

Thursday September 25, 2008

When Percy is inside he likes to keep a close eye on what is going on in the great outdoors. Whenever puppies or bunnies go by he is on guard.



Sometimes, however, he gets tired and grabs a quick cat nap in his favourite spot. Hm... it s the same spot.



Friday September 26, 2008

Drumheller (named after a miner) is full of Dinosaurs of every colour and shape.

Here are a few of them





At the Visitors Center they boast the World's Largest Dino.



In the shot below, Maureen is standing at the bottom she is the tiny one in the red shirt.





*Near our campsite
there is a cute little
church.*

*It seats 10,000
people six at a time!*





Saturday September 27, 2008

Today we visited the famous Royal Tyrell Museum. The displays celebrate the long history and spectacular diversity of life - from the tiniest grains of pollen to the mightiest dinosaurs. The museum is Canada's only institution devoted entirely to palaeontology.

Set in the Alberta badlands, the Museum opened in September, 1985.

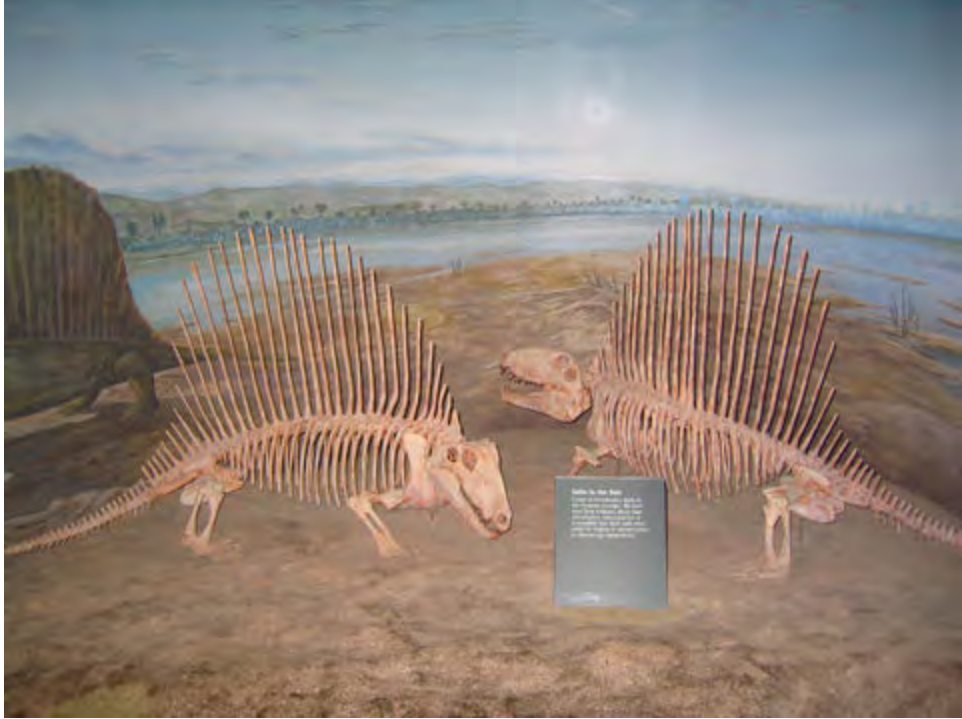
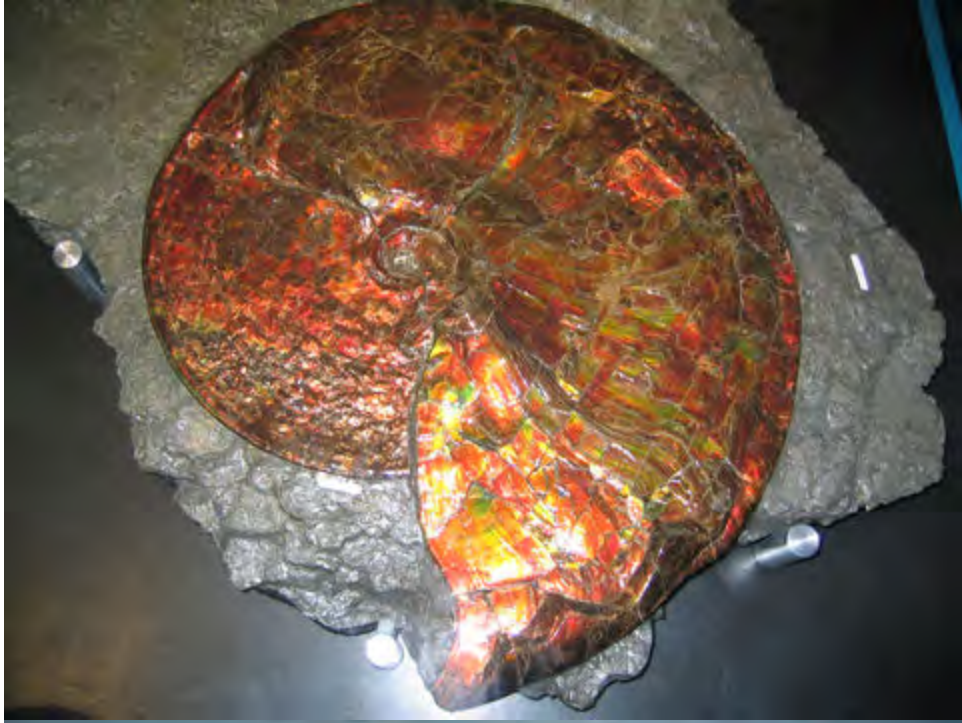
Four hundred thousand visitors were hoped for that first year. Nearly 600,000 came, and hundreds of thousands continue to visit each year.

