

# State-Approved Museums and Curatorial Repositories

## Archaeology

### Accepts Archaeological Collections Statewide

1. History Colorado, 1200 Broadway, Denver, CO 80203, 303-866-4607, [www.historycolorado.org/repository-information](http://www.historycolorado.org/repository-information) [Accepts archaeological collections from Survey Only and Survey & Testing projects statewide, free of pests and hazardous materials, only if other curation options have been exhausted]; agreement expires 2/28/29

### Accepts Archaeological Collections from Specific Regions

2. Canyons of the Ancients National Monument Visitor Center and Museum (CANM), 27501 Highway 184, Dolores, CO 81323, 970-882-5643 or 970- 882-5616 <https://www.blm.gov/programs/national-conservation-lands/colorado/canyons-of-the-ancients>, Email Bridget Ambler, Supervisory Museum Curator at [bambler@blm.gov](mailto:bambler@blm.gov) or Ray O'Neil, CANM manager [roncil@blm.gov](mailto:roncil@blm.gov) [Accepts permitted archaeological objects - prehistoric and historic, and associated archival material from the southwest quarter of Colorado]; **agreement expires 2/28/27**
3. Archaeological Repository of Colorado State University (ARCSU), 1787 Campus Delivery, Fort Collins, CO 80523, 970-491-5497 <https://anthgr.colostate.edu/research-and-teaching/labs-and-centers/archaeology-repository/> Email: [jpedguz@colostate.edu](mailto:jpedguz@colostate.edu) [Accepts archaeological collections from Northern Colorado - in particular the North and South Platte and Colorado River basins. We accept collections within our geographic scope and research interests]; **agreement expires 2/28/26**
4. Fort Collins Museum of Discovery, 408 Mason Ct., Fort Collins, CO 80524, 970-221-6738 [www.fcmod.org](http://www.fcmod.org) [Accepts archaeological collections from northern Colorado, Larimer and Weld County region only]; **agreement expires 2/28/25**
5. Golden History Museum and Park, 923 10th St., Golden, CO 80401, 303-277-8714 [www.GoldenHistory.org](http://www.GoldenHistory.org) [Accepts archaeological collections from the City of Golden and Jefferson County only]; **agreement expires 5/29/29**
6. Trinidad State College-Louden-Henritze Archaeology Museum, 600 Prospect St., Trinidad, CO 81082, 719-846-5508 [www.trinidadstate.edu](http://www.trinidadstate.edu) [Accepts archaeological

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- collections from the southeastern Colorado area (Trinidad); reserves right to refuse excessively heavy or large artifacts, debitage and historic material due to limited storage space]; **agreement expires 2/28/25**
7. Museums of Western Colorado, 462 Ute Ave., P. O. Box 20000, Grand Junction, CO 81502, 970-242-0971, Fax 970-858-3532 [Accepts archaeological collections from Western Colorado only. No complete manos and metates. Please contact curator if hazardous materials are included.]; **agreement expires 6/03/29**
  8. Royal Gorge Museum & History Center, 612 Royal Gorge Blvd., P. O. Box 1460, Cañon City, CO 81215, Museum Director Lisa Studts, 719-276-5258 [lmstudts@canoncity.org](mailto:lmstudts@canoncity.org) <https://museum.canoncity.org/> [Accepts archaeological collections from the Royal Gorge region only]; **agreement expires 2/28/26**
  9. University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, Dept. of Anthropology, 1420 Austin Bluffs Parkway, Colorado Springs, CO 80918-3733, 719-255-3124 [Only accepts collections from in-house researchers and collections of interest to in-house researchers considered on a case/by/case basis]; **agreement expires 7/01/29**
  10. Western Colorado University - C.T. Hurst Museum, Hurst Hall 128, 1 Western Way Gunnison, CO 81231, Director - Dr. Mark Stiger: 970-943-2073 [mstiger@western.edu](mailto:mstiger@western.edu); Curator - Dr. David Hyde: 970-943-2222 [dhyde@western.edu](mailto:dhyde@western.edu); [Accepts archaeological collections from the Western Slope, specifically the Gunnison Basin] **agreement expires 2/28/25**

## Accepts Archaeological Collections from More Restricted Areas

11. Aurora History Museum, 15051 E. Alameda Pkwy., Aurora, CO 80012, 303-739-6664 [Accepts archaeological collections from within the city limits of Aurora only, on a case-by-case basis]; **agreement expires 2/28/25**
12. Boulder County Parks and Open Space Department, 5201 St. Vrain Road, Longmont, CO 80503, 303-678-6272 [Accepts archaeological collections from properties of Boulder County Parks and Open Space only]; **agreement expires 2/28/25**
13. City of Greeley Museums, 714 8th St., Greeley, CO 80631-3910, 970-350-9220 (Main); 970-350-9219 (Curator of Collections), <https://www.greeleymuseums.com>, [Accepts archaeological collections from Northeast Colorado/Weld County. Collections must

