

## **Alberta Museums**

From dinosaurs roaming the land millions of years ago to aboriginal tribes that lived off the prairies for thousands of years, Alberta has always had a deep connection with the land. Our natural history has helped to shape the province today. Two places that preserve, protect and promote that history are the [Royal Alberta](#) and [Royal Tyrrell](#) museums.

### **Royal Alberta Museum**

Originally known as the Provincial Museum of Alberta when it opened in 1967, the museum received royal patronage from Queen Elizabeth II in 2005 to mark Alberta's centennial. The mission of the Royal Alberta Museum is to preserve and tell the story of Alberta, inspiring people of all ages to explore and understand the world around them.

From bats to bugs, Genghis Khan to Edouard Cortés, the museum has hosted hundreds of illuminating exhibits for students and visitors. The collections are divided into four categories: life sciences (botany, mammalogy), earth sciences (archaeology, geology), human history (cultural studies, military, political history) and collections services (resource management). More information, including current exhibits and programs, is available at [www.royalalbertamuseum.ca](http://www.royalalbertamuseum.ca)

### **Royal Tyrrell Museum**

Drive only 90 minutes northeast of Calgary near the town of Drumheller and you will find the world-renowned [Royal Tyrrell Museum](#). Since opening its doors in September 1985 the museum has established itself as Canada's foremost authority of palaeontological history and preservation. In fact, it is the only museum in the country dedicated exclusively to the science of palaeontology.

Always on the cutting edge of technology, the museum uses tools like videoconferencing to share its stories with thousands of eager minds from around the world. Whether it's real dinosaur skeletons, Ice Age mammals or living relatives of prehistoric plants, the Royal Tyrrell Museum is like no other. For more information, including current exhibits and programs, visit [www.tyrrellmuseum.com](http://www.tyrrellmuseum.com)

***The famed Smithsonian Institute is holding an online contest to crown North America's top dinosaur museum – and the Royal Tyrrell Museum is in the running! To cast your vote, click [here](#).***

### **Alberta Museums at Alberta House**

From September 2-3 during WorldSkills Calgary 2009, the Royal Alberta Museum will present the technical aspects of fossil skeletal reconstruction. This includes fossil recovery and preservation, moulding and casting and mounting fossil skeletons for museum display. And from September 4-5, the Royal Tyrrell Museum will demonstrate how to assemble a mounted cast of a small dinosaur. Interactive presentations will also take place. Both presentations will take place at Alberta House.