



Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre

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Dig Season Launch set for June 4th

MORDEN, Manitoba – A special event to officially launch the 2011 Dig Season is set to run on June 4th/11 at the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre.

On Saturday, June 4th/11 from 10am – 5pm, pre-history buffs are invited to a behind-the-scenes look at the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre. The CFDC will be offering free museum admission, free Guided Museum Tours and the exciting Fossil Dig Adventure Tour at a discounted rate of \$15/person.

The Fossil Dig Adventure Tours (a \$95 value) give visitors the chance to head out into the field with our paleontologists to one of our active and productive dig sites in the scenic Manitoba Escarpment. Get a first-hand look at where we find our fossils, and try your hand at searching for and excavating your own 80-million-year-old discovery. Our dig sites are so rich with fossils that something is discovered on every trip! Come out and see why the Discovery Channel has visited the CFDC twice in the last year!

Dig tours leave every hour on the hour from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Buses return to the museum on the half hour, and participants can decide for themselves how long they'd like to stay at the site (final bus returns at 5:30 p.m.). Children must be at least eight years old to take part in the dig site adventure.

The free museum tours will also run every hour, on the hour, starting at 10 a.m. (the final tour begins at 4 p.m.). During the 50-minute tour, museum staff will give visitors the inside-scoop on our displays and specimens, including a V.I.P. look at the collections room and laboratory.

Visitors are encouraged to book a time slot for either tour, but walk-ins will also be accommodated.

Kids programming will be available throughout the day.

The event will build upon an already exciting weekend for the Town of Morden. The town will host a town-wide Block Party and Garage Sale on June 4th, the Back 40 Festival takes place on June 5th and the Pembina Threshermen's museum has many exciting events planned for June 3 & 4th.

The Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre houses the largest collection of marine reptile fossils in Canada, including a 43-foot long mosasaur named "Bruce", the largest mosasaur in the country. Housed in the Access Event Centre in Morden, the CFDC is working towards building a new state-of-the-art facility in the Manitoba Escarpment.

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