



EXPLORE OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM. LEARN INSIDE OUR STATE.

Activity: Becoming a Dino Tracker
Dinosaur Tracks at Picketwire Canyon

Background information: This striking landscape of prairies, canyons and pinyon-juniper forest provides rare glimpses into Colorado's unique history, from dinosaurs to indigenous peoples. Explore brontosaurus tracks, prehistoric seabeds and rock overhangs with petroglyphs carved by American Indians as long as 8,000 years ago.

Activity: Signup for the [Picketwire Canyonland Guided Tour](#) to find easy to miss tracks and rock art sites. The tour meets at the USDA Forest Service headquarters in La Junta and groups must provide their own 4x4 vehicles. Make sure to bring lots of water as there is no water at the tracksite.

After your guided tour, turn the tables and have your children check your memory with Picketwire Canyon Trivia.

Questions to Ask:

- 1) How many prints have been found at Picketwire? (Over 1,500)
- 2) Name two dinosaurs that left prints in the mud? (Allosaurus and Apatosaurus)
- 3) The dinosaur tracks are located along the banks of what river? (Purgatoire River)
- 4) Name the historic ranch located near the track sites? (Rouke Ranch)