



We're going on a **Dinosaur Hunt!**

Adult Notes

The Dinosaur Hunt trail is aimed at EYFS and Year 1 children and is intended to provide a fun and active way of exploring the Museum's dinosaur displays.

After evaluating the trail with school groups, we found that the trail works best when:

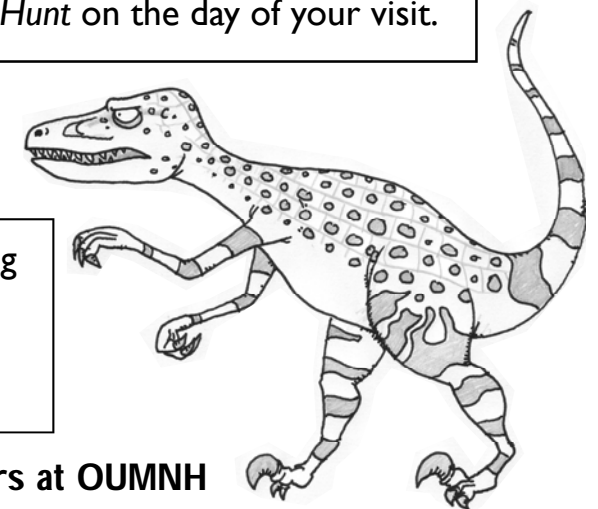
- The children are split into small groups of up to 8 children, with an adult in each group.
- Each group has one copy of the trail (so children are not burdened with bits of paper in small hands!).
- The trail is treated like a book that the adult is sharing with the children.
- Each group has one toy dinosaur and this is passed around the group during the trail (this prevents the inevitable toy dinosaur play fights!).
- The dinosaur is taken along on 'the hunt' and used as a discussion point, measuring tool or fun companion whenever appropriate.
- The adult uses the map to guide the children round the exhibitions, pausing when appropriate, to read them the next section.
- The trail is seen as a starting point and **NOT A RIGID TASK** that leaders feel they must follow at the expense of enjoyment or looking at other exhibits.

But please use it as seems best for your children!

A few things to be aware of...

- The trail is intended to be active, with children moving, measuring and talking throughout. However, please be aware that the specimens are valuable and irreplaceable, so children may need reminding to be very careful.
- Pencils are not needed for this trail as there are no right or wrong answers and exploration, wonderment and discovery are the intended outcomes.
- We will provide toy dinosaurs and a big book of *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* on the day of your visit.

We look forward to seeing you in the museum soon and hope that you enjoy your visit.



From the Education Team and the dinosaurs at OUMNH