

Dallas Paleontological Society



FOSSILMANIA

XLI

41 YEARS

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October 27, 28, and 29, 2023

Somervell Co. Expo Center

202 E Bo Gibbs Blvd

Glen Rose, TX 76043

Friday 8 am – 6 pm

Saturday 9 am – 6 pm

Sunday 9 am – 4 pm



FOSSILMANIA is one of Texas' longest running shows dedicated to fossils and everything paleontology. Not a gem and mineral show – **FOSSILMANIA** is a **fossil and paleontology show**. Vendors have more than fossils. Vendors have books, apparel, artwork, and other products related to fossils and paleontology.

FREE activities include fossil collecting field trips, a Kid's Corner with hands-on exercises, a guided tour of dinosaur tracks, and a badge workshop for Scouts. **FOSSILMANIA** is an educational and entertaining event for all ages.

A door prize is awarded every hour. A raffle and a silent auction add excitement to this event. Look for pictures of the raffle items and other activities on the website at dallaspaleo.org/FOSSILMANIA.

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LOCATION MAPS

SOMERVELL COUNTY EXPO CENTER
202 E BO GIBBS Blvd
Glen Rose, Texas 76043



The drive to Glen Rose in late October is often a good time to see some fall colors.

Before or after visiting FOSSILMANIA XL enjoy:

Somervell County Museum

101 Vernon St, Glen Rose, TX 76043

Dinosaur World

1058 Park Rd 59, Glen Rose, TX 76043

Fossil Rim Wildlife Center

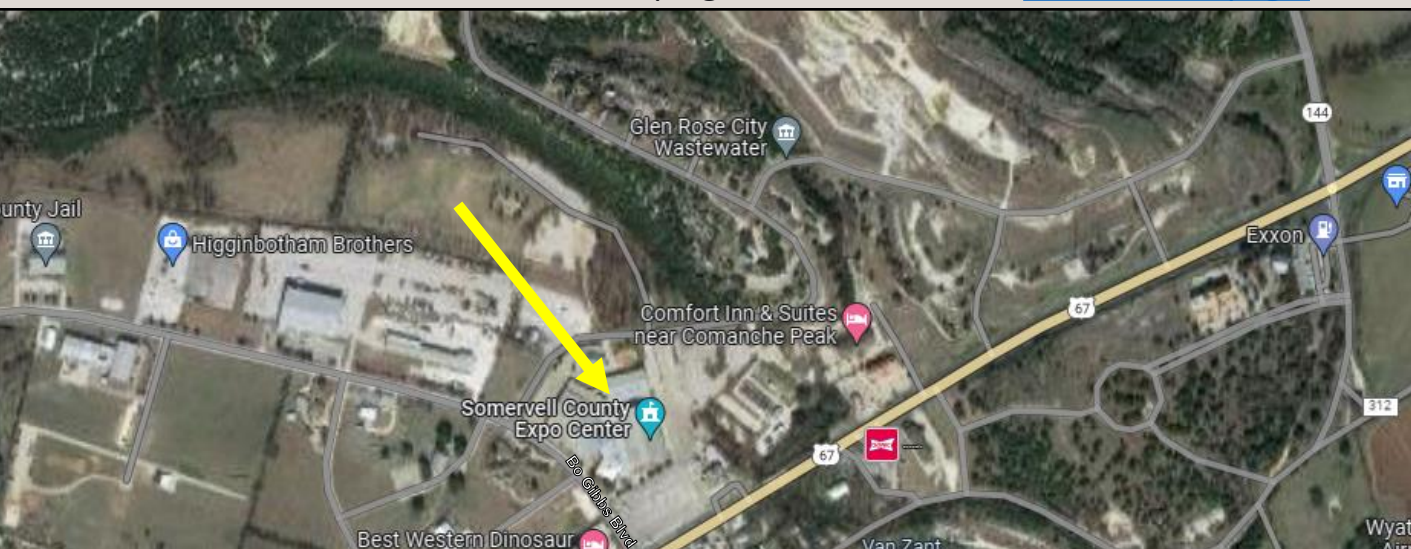
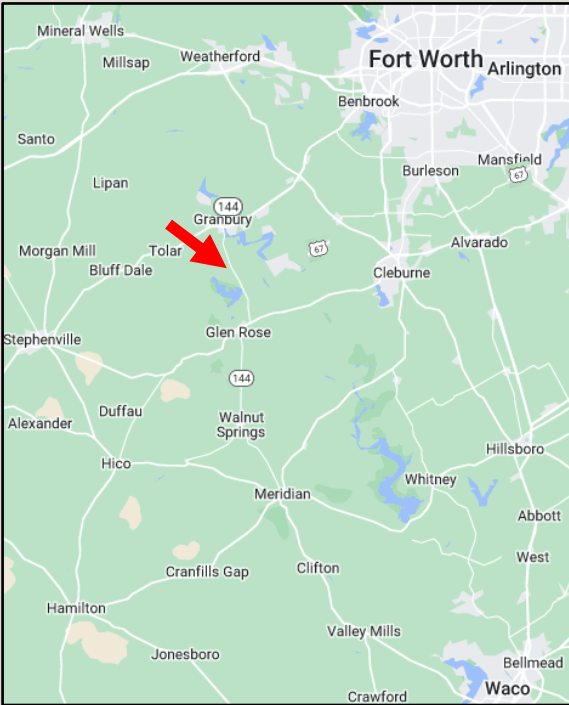
2299 Co Rd 2008, Glen Rose, TX 76043