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- relate to the high plains region with an emphasis on the City of Greeley and Weld County]; **agreement expires 2/28/25**
14. Brighton City Museum 22 S 4th Avenue, Brighton, CO 80601, 303-655-2288, <https://www.brightonco.gov/1251/Brighton-City-Museum> [Accepts archaeological collections from the Brighton, Colorado/Henderson, Colorado area, with restrictions (size of items to be smaller than 1 cubic meter)]; **agreement expires 2/28/27**
  15. City of Boulder, Department of Open Space and Mountain Parks, Cultural Stewardship Program (OSMP-CSP), 2520 55th St, Boulder, Co 80301, 303-919-5132, <https://www.bouldercolorado.gov/government/departments/open-space-mountain-parks> [Accepts archaeological and paleontological collections that fulfill the mission of the repository and meet the criteria for accession as defined in the Collections Policy from City of Boulder Department of Open Space and Mountain Parks lands]; **agreement expires 2/29/28**
  16. Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum, 215 S. Tejon St., Colorado Springs, CO 80903, c/o Caitlin Sharpe, Registrar 719-385-5654 [Accepts archaeological collections from City of Colorado Springs parklands and other City owned property only]; **agreement expires 2/28/29**
  17. Douglas County History Repository, 2801 US 85 Unit 107, Castle Rock, CO 80109. [mailto: 100 Third St Castle Rock, CO 80104], 303-660-7400, Fax 303-379-4198 [Accepts archaeological collections from Douglas County only, items must be at least 50+ years old, donors must have clear title to gift collections]; **agreement expires 9/30/24**
  18. Roxborough State Park, 4751 N Roxborough Dr. Littleton CO 80125, 303-973-3959 x15 [Curates archaeological, paleontological and historical finds recovered from Roxborough State Park boundaries and private collections as they relate to the area]; **agreement expires 3/14/29**
  19. State Forest State Park, 56750 Highway 14 Walden, CO, 80480, 970-723-8366, <https://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/Parks/stateforest>, Email: [joe.brand@state.co.us](mailto:joe.brand@state.co.us) [Accepts archaeological and paleontological collections from State Forest State Park, Walden/Gould Colorado and Jackson County]; **agreement expires 2/28/27**
  20. Tread of Pioneers Museum, 800 Oak St., P.O. Box 772372, Steamboat Springs, CO 80487, 970-879-2214 [kadams@treadofpioneers.org](mailto:kadams@treadofpioneers.org) [Accepts archaeological collections from Routt County and will consider items from Northwest Colorado. All

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materials/objects must be reviewed for type, condition and relevance by Tread of Pioneers and are subject to decline based on collecting goals and parameters];

**agreement expires 2/28/25**

21. Victor Improvement Association/Victor Lowell Thomas Museum, 298 Victor Ave. Victor 80860, PO Box 238, Victor, CO 80860; 719-689-5509, [www.victormuseum.com](http://www.victormuseum.com), Email: [info@victormuseum.com](mailto:info@victormuseum.com) [Accepts archaeological and paleontological collections, small items only, Victor related only, case by case basis]; **agreement expires 2/28/26**
22. Adams State University, Luther Bean Museum, 208 Edgemont Blvd, Alamosa, CO 81101, (719)-587-7151 [www.adams.edu/lutherbean](http://www.adams.edu/lutherbean), Email [lutherbean@adams.edu](mailto:lutherbean@adams.edu) to obtain a curation agreement and review additional requirements and guidelines. [Only accepts archaeological collections from the San Luis Valley. No manos or metates, oversized items, or items that require ongoing conservation or unique storage conditions will be accepted.]; **agreement expires 2/28/2025**

### Accepts Archaeological Collections from a Specific Institution

23. Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Department of Anthropology, 2001 Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO 80205, 303-370-6401 [Archaeological collections from DMNS staff excavations only]; **agreement expires 7/22/29**
24. University of Denver, Museum of Anthropology, 2000 E. Asbury, Sturm Hall 146, Denver, CO 80208, 303-871-2688 [www.du.edu/duma](http://www.du.edu/duma) [Does not accept archaeological collections other than from in-house projects. Only accepts faculty-collected collections]; **agreement expires 4/22/29**
25. University of Northern Colorado (UNC), Dept. of Anthropology, Candalaria 0110 & 1190, Campus Box 90, Greeley, CO 80639, 970-351-2761 [Only accepts materials collected by UNC faculty]; **agreement expires 2/28/25**

