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FOSSIL BUTTE NATIONAL MONUMENT

Activities

Aquarium in Stone

Saturday and Sunday, June through August, visitors may participate in the scientific collection of fossils with a member of our paleontological staff. The scientific quarry is open 10:00 a.m. – noon and 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Wear comfortable hiking boots, sunscreen, insect repellent and bring drinking water. Inquire at the Visitor Center for details.

Porch Programs

Daily 20-minute summer porch programs present an introduction to the area geology and fossil resources. Study-specimens illustrate the diversity and detail of fossils and the sediments in which they are preserved.

Evening Programs

Special **evening campfire programs** are presented throughout the summer at the Fossil Butte National Monument Picnic Area. Programs highlight the geology, natural or cultural history of the area. Check at the Visitor Center for program dates.

Thursday evenings throughout the summer area residents present programs on the cultural history of the region. These **Campfire Chats**, sponsored by Fossil Country Museum, begin at 7:00 p.m. at Archie Neil Park in Kemmerer. For the program schedule call 877-6551.

Junior Ranger

To be a **Junior Ranger**, children need only have a desire to learn and a sense of wonder. By talking with a Ranger, hiking a trail, touring the exhibits and helping to prepare a fossil, children will earn a Junior Ranger badge and their name entered into our permanent register.

Parents are invited to follow along. Booklets are available at the Visitor Center. For children ages 5-15.

Ask about our new Senior Ranger program!

