



# Dinosaur Provincial Park

Dinosaur Provincial Park, 48 km northeast of Brooks, Alberta, is famous for its many fossils, beautiful badlands, and riverside cottonwood trees. The park's Visitor and Service Centers are open seasonally.

## Camping

Camping is available year-round, with lower rates in the off-season. Reserve your powered or non-powered site at [shop.albertaparks.ca](http://shop.albertaparks.ca) or call 1-877-537-2757. Firewood is sold on-site seasonally. Comfort Camping (furnished tents) are available May to September. Group Camping can be booked from mid-April to mid-June and early September to late October.

Note that quiet hours are in effect from 11pm–7am, campfires are only permitted in designated fire pits and stoves, and alcohol is only permitted in designated areas and registered campsites.

## Dinosaur Park Service Centre

Campground booth (check-in & registration), camp Store, food services, bathrooms & showers, and laundry. Check website for seasonal hours of operation.

## Dinosaur Park Visitor Centre

Information, exhibits (admission fees may apply), gift shop and program bookings. Check website for seasonal hours of operation.

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## Self-Guided Adventures

### Public Scenic Loop Road

3.7 km one-way gravel loop road that begins at the campground bridge.

### Fossil Displays

See dinosaur bones in the ground.

## Programs and Tours

Offered seasonally. Book tickets at the Visitor Centre or online at [dinosaurpark.ca](http://dinosaurpark.ca). Space for most programs is limited, so book early.

## Dinosaur Provincial Park Office

Web: [dinosaurpark.ca](http://dinosaurpark.ca)  
Email: [dinosaurpp@gov.ab.ca](mailto:dinosaurpp@gov.ab.ca)

## Campsite Reservations

Web: [shop.albertaparks.ca](http://shop.albertaparks.ca)  
Phone: 1-877-537-2757

## Permits

Special Events:  
[albertaparks.ca/specialevents](http://albertaparks.ca/specialevents)  
Film and Photography:  
[albertaparks.ca/filmandphotography](http://albertaparks.ca/filmandphotography)

## Alberta Parks Visitor Information

Web: [albertaparks.ca](http://albertaparks.ca)

## Illegal Activity/Public Safety (24/7)

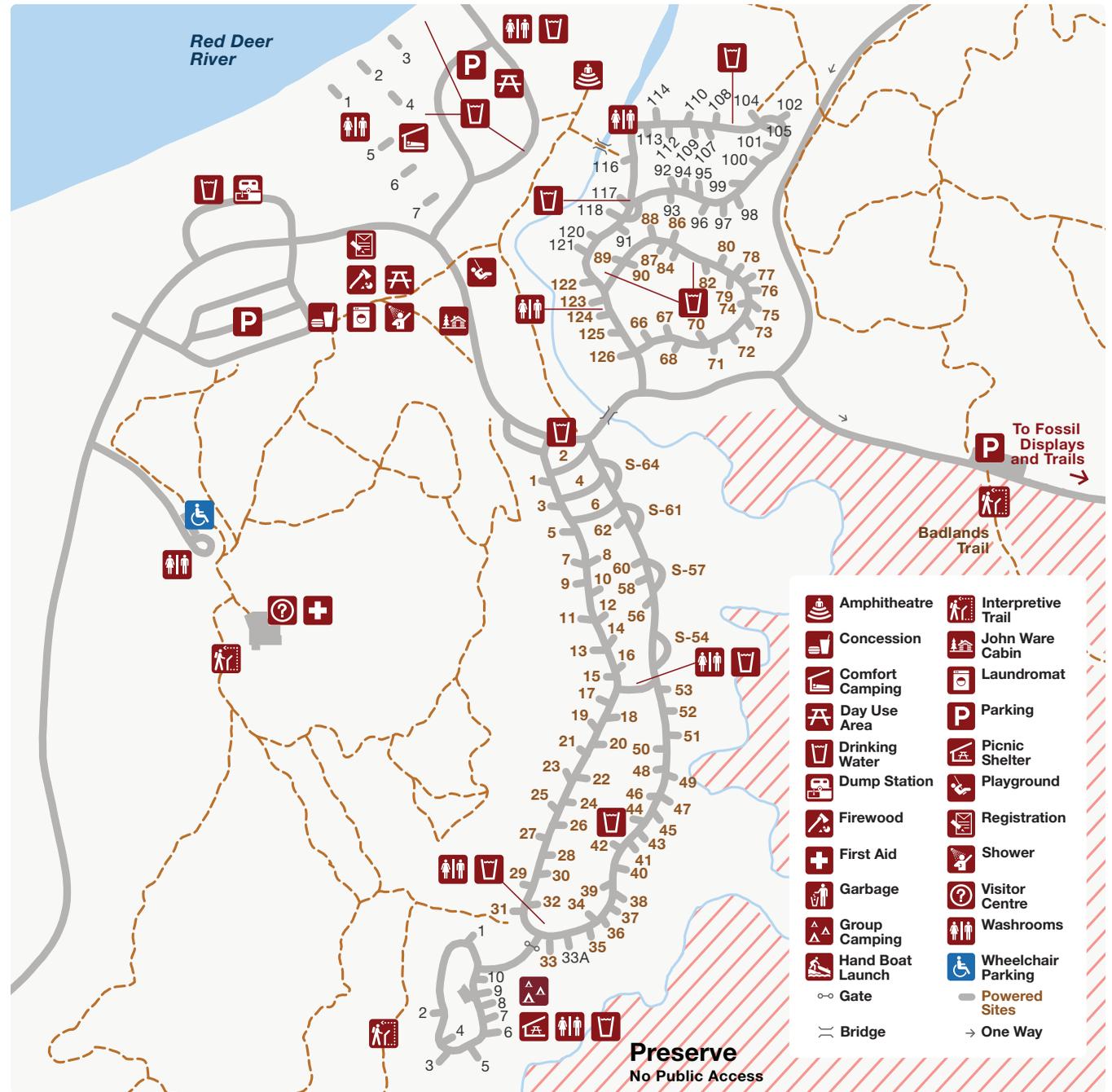
Phone: 310-LAND (5263)

