

2010 FIELD TRIPS

Our 2010 field trip line-up should have something for everyone; fossil vertebrates, invertebrates and plants. Below is a brief description of each trip. Further details will appear in the next *Bulletin* and on the website before the summer. If you have any questions, contact me by e-mail at events@albertapaleo.org.

Please note that all fees are due at the time of registration. Non-members and unaccompanied minors will not be allowed to attend field trips. All participants will be required to sign a release form (waiver). Detailed information will be provided to all those registered shortly after the registration deadline.

2010-01: June 26/27, 2010; Medicine Hat Area, AB

This will be a two day trip to the Medicine Hat area with a focus on Cretaceous vertebrate fossils and a possible visit to an amber locality. A number of sites could be visited on Saturday and a single locality on Sunday on the way back to Calgary. All stops will require a modest hike. As weather in the badlands in late June can be highly variable you should be prepared for a variety of conditions. If you are attending, plan on being in Medicine Hat at 9am on Saturday. There are a number of motels/hotels and campgrounds in the area. As it can be quite busy during the summer months you are advised to book your accommodations ahead of time. **The registration deadline is June 4, 2010.**

2010-2: July 17/18, 2010; Lethbridge area Ammolite Mines, AB

We plan on visiting at least one active open-pit mine near Lethbridge from which both Cretaceous ammonites and the gemstone Ammolite are found. There may or may not be an opportunity to collect from the mine's waste piles; we will be strictly following our hosts rules. As well, we have permission from the land owner to hike along St Mary River for marine fossils that may have weathered out along the river banks (note this could be a long hike). At this time, no activities are planned for Sunday, but expect a full day on Saturday. This trip will also include a tour of Korite International/Canada Fossil's preparation lab in Calgary on a separate date (likely to be in **early July**; details to follow). If you plan on attending this trip you should plan on being in Lethbridge by 9am on Saturday. There are a number of motels/hotels and campgrounds in the area. As it can be quite busy during the summer months you are advised to book your accommodations ahead of time. **The registration deadline is July 2, 2010.**

2010-3: August 21/22, 2010; Grassy Mountain, Blairmore, AB.

This trip will be a re-visit of the Grassy Mountain coal mine just north of Blairmore, AB in the beautiful Crowsnest Pass. On our first visit, a decade ago, club members found a variety of nice fossil plant remains from exposures of the Jurassic-Cretaceous Kootenay Group. This is a long, steep hike up an abandoned mine road in bear country; the climb will take 2 – 3 hours and should only be done by those in physically-good condition. As with the July trip, activities are only formally planned for Saturday but expect a long day. Numerous motels/hotels and campgrounds are available in the Crowsnest Pass. If you are attending this trip you should plan on being in Blairmore by 9am. **The registration deadline is July 30, 2010.**

For the 2010 field trips I will be sending you the waiver and medical forms to you along with the trip information. This information will be sent to you via e-mail or Canada Post. Please ensure that your addresses are correct and legible when sending in registration forms. When you arrive at the meeting place please have the forms completed as less time will be spent on paper work prior to the trip. **All participants are required to have their membership in good-standing and have fully completed all waiver and medical forms in order to attend the trip.** All personal information is held in confidence and is ultimately destroyed.