

Fossil Hunting with Walter in South Dakota

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This spring I went fossil hunting with my friend Walt for dinosaur bones. Walter is a scientist that digs up fossils called a Paleontologist. We drove for an hour from Belle Fourche, South Dakota until we arrived at the spot to look for fossils. Walt told me that 65 million years ago this place was a swamp and many different dinosaurs lived here.



We walked down the gully and started digging. Walt showed me how to find the fossils. Pictured below he is cleaning up a bone from a Triceratops. The rest of the dinosaur is under all that dirt.



We dug out a few bones together. There are still a few hundred bones that he has to dig out of this mountain. Then he has to clean all the bones & put all them back together again. It will take him the rest of the year to finish this job. WOW!!!



I found many fossils with Walt from Paleo Adventures. Check out all our fossil hunting trips at www.pearlobservatory.com.