## Fire Bans in Alberta

Web: [albertaparks.ca/firebans](http://albertaparks.ca/firebans)

## Emergency (Police, Fire, Ambulance)

Phone: 911



Facilities Map



## Trails

- 1 UNESCO Overlook/Prairie Loop**  
One way: 0.5 km
- 2 Birds and Other Dinosaurs**  
Loop: 2.5 km
- 3 3 Welcome Walk** Loop: 1.2 km  
*Formerly Coulee View*
- 4 4 Nighthawk Walk** One way: 0.6 km
- 5 Valley View** One way: 0.3 km
- 6 Palaeo Preserve Trail** Loop: 1.55 km  
*Formerly Badlands Trail*
- 7 Time Travellers' Trek** One way: 1.7 km
- 8 Fossil Display Connector**  
One way: 0.2 km
- 9 Dino Discovery Trail** One way: 0.5 km  
*Formerly Trail of the Fossil Hunters*
- 10 Prickly Pear Path** One way: 1.2 km
- 11 11 Extinction Expedition**  
One way: 1.0 km
- 12 12 Stories in Stone** One way: 2.2 km
- 13 13 Wild Things Challenge**  
One way: 0.7 km
- 14 14 Cottonwood Flats** One way: 1.5 km

## Hiking Safely

Stick to trails that fit your skill level.

