

North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department

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Dig and discover the Pembina Gorge

The North Dakota Geological Survey, North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department and the City of Walhalla Economic Development Corp., are hosting a fossil dig Aug. 19-25, 2013.

Seventy-five to eighty million-year-old fossils were recently found in the Pembina Gorge. At least four Mosasaurs, along with sharks, fish vertebrae and fish scales were discovered and identified by Dr. John Hoganson, Paleontologist with the ND Geological Survey. Mosasaurs were the most fearsome predators, which dominated the Western interior Seaway during the Cretaceous Age.

Available dates for taking part in the fossil dig fill up fast as only 15 to 18 people are allowed to participate each day.

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