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## Dinosaurs Come to The Domes

Milwaukee, WI (July 5, 2013) – Visitors to the Mitchell Park Domes will step back in time – way back – when they enter “Dinos Under Glass,” a prehistoric exhibit, in the Tropical Dome, beginning Sat., July 13. The Domes are located at 524 S. Layton Blvd.

Four model dinosaurs, ranging in length from 9 to 16 feet, are nestled among plants of the Tropical Dome. Allosaurus, Stegosaurus, Triceratops, and Dromaeosaurus are easily viewed from the walking paths. Educational, interpretive signage is located throughout the exhibit. To complement the “prehistoric” experience, children, as well as adults, will have the opportunity to step inside a dinosaur “fossil” footprint, to take part in an interactive scavenger hunt in search of a dinosaur nest, and to test their knowledge on a crossword puzzle. The exhibit runs through late fall, so it can be incorporated into science field trips to The Domes. All four dinosaur models were purchased by the Friends of The Domes.

“This is such a great gift from The Friends,” said Sandy Folaron, Director of the Mitchell Park Domes. “This exhibit presents the opportunity not only to reach out to all those interested in dinosaurs, but also to those who are interested in prehistoric plants and their amazing adaptations.”

Highlighted in the exhibit are prehistoric plants, such as Horsetail (a native plant in Wisconsin), Hare’s Foot Fern, Sago Palm, Tree Fern, and ZZ Plant.

Static dinosaur models include carnivores and herbivores from the Jurassic and Cretaceous periods.

Allosaurus, theropods similar to T-Rex with a large skull and short “arms,” were carnivores living in the Jurassic period in North America, Africa, and Europe. They had sharp, curved claws, and because they walked on two legs, they had a massive tail for balance. The model is 10-1/2 feet long and 6 feet high.

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Stegosaurus, recognized by the bony plates along the back, were herbivores living in the late-Jurassic period in the forests and swamps of North America. For protection from predators, they had spikes at the end of the tail. The model is about 16 feet long and 7 feet high.

Triceratops, or “face with three horns,” were herbivores living in the late Cretaceous period on the plains of North America. The beak, or central horn, was used to cut plants and small trees. Scientists believe that when threatened, the one-ton dinosaur aimed its spear-like horns and charged its enemy. The model is about 13 feet long and 5 feet high.

Dromaeosaurus, or “running lizard,” with a large skull, powerful hind legs, and small forelimb-claws, were carnivores living in the late Cretaceous period in the western United States and Canada. They also have a large sickle-claw on their feet. The model is 9-1/2 feet long and about 4 feet high.

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