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Western gratefully acknowledges the assembly and sculptures of the dinosaurs and plesiosaur by metal sculptor Leland Johnson.

All of the displays that you have seen on the Western Wyoming Community College campus have been financed entirely by donations. If you would like to buy a postcard, dinosaur toy, or book, please visit the Western Wyoming Community College Bookstore.

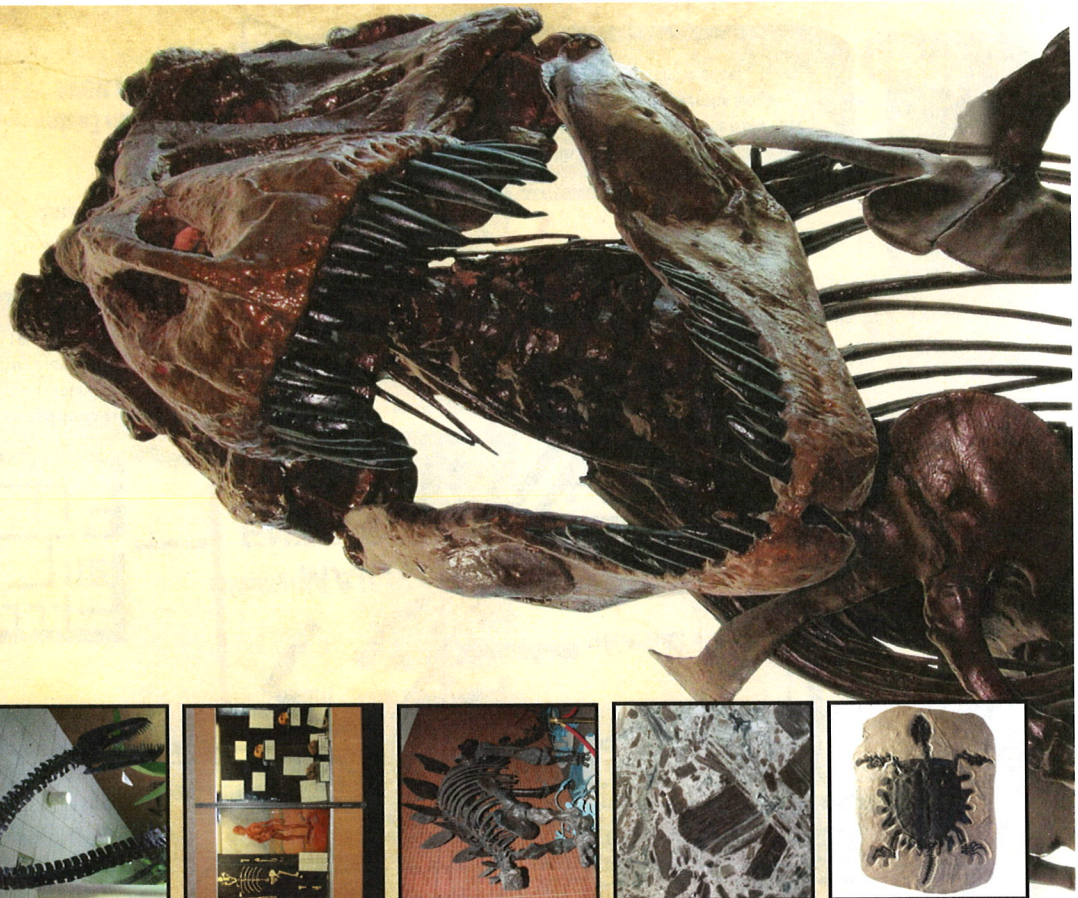
Wyoming dinosaurs have been "mined" by the major museums and world institutions for over a hundred years, and they continue to be mined. Hundreds of Wyoming dinosaurs gaze at German citizens, but also at English, French, Italian, Austrian, and Japanese. In the United States, Washington, New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and a few other cities have the rest. Rock Springs has the largest easily accessible collection of dinosaurs along I-80 from Chicago to San Francisco.

In order to bring Wyoming dinosaurs back to Wyoming, a fund raising project began in 1989 to collect and display specimens native to Wyoming from throughout the Jurassic and Cretaceous periods of the Mesozoic Era. These formations outcrop throughout Wyoming and date from between 180 million years ago to 67 million years ago. In fact, dinosaur remains have been found in the rocks that outcrop beneath and around the campus. The free-standing dinosaurs are fiberglass casts of the original fossils which are housed in major national museums. Most of the wall mounted displays are actual fossils and date from about 45 million years ago.



# NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

SELF-GUIDED TOUR MAP



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Your one-stop-shop for Western community info. The app allows you to book tickets online and be up-to-date on the latest and greatest on the Rock Springs campus.





