



Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre

Hunting and Public Land Use Policy of the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre

The safety of visitors, employees, and volunteers as well as the preservation of Manitoba's fossil heritage and resources are guiding principles of the Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre (CFDC). As the legal owners of land located within the fossil bearing strata of Southern Manitoba, it is the obligation and right of the CFDC to control all access and use of its property to ensure these guiding principles are protected.

This policy sets out to clarify the CFDC's rules regarding the appropriate use of its property.

Hunting and Discharging of Projectile Weapons:

The hunting or trapping of game or non-game animals on CFDC property is expressly forbidden as it endangers staff, volunteers, and museum visitors as well as potentially damaging fossils/fossil collecting sites. This prohibition is non-negotiable and in effect at all times (i.e. 365 days per year) as outlined in section 33(1) of *The Wildlife Act* of the Province of Manitoba (¹the relevant section of this act is appended to the bottom of this document).

Discharging of projectile weapons of any type, for any reason, on or into CFDC property is expressly forbidden.

Public Access:

No private fossil prospecting, hiking, sightseeing or other non-approved activities are permitted on CFDC property. Public access is only allowed with the express permission of the CFDC Executive Director or duly authorized museum personnel.

All non-CFDC affiliated vehicles including motorized (e.g. ATVs, snowmobiles) and non-motorized (e.g. mountain bikes, horses) modes of conveyance are expressly forbidden on the CFDC property* as they can pose a hazard for individuals on the property.

*Exception: Motorized/non-motorized vehicles may access CFDC property for the retrieval of stray livestock under the supervision/approval of the Executive Director of the CFDC or duly authorized CFDC personnel.

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¹The below passage is excerpted from page 19 of *The Wildlife Act* (C.C.S.M. c. W130) of the Province of Manitoba which was duly enacted February 6, 1988.

Hunting or trapping on private land or leased Crown land

33(1)

No person shall hunt, trap or retrieve wildlife

(a) on private land, without the permission of the owner or lawful occupant of the land, and in the event of a prosecution the onus of proof that permission was given is upon the hunter or trapper;

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