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John Day Fossil Beds
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This is an artist's depiction of *Pogonodon*, the "John Day Tiger," capturing prey about 30 million years ago.

Oregon's Cenozoic Park!

The John Day Fossil Beds contain great numbers of well-preserved fossils of remarkable diversity, spanning over 40 million years of "The Age of Mammals." It is a wonderful place to study earth history.

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Explore the Prehistoric Past ...

The fossilized bones, shells, leaves, wood, teeth, tracks, nuts, and seeds of the John Day Fossil Beds provide a fascinating glimpse into the Age of Mammals – specifically, the time between the extinction of the dinosaurs and the beginning of the Ice Age.

The monument is comprised of three widely separated units situated in Eastern Oregon: the Sheep Rock Unit, Painted Hills Unit, and Clarno Unit. Open during daylight hours, each unit offers picnic areas, restrooms, information and exhibits, hiking trails, and beautiful scenery.

The Thomas Condon Paleontology Center features a research center, visitor center, and a world-class fossil museum. The James Cant Ranch house features a museum on the cultural history of the area. Both museums are located within the Sheep Rock Unit of the monument. Museum hours vary from season to season, so please call ahead. Entrance into the monument is free.

For further information on monument hours, facilities, activities and programs, or arranging a group program, contact the visitor center staff at 541- 987- 2333.

Directions ...

The **Sheep Rock Unit** is located at the intersection of US Route 26 and State Route 19, six miles west of Dayville, OR. The **Painted Hills Unit** is located off US Route 26, nine miles west of Mitchell, OR. The **Clarno Unit** is located 18 miles west of Fossil, OR, along State Route 218.