



National Fossil Day Celebration October 2012

National Fossil Day is a celebration of fossils' scientific and educational values. The NFD Celebration on Oct. 14, 19, 20, and 21 in Cañon City is associated with a larger national event called "Earth Science Week," which features celebrations across the country. All of the local events are free of charge, and there is no need to register. Contact The Dinosaur Depot Museum (719)269-7150 or go to www.dinosaurdepot.com for more information.

Sunday October 14

1:00 PM- Landscapes, geology, and the historic school of Garden Park presented by Curt and Peggy Sorenson, Friends of Garden Park School (719) 275-2142: The historic one-room Garden Park School is located about 9 miles north of Cañon City on Fremont Co. Rd 9 (aka Garden Park Road or Shelf Road). Discussion will include the local history associated with the historic school house and also include information about geology and landscapes of Garden Park.

Friday October 19th

5:00 PM to 6:00 PM -Historic Downtown Cañon City presented by Fremont County Historical Society, Mary Chamberlain: The walking tour will meet in front of DiRito's Restaurant located at the intersection of Main Street and 3rd street. This tour will highlight locations where the famous dinosaur hunters Marshall and Amanda Felch and Oramel Lucas shopped during the late 1800's. See early Cañon City through the eyes of these pioneers.

Saturday October 20th

10:00 AM to 4:00 PM -Dinosaur Depot Museum: 330 Royal Gorge Boulevard, Cañon City, CO (719) 269-7150, Free Day at the Dinosaur Depot Museum with free activities for kids of all ages! Create your own dinosaur creation at the dinosaur craft table!

10:00 AM to 11:30 AM: Marsh/Felch Dinosaur Quarry presented by Dan Grenard, retired BLM Geologist: Meet at the Marsh Quarry Trailhead about 7 miles north of Cañon City on Fremont Co. Road 9 (aka Garden Park Road or Shelf Road) and walk to the actual quarry and learn about the historic excavations that took place here through the eyes of world famous Professor O.C. Marsh and Civil War Veteran Marshall Felch based on their extensive correspondence.

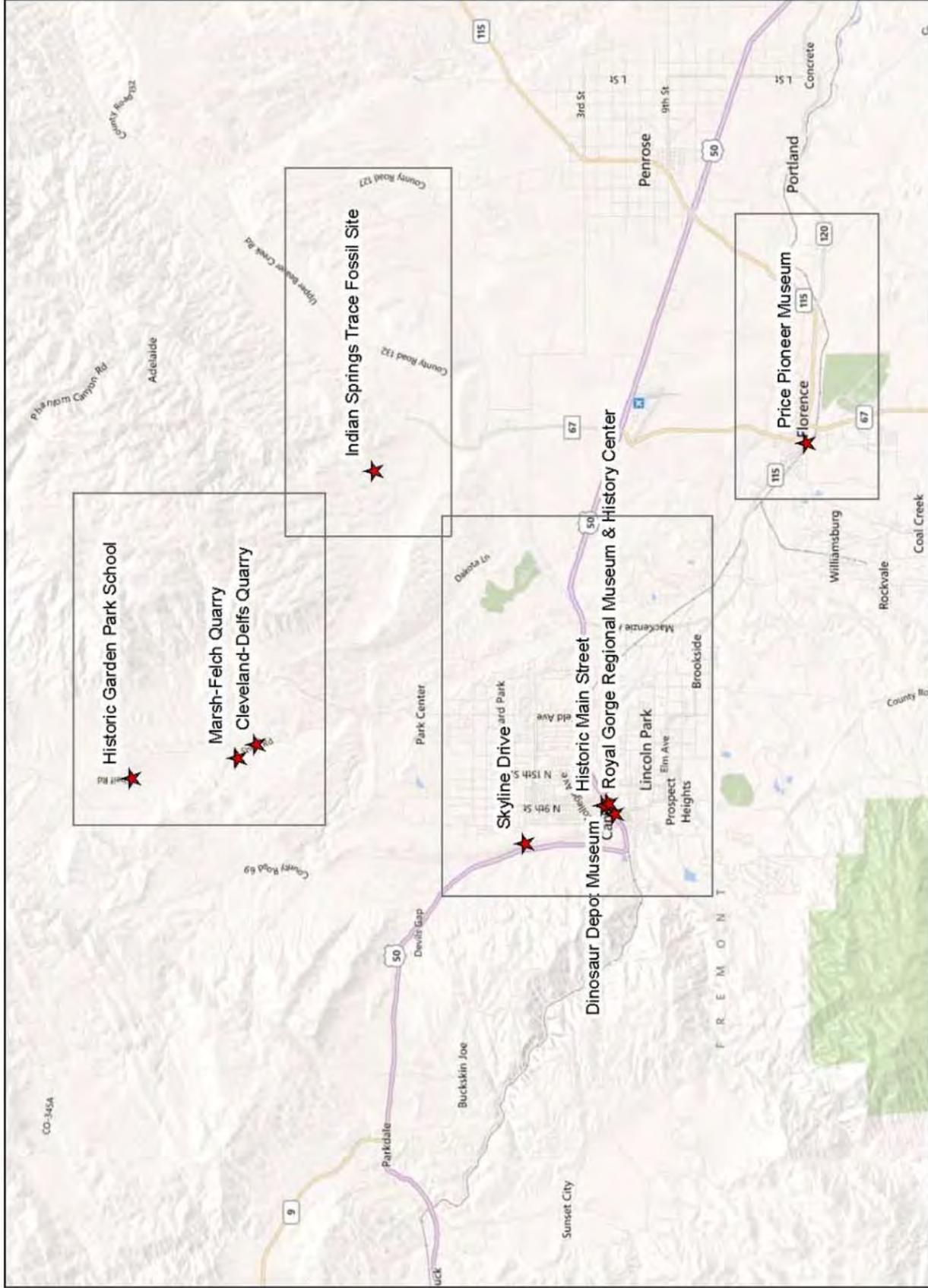
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM - Skyline Drive presented by Dinosaur Depot volunteer Cindy Smith. Park at the overlook on top of Skyline Drive, Cañon City, CO, the talk will start there and then take a short walk to see the dinosaur tracks. Learn about our local geology, local mining in that area (clay mines/quarries) and the dinosaur tracks.

3:00 PM to 4:00 PM: Dall DeWeese - Dinosaur Digger at the Royal Gorge Regional Museum and History Center, 612 Royal Gorge Blvd., Cañon City, CO (719) 269-9036, presented by Dan Grenard. Dall DeWeese is well known for many things but did you know he excavated a dinosaur from the Garden Park Fossil Area in 1915 and 1916? Come sit by the fireplace he built of interesting rocks and fossils and hear the story. This is a new presentation!

Sunday October 21

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM: Indian Springs Trace Fossil Area at the Indian Springs Campground, 3257 County Road 67, Penrose, CO (719) 372-3907, presented by owner Carly Thorson: The tour will start at the campground office. Be prepared to walk ½ mile each way on a nature walk to see Trace Fossils left behind by ancient animals 460 million years ago. This is a tour of one of the oldest fossil localities in the world!

1:00 PM to 2:00 PM: Florence Oil Wells and Coal Mines at the Price Pioneer Museum, 100 East Front Street, Florence, CO (719) 784-1904, Florence was a powerhouse of early activity with gold mills, numerous railroads, coal mines, and one of the oldest operating oil fields in the U.S.! Come learn about this fascinating local community's early history.



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