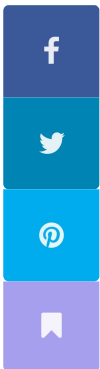


(October 5-6); and Los Angeles (October 12-13). Check your local Walmart for more details.

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Did you know that the T. rex had feathers? Or that it could bite with the force of three cars? These are the sorts of [dinosaur](#) facts you’re likely to hear from your kiddos nonstop after your family’s visit to *T. rex: The Ultimate Predator*, a highly-anticipated exhibit opening at the [American Museum of Natural History](#) on March 11 (preview days for members start on March 8).

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The Upper West Side museum’s latest is a dream come true for little dino fans. Detailed, to-scale models? Check. Huge T. rex shadows that *move*? Check. A “roar mixer” sound booth, an interactive animated wall that lets you play with full-size T. rexes *and* a multi-player virtual reality experience (this one’s for ages 12 and up)? Check, check, check.

T. rex: The Ultimate Predator is the first of many blowout events planned to celebrate AMNH’s 150th year. The museum has always had a special relationship with the dino: their very own paleontologist, Barnum Brown, discovered the first-ever skeleton in 1902. Since then, the museum has continued to be at the forefront of dino research, including the discovery of the first dino eggs and dino feathers.

“Dinosaur fossils, like other echoes of ancient life, are discoveries of the science of paleontology,” said Michael Novacek, the museum’s senior vice president and provost for science. “But dinosaurs have a special status that transcends their importance to science—they fascinate and inspire the masses like few other animals—living or extinct—can.”

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We agree: walking through the exhibit captures the imagination of children and adults alike. There's a good balance of informational plaques (that are simple for older kids to read), fossils, activities and impressive displays. The displays, in fact, are the most detailed depictions of T. rexs to date—the scientists worked with artists to reflect the most cutting-edge research possible, which means that your kids are going to be both entertained and informed. The best combo possible, right?

In addition to the big-ticket items like the VR activity and animated wall, there are plenty of ways to engage kids' brains in this dino-tastic adventure. "What do you do?" role-playing blocks, a "Find the Right Tail" balancing game, virtual tools to measure parts of the dinos' bodies (and more!) are fun for both small and bigger kids.

The exhibit is on display through August 2020, so you have plenty of time for a visit. But trust us: neither you—nor your kid—will want to wait.

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