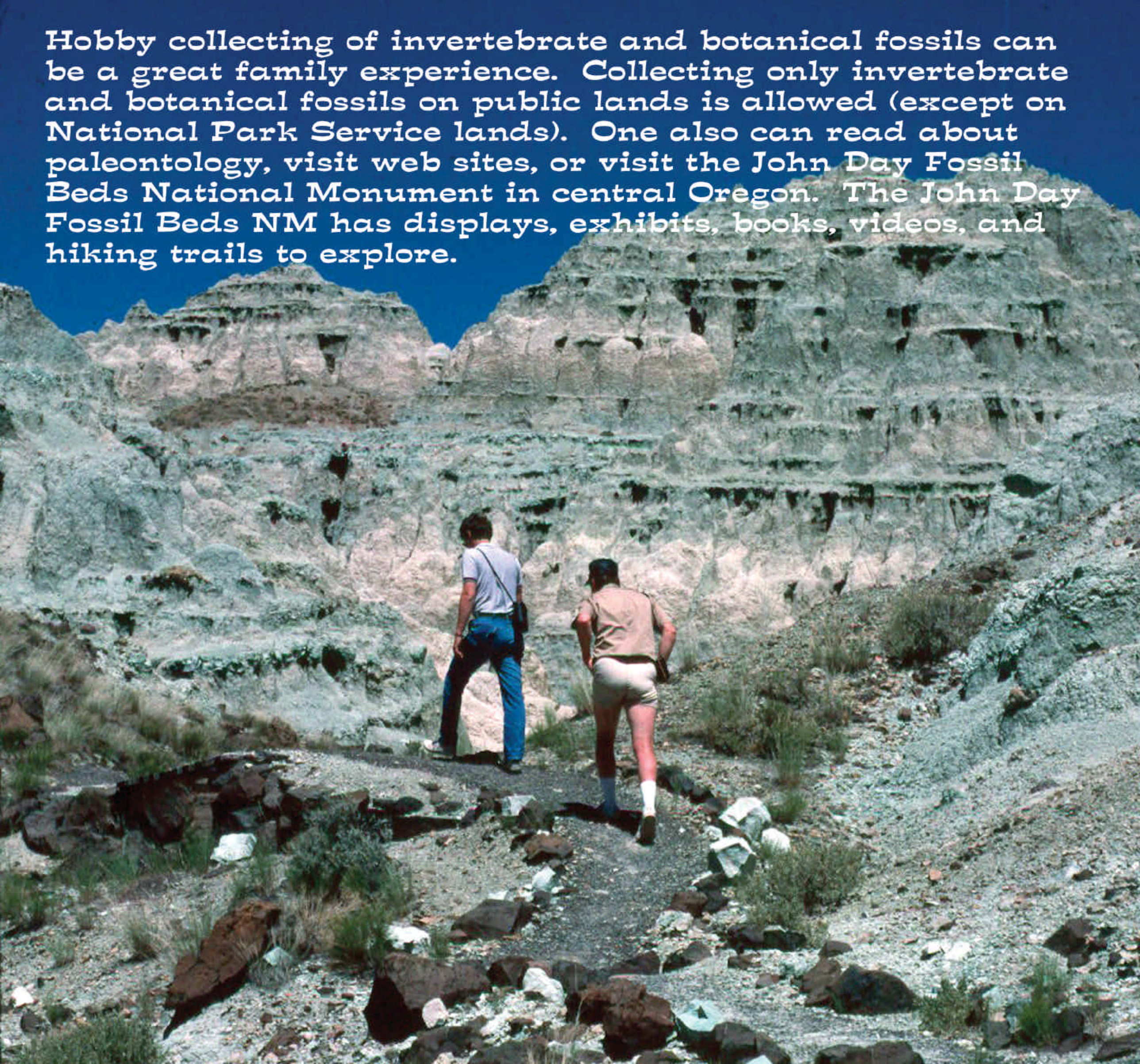Hobby collecting of invertebrate and botanical fossils can be a great family experience. Collecting only invertebrate and botanical fossils on public lands is allowed (except on National Park Service lands). One also can read about paleontology, visit web sites, or visit the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument in central Oregon. The John Day Fossil Beds NM has displays, exhibits, books, videos, and hiking trails to explore.