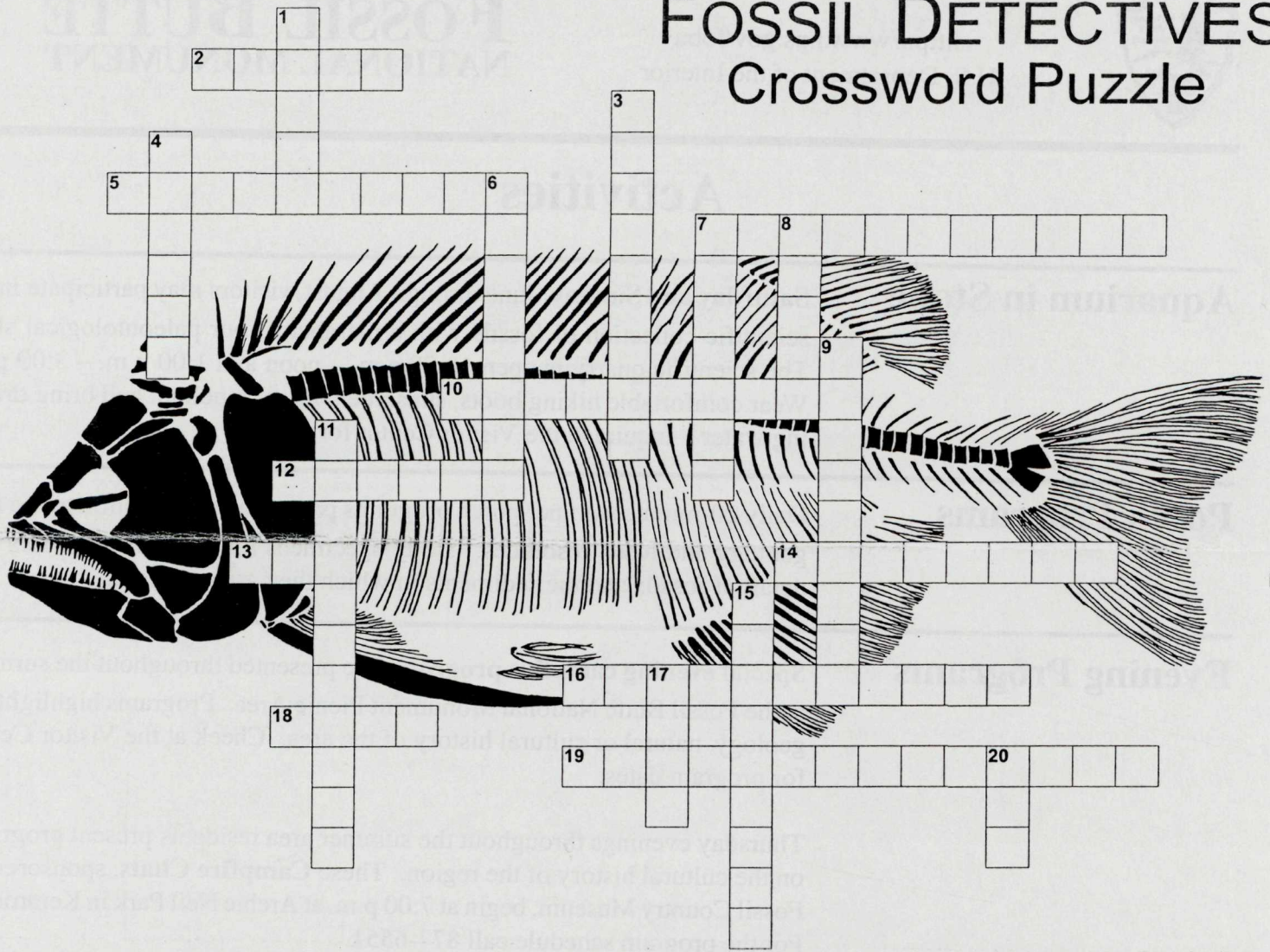
Oregon Trail

In 1843 the flood of emigrants began along the Oregon Trail. The Sublette Cutoff, first used in 1844, bypassed Fort Bridger and saved the emigrants 85 miles as they continued on to Oregon. The Sublette Cutoff passes 10 miles north of Fossil Butte. Southwest Wyoming is rich in Oregon Trail history. Contact the Kemmerer Area Chamber of Commerce for more information.

More Information

Special programs for organized groups may be arranged in advance. Call 307/877-4455 or write the park: P.O. Box 592, Kemmerer, WY 83101.

FOSSIL DETECTIVES Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

2. _____ are very rare fossils. A kingfisher is one that has been found in the deposits of Fossil Lake.
5. A fish which had a sucker-like mouth and probably fed on the bottom of Fossil lake.
7. The flat-topped mountain the monument is named after.
10. The river that Fossil Lake, Lake Gosiute, and Lake Uinta deposits are named after.
12. A place where fossils are dug up or removed.
13. A flying mammal.
14. The most common fossil fish and Wyoming's state fossil.
16. A fish which had an upturned mouth and probably fed on the surface of Fossil Lake.
18. The fossils Fossil Butte National Monument is famous for.
19. A scientist who studies fossils.

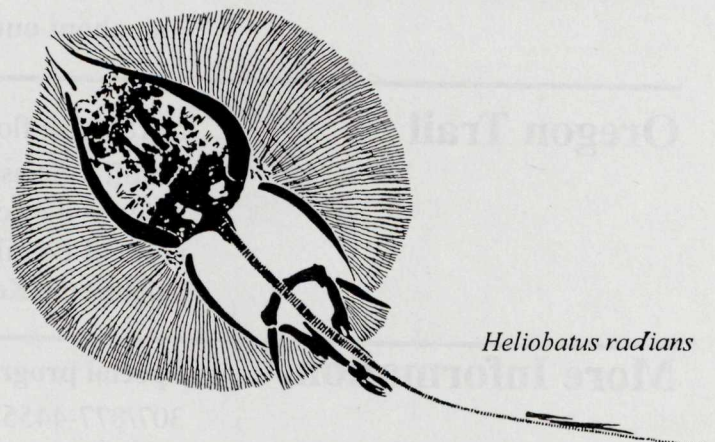
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1. An early fossil collector in Fossil Basin.
3. The kind of sedimentary rock the fossils are found in.
4. The name of the lake which was here 50 million years ago.
6. A flat fish which is related to sharks. Males have claspers.
7. Remains of ancient life on earth.
8. Only one of this kind of reptile has been found in Fossil Lake sediments.
9. A large insect found near ponds and lakes.
11. The climate 50 million years ago.
15. A large swimming reptile.
17. A tree whose leaves are found in Fossil Lake deposits.
20. A fish which has very hard scales shaped like diamonds.

Notogoneus
fossils
paleontologist
Priscacara
Lake Uinta
Knightia
fish
crocodile
Green River
fossil

quarry
Phareodus
subtropical
palm
limestone
alligator
dragonfly
Fossil Butte
bat
stingray

Lake Gosiute
tropical
Diplomystus
birds
Craig
sandstone
Gar
snake



Heliobatus radicans