Dinosaur Valley State Park

1629 Park Road 59. Glen Rose, Texas 76043

Local parks, shops, and restaurants are a good way to experience something new.

Make FOSSILMANIA XL part of a mini-vacation. Stay for the whole weekend at one of the many hotels, camping, and RV locations. [Back to main page.](#)





DOOR PRIZES



PRIZES for **ADULTS** and **KIDS** over the weekend.

Get a **free** ticket for each person in your party when you come in.

Example of a door prize for an adult.



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FIELD TRIPS



Friday **None scheduled**

Saturday **11:30 AM: Fossil Collecting Field Trip to Fossil Rim Wildlife Center**
Limited attendance. Come early to sign-up.
Caravan to the site to find your own fossils for about an hour.

Sunday **4:00 PM: Free Guided Tour to Dinosaur Valley State Park**
Caravan personal vehicles to the park.

The leader will talk about the tracks and the dinosaurs that made them.

FOSSILMANIA closes at 6 PM. Do not leave any items inside the Expo Center.

PLEASE NOTE: Access to the tracks in the river is not ADA accessible – photo lower left.



Pictures below are from DPS field trips in other parts of Texas.



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KIDS' PIT CREW CORNER



The Kids' PIT Crew Corner is set up in the back corner again this year.

The Paleontologists In Training (PIT) is a program of the DPS that is open to kids from age 7 to 15. If you are interested in fossils, want to have fun on field trips, and like learning about our beautiful world, come join us at one of our meetings, or field trips. You will find it educational, and fun at the same time!



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SCOUTS BADGE WORKSHOPS



The PIT Crew (Paleontologists in Training) of the Dallas Paleontological Society offers badge workshops for Girl Scouts and Scouts BSA. From start to finish, join us for a one-stop badge workshop! Fun Patches are available to purchase for all. BSA Wolf Scouts are the only ones with an official badge in Paleontology to earn. Those badges are available through your BSA patch shop. The activity tables are set up for anyone to do a “self-guided” badge workshop. This way, a scout can earn the badge even if they are unable to attend a scheduled workshop. All kids can join in the activities to earn a Fun Patch (available for purchase).

Scouts BSA:

Wolf Cub Scouts can earn the Digging in the past badge in this workshop.

Webelos: Earth Rocks! A Webelos and Arrow of Light badge. Paleontology is a branch of geology, so most of our paleontologists can help answer your geology questions and help you earn your badge!

Girl Scouts:

There are no national Girl Scout badges for paleontology. However, some of the Councils around the Country have created Council’s Own Patches. We will be offering the following workshops to earn a Fun Patch (available to purchase at the event).

Brownies: Dinosaurs, a Council’s Own Patch from the Greater Chicago and Northeast Indiana Council.

Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors: Paleontology; Can You Dig It?, a Council’s Own Patch from the Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana Council.

