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**CANNON BEACH DINOSAUR MUSEUM
On Track For Fall 2018 Opening**

Exhibits Can See Seen In Church Lobby As They Are Built

Cannon Beach Bible Church is building a dinosaur museum that is on track to open in the fall of 2018. Called the *Cannon Beach Dinosaur Tracker Field Station* the museum will feature dinosaur tracks and other fossils that visitors will be able to touch and learn from.

"I don't like putting exhibits behind glass." stated the museum curator Steve Hudgik. "As much as allowed by security concerns and the need to protect fossils from damage, we'll have fossils available for people to touch and learn how they feel. For example, it is easier to feel the pads on a dinosaur's fossil footprint than it is to see them."



The theme of the *Dinosaur Tracker Field Station* is dinosaur tracks -- the fossil footprints dinosaurs left behind -- and learning how to "read" the tracks to learn about the dinosaurs that made them. For example, a fossil footprint reveals how big the dinosaur was, what type of dinosaur it was, and whether it was a vegetarian or carnivore. However, the museum will also feature numerous other fossils such as dinosaur coprolite (dino poop), dinosaur eggs and nests, marine fossils from Oregon, concretions, and various plant fossils. Visitors will not only see and touch fossils, they will learn some of the clues that help us understand what happened to the dinosaurs and how dinosaurs fit with the Bible.

To be located in Cannon Beach Bible Church, the museum is initially planned to have 12 learning stations, each with at least two video displays. In addition to the video displays, visitors will be able to use their phones to access additional detailed information. The long-term plan, scheduled for the second phase of the museum, is to have an interactive individualized experience allowing visitors to follow a learning path that best suits their interests.

As each learning station is constructed it will be available in the lobby of the church on Sunday mornings (visit www.CBBC.us for times). This gives people a chance to preview the exhibits, while at the same time the museum staff can debug the exhibits using the feedback from visitors.

In addition to the fossil exhibits, the museum would like to show paintings by local artists. A Cannon Beach artist has already volunteered to donate a large mural. The museum is looking for other local artists who would be willing to loan or donate paintings that compliment the theme of the museum. Artists can contact Steve at: cbBibleChurch@gmail.com for more information.

More information about the *Cannon Beach Dinosaur Tracker Field Station* is available on the www.DinoTracker.org web site.

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