites, ask the following:

- Do you notice the differences in shapes of the footprints?
- Are there different sizes?
- What can you tell about how close they seem to be walking?

Activity: Draw a picture of the following dinosaur tracks which are found at Dinosaur Ridge at the track sites. If you're feeling like a paleontologist write or share what the prints can tell us about each dinosaur.

Hadrosaur (Duck-Billed Dinosaurs)	Ornithomimid (Bird-Like Dinosaur)

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