Badge workshops are self-guided throughout the day.

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FREE PRESENTATIONS



Friday, October 27

5:00 PM:

“Why Do We Find So Many Shark Teeth in the DFW AREA – 300 MILES FROM THE OCEAN?”



Saturday, October 28

These presentations are approximately 15 minutes.

AM and PM Times TBD:

“A Little About The Geology of the Earth, North America, Texas, and Glen Rose”



Sunday, October 30

These presentations are approximately 15 minutes.

AM and PM Times TBD:

“A Little About The Geology of the Earth, North America, Texas, and Glen Rose”



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2023 RAFFLE PRIZES



Onsite – In Person Only

Tickets: \$1 or 6 for \$5

These were some of the prizes in 2022.



When you see the 2023 prizes, you will certainly want to buy as many raffle tickets as possible to try and win.

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SILENT AUCTION PRIZES



Onsite – In Person Only

This year's Silent Auction will close every two hours. We don't know what will be in the auctions at this time. Check back in a few months or be surprised when you come to FOSSILMANIA.

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FOSSIL SWAP



FOSSILMANIA is a wonderful event, with vendors from all over the United States offering fossils from all over the world. But, what about those fossils closer to home? I mean in your home! Like the ones in your closet, on your desk, dresser, bookshelf, in your garage, attic, lawn. They really take over a house in no time.



We've all been there. Too many fossils, too little space, am I right? Or maybe you have an abundance of a specific kind of fossils that you know you really don't need that many of. You are not alone in this. So, you have a bunch of fossils but no desire to make a business of it. Consider joining our first (revived) FOSSILMANIA FOSSIL SWAP.

Here's how it will work, on Saturday and Sunday, Swappers will be in designated spaces in the Expo parking lot. Swappers can buy, sell, or trade fossils among fellow swappers and the public.

We are making the 40th FOSSILMANIA Extra Large by expanding to the parking lot! Having a bustling parking lot full of activity will encourage passersby to go from looky-loo to visitor. Join us, reduce and refresh your collection, and have a great time!

Fossil Swap Information

This swap meet is for the exchange of fossils and paleontology related items only.

- Daily fee – **PAY INSIDE**: \$10 per vehicle per parking space based on first come and availability.
- Park in the designated area in the parking lot south of the Expo Center.
- **Swap meet participants may not participate in the selling, swapping or trading of firearms / ammunition; "new" as in originally packaged individual items or singles from bulk retail; or garage sale items, like furniture, kitchenware, and clothes. Unless the item is paleo related like a paleo themed tablecloth, toy or game, etc.** Persons participating in the Fossil Swap declare they are not a commercial vendor of the items they offer.
- **Persons selling / swapping or attempting to sell / swap scientifically significant materials or counterfeit items (not readily marked replicas) will be asked to leave.**

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FOSSILMANIA XLI

Vendor application



FOSSILMANIA, an annual sale and trade show for fossils and fossil-related items, will be held in the Somervell County Expo Center in Glen Rose, Texas, on **October 27, 28, 29, 2023**. *FOSSILMANIA is for fossils and fossil-related materials, no more than 20 percent of the material at a booth can be non-fossil-related.* The sponsors of **FOSSILMANIA** request that the indoor show areas remain smoke free. Pets must remain outside and not in the show area. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Hours: Thursday October 26, Setup 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Friday, October 27, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 28, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 29, 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Please plan to stay through 4 p.m.)

Tables: All 8-foot show tables are reserved on a first-come-first-served basis at \$60.00 each (\$20 per table per day x 3 days). Reservations must be accompanied by payment. Because of the normal arrangement of the room, the reservation of a maximum of 6 tables is suggested. However, if reservations are made early, it may be possible on a very limited basis to accommodate space for additional immediately adjoining tables. Also, if you have two persons attending, it is recommended that you reserve at least two tables to allow for more comfortable seating space. Any tables unreserved by the show dates may be made available for drop-in dealers at the standard table fee. Tables may not be reserved for the purposes of advertisement only.

[Online Table Registration for Vendors](#)

Or download the [paper version](#) of the Vendor Registration Form.