## Your Self-Guided Tour To The Fossil Displays and More

We hope this brochure makes it easier for you to see and enjoy all of the exhibits provided by the museum. Inside is a map to assist in locating all of the exhibits. Each location has a description about the display. The dinosaurs are a major focus of the museum's exhibits.

Additionally, on the map are the Weidner Wildlife and Art Gallery

**LOOK CAREFULLY**, at each dinosaur, but please, **DO NOT TOUCH!**



## Art Gallery

The Art Gallery serves as an adjunct to classroom instruction, providing a display area for six to seven shows per year. These exhibits offer the community an opportunity to view a wide range of techniques, materials, and aesthetic viewpoints of regional and national artists.

For information about exhibits or gallery internship, please contact the Art Department at (307) 382-1723.



## Welcome to Western - Home of the Mustangs!

Along the Natural History Tour we have hidden seven neon orange mustangs. If you snap pictures of all seven mustangs, you'll get a prize at the front desk at the end of your tour. The clues were written to help kids find them. Adults, give it a shot without the clues! The horses can be found at the following exhibits: Triceratops, Art Gallery, Xiphactinus Audax (Big Fish), Camptosaurus, Tyrannosaurus Rex, Fossil Man display, and Timetable for Wyoming. We're glad you're here -- happy hunting!

**#findthemustang**



## Weidner Wildlife Museum

The wildlife in the museum were donated to the College from Rock Springs residents, Roger A. and Jeanne A. Weidner. The Weidners chose to donate their collection, which was assembled over the course of several decades, to the College because they wanted to share it with others. The Weidners believe that "It will help educate the public about these wonderful creatures."

The museum opened in September 2002 and houses

nearly 125 species of wildlife collected worldwide. This fascinating display of mounted wildlife entertains and educates visitors, excites hunters and often motivates interest in the conservation of outdoor resources.

All wildlife in the museum were legally hunted and none of the wildlife was an endangered species when taken. Government wildlife agencies worldwide administered the license applications and issued the required permits that allowed the Weidners to hunt the wildlife in the collection. Licenses and permits such as those procured by the Weidners provide substantial revenue for wildlife management programs around the world. These programs protect animal habitat and support anti-poaching programs and other efforts to preserve wildlife populations.

## Western Wyoming Community College Geology Program

The Geology Program at Western Wyoming Community College offers an A.S in Geology and Community Education courses in Paleontology, Geology of Wyoming, and Mineralogy, as well as basic lab courses. Email [dpertermann@westernwyoming.edu](mailto:dpertermann@westernwyoming.edu) for more information.



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These old human skulls are pretty cool don't you agree? How many are there? Can you count them with me?

One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight! Look really hard, see our little orange mate?



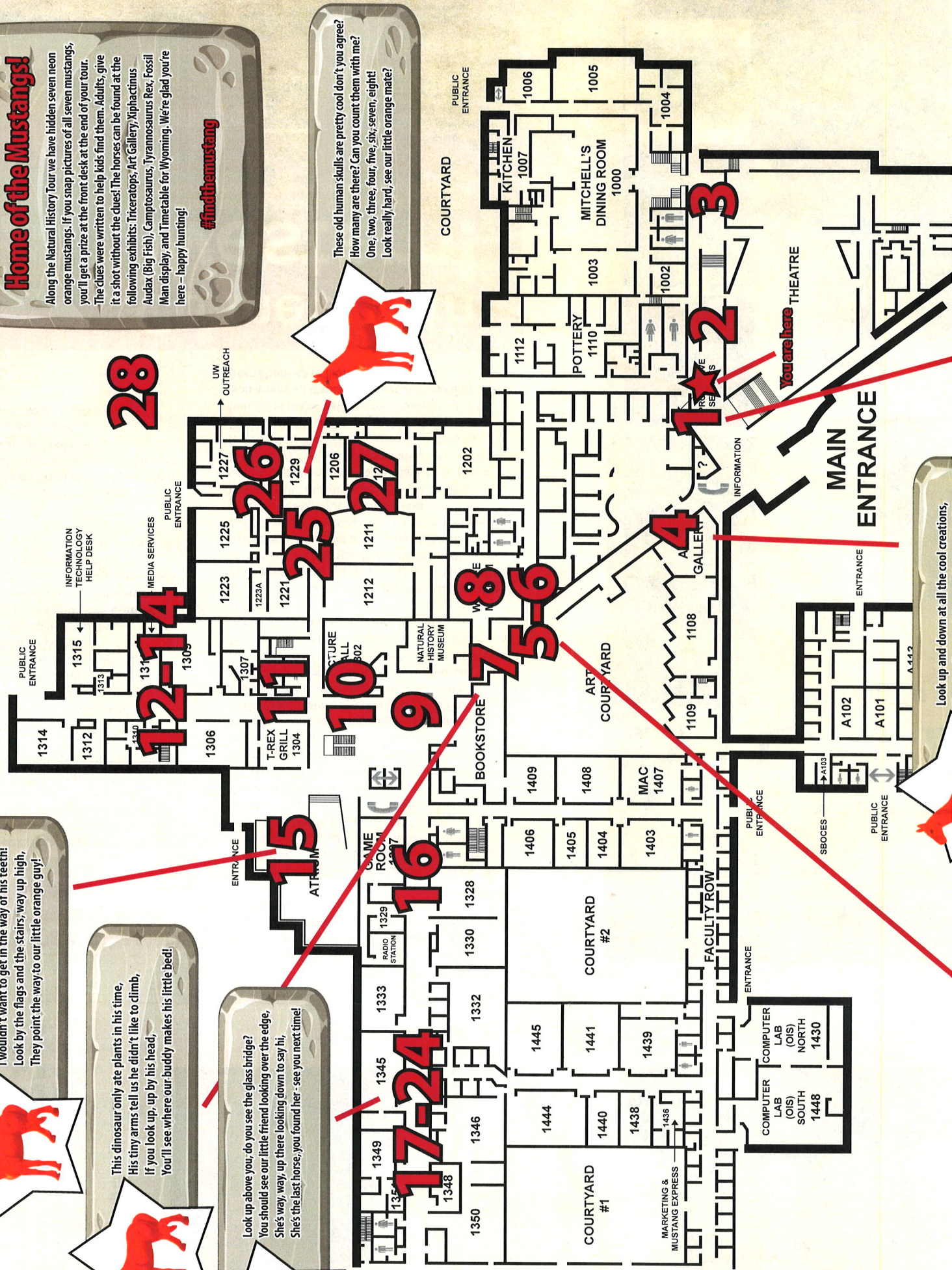
The Tyrannosaurus Rex was a big scary beast, I wouldn't want to get in the way of his teeth! Look by the flags and the stairs, way up high, They point the way to our little orange guy!