We were amazed at the size of some of the fossilized remains of prehistoric animals that roamed earth millions of years ago. Here are a few of the pictures that we took. For more info see www.tyrellmuseum.com











This is the museum as seen from the road.



The landscape surrounding the Drumheller is quite varied.

On one side of the river the hills are quite dry and barren .



*On the other side the Red River flows
along with lush vegetation on either side*



Back at the campsite the bunnies continue to roam.

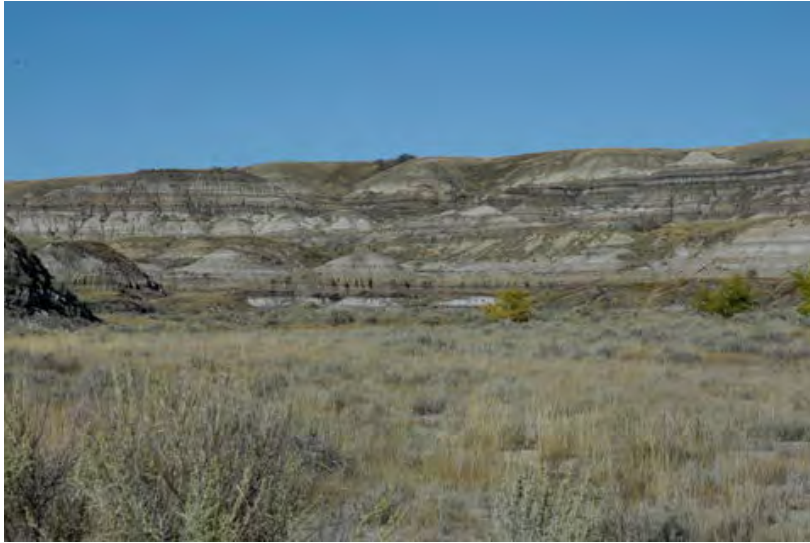


Sunday September 28, 2008

This is our first anniversary! One year ago today we moved out of our house and into the fifth wheel. The year has gone by rather quickly and although there have been some bumps along the way, overall it has been a very good year. We are looking forward to many more years of the same.

After lunch we drove up to a small roadside park and took a hike. First we went along the river but were disappointed that the vegetation all but obscures the river, so there was not much to see but trees and grass. We then changed direction and wandered out into the badlands

for a close-up look at what erosion and time have done to the landscape.





As the sun set behind our campground it cast long shadows on the hills.



Now that most of the kids have gone home, the bunnies are much tamer and will let us get quite close to them before they scamper off. Even Percy is starting to get used to them scurrying around in the fallen leaves.





After supper our newest neighbours shared a campfire with us. They are visiting all the way from Australia and were able to tell us lots about life down under. We shared marshmallows and stories as we listened to the coyotes and owls off in the distance.



From left to Right - Matt, Melanie, Robyn, Rachel, Maureen and Percy

We wish them all happy and safe travels as they explore our wonderful country. Someday we hope that we can travel to yours.

Thanks for the beautiful gift that we found on our step the next morning.