Mail-in reservations must include a check payable to Dallas Paleontological Society. Mail to:
Joseph O'Neil, 813 Pinckney Drive, Denton, TX 76209.

For information about the show, please contact Joseph O'Neil, 940-765-9545, or education@dallaspaleo.org.

Notification of cancellation must be made by 5:00 P.M., Sunday, October 1, 2023, in order to receive refunding of table reservations.

Auction: *We will be conducting a silent auction throughout the expo. Vendors may choose to contribute a tax deductible donation to the auction. Receipts will be provided for donated items. We ask that donated items are labeled appropriately, and include the vendor's card or name, to go to the recipient of the item.*

Special note concerning Friday morning: *The Glen Rose ISD brings busloads of elementary school science students to the expo on Friday morning. We ask that you are ready to go by 8 am on Friday to be ready for the students.*

Lodging in Glen Rose: For lodging information in Glen Rose Contact the Convention & Visitors Bureau at 888-346-6282 or 254-897-3081 or www.glenrosetexas.net.

THE SPONSORS AND THE VENUE CANNOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN ITEMS

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Pay by mail:

Please complete this form and send, with a check payable to the Dallas Paleontological Society, to:

Joseph O'Neil, 813 Pinckney Drive, Denton, TX, 76209. Reservations must be accompanied by payment.

Notification of cancelation must be received before October 1, 2023 to ensure your reservation and / or refund.

Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address _____

Dealer Tables: 8-foot table for weekend @ \$60.00 each

number tables _____ X \$60.00= Total remitted \$ _____

At their discretion, Fossilmania sponsors reserve the right to restrict any display or advertisement that for obvious reasons is deemed objectionable to the traditionally congenial character and atmosphere of the show.

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The Dallas Paleontological Society

founded 1984



The Dallas Paleontological Society (aka Dallas Paleo, DPS, the Society) holds meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at Brookhaven College's Geotechnical Institute in northwest Dallas. **Meetings** are open to the public in person or on Zoom. Meeting information is posted on the website and in the newsletter.

Memberships levels are *single*, *family*, and *lifetime*.

Membership grants access to non-public information like special field trips. Members get eblasts for upcoming field trips, events, and member relevant information. When field trips have limited capacity, eblasts alert members to the day and time to register. Visit our [Membership](#) page to join.

The **DPS Hotline** lets members call to learn if a field trip, an in-person meeting, or an event is canceled by weather or an unforeseen circumstance. Good to know before leaving the house.

The Fossil Record newsletter is issued monthly by email and posted in the "Members-only Content" portion of the website. A newsletter-only subscription (postal delivery only) is available. The subscription is not a valid membership.

As a 501(c)(3) organization the DPS raises funds through various activities like FOSSILMANIA to establish and maintain an endowment/scholarship fund. The DPS has invested over \$39,800 in the future of 57 future paleontologists via the *Frank Crane Memorial Scholarship Fund*.



Our many **Field Trips** attract and keep members. Most trips are relatively local. We have traveled to at UT Austin's Vertebrate and Nonvertebrate Labs, and farther to Oklahoma, California, and other states.

The **PIT Crew** (Paleontologists in Training) reaches out to family members 7-15 years of age. The PIT Crew has activities, field trips, and lessons. The PIT Crew meets at various locations for the convenience of all participants.



The **Fossil Bureau of Investigation (FBI)** is a team of volunteers who investigate reported fossil finds by members and the public. Sometimes the FBI is asked to assist with excavations by local museums and universities.



Mineral Wells Fossil Park is the result of a partnership between the Society and the City of Mineral Wells. City-owned land contains abundant Pennsylvanian age fossils available for public collection.



The **Texas/Pennsylvanian Fossil Study Group** is a special interest group. The group is trying to answer some of the questions about the very diverse fauna found in the Pennsylvanian outcrops in Texas. The group is assembling a comprehensive pictorial guide to help with identifying fossils from this sub-period, parts of which are currently available on the web site. The group meets at U.T. Arlington hosted by Dr. Merlynd Nestell. Dr. Ben Neuman, head of the Biology Department at Texas A&M Texarkana is a major contributor to this group.

The **Occasional Papers** (OP) contain research by members, independent of formal institutions or guidance. The OPs are not peer reviewed publications.

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