This dinosaur only ate plants in his time, His tiny arms tell us he didn't like to climb, if you look up, up by his head, You'll see where our buddy makes his little bed!



Look up above you, do you see the glass bridge? You should see our little friend looking over the edge, She's way, way, up there looking down to say hi, She's the last horse, you found her - see you next time!



You are here THEATRE

Look up and down at all the cool creations,





# Natural History Museum Exhibits



1. Triceratops



2. Plesiosaur



3. Stegosaur



4. Art Gallery



5. Xiphactinus Fish (15' long)



6. Sabalites Palm Frond (8' high)



7. Camptosaur



8. Weidner Wildlife Museum



9. Foucault Pendulum



10. Trionichid Turtle (5' long)  
Procaimanoidea  
Alligator (5' long)



11. Pliosauroida, Pteranodon,  
Ichthyosaurs



12. Numulites



13. Nautiloids/Ammonites



14. Nautiloids



15. Tyrannosaurus Rex



16. Mass Death Layer of Fossil Fish (1095 fish)



17. Dimetrodon Trackway



17. A Pegmatite



18. A Breccia



19. A Pudding Stone



20. Another Pudding Stone



21. Sea Sediment (1)



22. Sea Sediment (2)



23. Coarse Grained Pegmatite with Dike



24. A Migmatite



25. Fossil Man Display



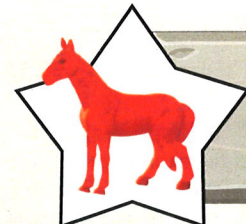
26. Historic Mine Railroad Car for Hauling Coal



27. Reproductions of Prehistoric Cave Paintings in France and Spain



28. Nine Ton Replica of an Easter Island Statue Used in NOVA Programs



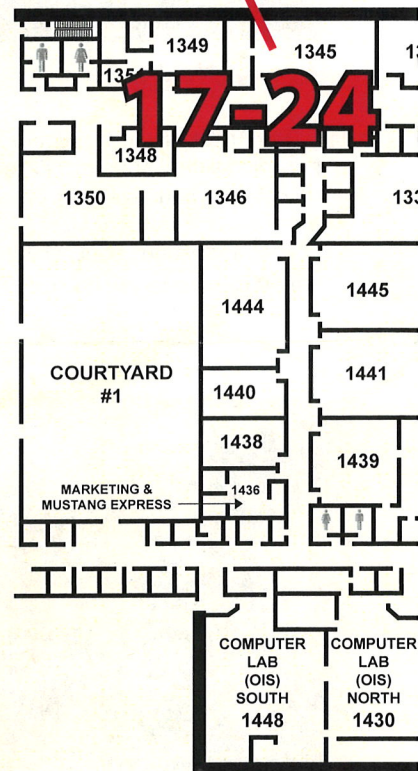
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This big fish used to swim, deep  
What you're looking for is small  
Can you spot her peering out from  
She can see you, find her before