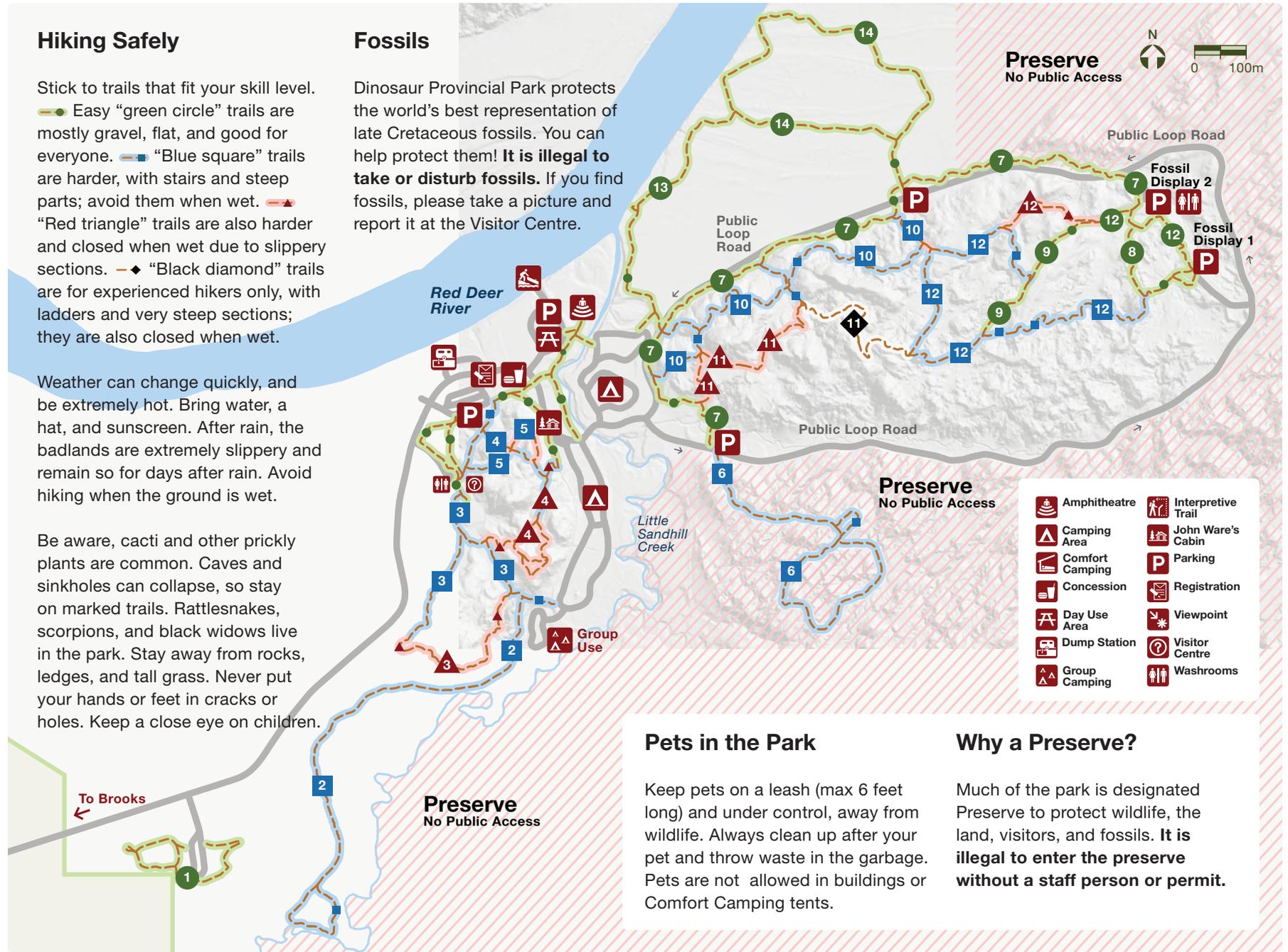
—● Easy “green circle” trails are mostly gravel, flat, and good for everyone. —■ “Blue square” trails are harder, with stairs and steep parts; avoid them when wet. —▲ “Red triangle” trails are also harder and closed when wet due to slippery sections. —◆ “Black diamond” trails are for experienced hikers only, with ladders and very steep sections; they are also closed when wet.

Weather can change quickly, and be extremely hot. Bring water, a hat, and sunscreen. After rain, the badlands are extremely slippery and remain so for days after rain. Avoid hiking when the ground is wet.

Be aware, cacti and other prickly plants are common. Caves and sinkholes can collapse, so stay on marked trails. Rattlesnakes, scorpions, and black widows live in the park. Stay away from rocks, ledges, and tall grass. Never put your hands or feet in cracks or holes. Keep a close eye on children.

## Fossils

Dinosaur Provincial Park protects the world’s best representation of late Cretaceous fossils. You can help protect them! **It is illegal to take or disturb fossils.** If you find fossils, please take a picture and report it at the Visitor Centre.



## Pets in the Park

Keep pets on a leash (max 6 feet long) and under control, away from wildlife. Always clean up after your pet and throw waste in the garbage. Pets are not allowed in buildings or Comfort Camping tents.

## Why a Preserve?

Much of the park is designated Preserve to protect wildlife, the land, visitors, and fossils. **It is illegal to enter the preserve without a staff person or permit.**