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# Huge 'Mission Jurassic' dinosaur dig to start - 7th April, 2019

### Level 0

There is a big dinosaur dig called Mission Jurassic in the USA. Scientists who study fossils will go there. It is at a site called the Jurassic Mile. Scientists will try to find bones from the Jurassic Era, 150 million years ago. They already found many interesting things. They found dinosaur footprints, fossils and bones.

The bones will go in the world's largest children's museum. A co-leader of the dig wants to find new kinds of dinosaurs, animals and plants. A museum professor wants to build a picture of what the Jurassic world looked like 150 million years ago. He wants to find fossils from plants, crocodiles, mammals, lizards and sea life.

#### Level 1

A huge dinosaur dig called Mission Jurassic will take place in the USA. Scientists who study fossils will go there. It is at a site called the Jurassic Mile, which is 2.6 square kilometers in size. Scientists from the USA, England and Holland will join the team. They will try to find bones from the Jurassic Era, 150 million years ago. Scientists already found many interesting things. They include dinosaur footprints, plant fossils and Diplodocus bones.

The bones will go on display at the world's largest children's museum. A co-leader of the dig said: "The hope is to find...new species of dinosaurs and the animals and plants that lived around them." A museum professor said: "This site offers a rare opportunity to build a picture of what the real Jurassic ecosystem would have looked like 150 million years ago." He hopes to find fossils from plants, crocodiles, mammals, lizards and sea life.

#### Level 2

There will be one of the world's biggest ever dinosaur digs. Paleontologists (people who study fossils) will go to a site in the USA known as the Jurassic Mile. The site is roughly 2.6 square kilometers in size. The dig is called Mission Jurassic. Researchers from the USA, England and Holland will join the team. They will try to find bones from dinosaurs that lived 150 million years ago, in the Jurassic Era. Scientists have already found many interesting things in the past two years. They include dinosaur footprints, plant fossils and the bones of a 30-metre-long Diplodocus.

The bones will go on display at the world's largest children's museum. A professor at the museum and co-leader of the dig said: "This is an area that hasn't been...extensively studied....The hope is to find...new species of dinosaurs and the animals and plants that lived around them." Another museum professor said: "This site offers a rare opportunity to build a picture of what the real Jurassic ecosystem would have looked like 150 million years ago." He hopes to find fossils from plants, invertebrates, ancient crocodiles, mammals, lizards and sea life.

## Level 3

This year will see one of the world's biggest ever dinosaur digs. Paleontologists from across the globe will go to a special site in the U.S. state of Wyoming to join the dig. A paleontologist is someone who studies fossils. The dig is called Mission Jurassic. Researchers from the USA, England and Holland will join the Mission Jurassic team. They will try to find bones from dinosaurs that lived in the area 150 million years ago, in the Jurassic Era. The site of the dig is known as the Jurassic Mile. It is roughly 2.6 square kilometers in size. Scientists have already uncovered many interesting things over the past two years. These include dinosaur footprints, plant fossils and the bones of a 30-metre-long Diplodocus.

The bones found at the dig will go on display in Indianapolis - at the world's largest children's museum. Professor Paul Barrett, a researcher at the museum and a co-leader of the dig, said: "This is an area that hasn't been...extensively studied....The hope is to find new material of previously described species and, if we're lucky, new species of dinosaurs and the animals and plants that lived around them." Another museum professor, Richard Herrington, said: "This site offers a rare opportunity to build a picture of what the real Jurassic ecosystem would have looked like 150 million years ago." He hopes to find fossils, "from plants and invertebrates to ancient crocodiles, mammals, lizards and marine life".