

Parents Guide: Fossil Hunt

Did you know?

- Fossils are no longer real bones. Over millions of years, minerals from the earth replaced the bone and literally turned them to stone.
- Even dinosaur footprints in the mud can fossilize! These are called 'trace fossils'.
- Paleontologists use small brushes and even dentist tools to avoid breaking fossils when digging them up.

Play Idea for Home

Bury small plastic dinosaurs in the sandbox and let the kids dig for them as paleontologists!

Conversation Starter

What would you do if you found a real dino bone while digging in the garden?

Mini Quiz

What do you call scientists who dig up dino bones?

Answer: Paleontologists



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