

Celebrate the Holidays with Dinosaurs, Holidays at the Heard & Artisan's Market

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During the holidays it may be difficult to find something fun to do with the *whole* family, but there is a solution! Get exercise with your family and experience the excitement of *Dinosaurs Alive! Life-size Animatronic Dinosaurs at the Heard*. Now-December 31st.

Need any more holiday gift ideas? Tickets to the dinosaur exhibit could also be a fun, affordable present for family, friends or that special someone! Admission tickets may be purchased online at www.heardmuseum.org. Admission is \$8 adults and \$5 for kids 3-12 and seniors.

Over the last three years of this annual exhibit, thousands of families have visited the Heard to see a different variety of dinosaurs situated along a half mile trail. Learn interesting dinosaur facts, see them move, and hear them, too! Check out fourteen dinosaurs this year (both herbivores and carnivores) as well as the return of the infamous Tyrannosaurus Rex! New dinosaurs include a Tyrannosaurus-Rex baby, Iguanodon, Cryolophosaurus, Chasmosaurus (along with its baby), Amargasaurus, Muttaborrasaurus, Suchomimus and Therizinosaurus. Kids will also enjoy playing on the static Apatosaurus and Parasaurolophus baby dinosaurs. The dinosaur trail is jogging stroller friendly.

A cold day is still a perfect day to visit the Heard. Come inside to view our *Cretaceous Underwater* exhibit. Imagine being underwater during the Cretaceous with swimming turtles the size of Volkswagens, Tylosuars the size of a Great White Shark and ammonites the size of 18-wheeler tires. You will experience an aquatic environment—cool, blue and full of wondrous sounds from the ocean. See Tylosaur fossils of every shape and size with pieces from a real live ongoing paleontology dig! There will also be interactive “hands-on” activities with amazing creatures that children are sure to enjoy.

Also, on December 6th from 11-3, visit *Holidays at the Heard & Artisan's Market*. It provides you the perfect opportunity to get a head start on your holiday shopping. Artisans will present their hand-crafted items, which either utilize some of nature's resources or depict nature. This event will provide a great resource for unique decorations and thoughtful gifts. Guests will not only enjoy shopping at this market, but also taking photos with Father Christmas and Mother Nature, touring our *Dinosaurs Alive!* exhibit, partaking of some special refreshments, and making a special holiday craft with their children. Watch our heardmuseum.org for updates about this special event.

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