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## Paleontology

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1. Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Department of Earth Sciences, 2001 Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO 80205, 303-370-6448 [Accepts paleontological collections statewide]; agreement expires 7/22/29
2. University of Colorado Museum of Natural History, 265 UCB, Boulder, CO 80309-0265, <https://www.colorado.edu/cumuseum/> [Accepts all paleontological specimens collected from anywhere in Colorado, at the discretion of the Curators]; agreement expires 5/30/29

### Accepts Paleontological Collections from Specific Regions

1. City of Greeley Museums, 714 8<sup>th</sup> St., Greeley, CO 80631-3910, 970-350-9220 (Main); 970-350-9219 (Curator of Collections), <https://greeleymuseums.com> [Accepts paleontological collections from Northeast Colorado/Weld County. Collections must relate to the high plains region with an emphasis on the City of Greeley and Weld County]; **agreement expires 2/28/25**
2. Golden History Museum and Park, 923 10th St., Golden, CO 80401 303-277-8714 [www.GoldenHistory.org](http://www.GoldenHistory.org) [Accepts paleontological collections from the City of Golden and Jefferson County only]; **agreement expires 5/29/29**
3. Trinidad State Jr. College-Louden-Henritze Archaeology Museum, 600 Prospect St., Trinidad, CO 81082, 719-846-5508 [www.trinidadstate.edu](http://www.trinidadstate.edu) [Accepts paleontological collections from the southeastern Colorado area (Trinidad); reserves right to refuse excessively heavy or large fossils due to limited storage space]; **agreement expires 2/28/25**
4. Museums of Western Colorado, 550 Jurassic Ct., Fruita, CO 81521; mailing P.O. Box 20000, Grand Junction, CO 81502, 970-242-0971, Fax 970-858-3532 [Accepts paleontological collections from Western Colorado only. Please contact curator if hazardous materials are included.]; **agreement expires 6/03/29**
5. Royal Gorge Museum & History Center, 612 Royal Gorge Blvd., P. O. Box 1460, Cañon City, CO 81215, Museum Director Lisa Studts, 719-276-5258 [lmstudts@canoncity.org](mailto:lmstudts@canoncity.org)

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<https://museum.canoncity.org/> [Accepts paleontological collections from the Royal Gorge region only]; **agreement expires 2/28/26**

### Accepts Paleontological Collections from More Restricted Areas

1. Aurora History Museum, 15051 E. Alameda Pkwy., Aurora, CO 80012, 303-739-6664 [Accepts paleontological collections from within the city limits of Aurora only, on a case-by-case basis]; **agreement expires 2/28/25**
2. Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum, 215 S. Tejon St., Colorado Springs, CO 80903, c/o Caitlin Sharpe, Registrar 719-385-5654 [Accepts paleontological collections from City of Colorado Springs parklands and other City owned property and El Paso and Teller Counties on a case-by-case basis]; **agreement expires 2/28/29**
3. City of Boulder, Department of Open Space and Mountain Parks, Cultural Stewardship Program (OSMP-CSP), 2520 55th St, Boulder, Co 80301, 303-919-5132, <https://bouldercolorado.gov/government/departments/open-space-mountain-parks> [Accepts archaeological and paleontological collections that fulfill the mission of the repository and meet the criteria for accession as defined in the Collections Policy from City of Boulder Department of Open Space and Mountain Parks lands]; **agreement expires 2/29/28**
4. Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument, P.O. Box 185, Florissant, CO 80816, 719-748-3253 ext 501, <http://nps.gov/flfo>, Email: [Herb\\_Meyer@nps.gov](mailto:Herb_Meyer@nps.gov) [Accepts Eocene and/or Oligocene paleontological specimen from Central Colorado related to NPS research]; **agreement expires 2/28/27**
5. Roxborough State Park, 4751 N Roxborough Dr. Littleton CO 80125, 303-973-3959 x15 [Curates archaeological, paleontological and historical finds recovered from Roxborough State Park boundaries and private collections as they relate to the area]; **agreement expires 3/14/29**
6. State Forest State Park, 56750 Highway 14 Walden, CO, 80480, 970-723-8366, <https://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/Parks/stateforest>, Email: [joe.brand@state.co.us](mailto:joe.brand@state.co.us) [Accepts archaeological and paleontological collections from State Forest State Park, Walden/Gould Colorado and Jackson County]; **agreement expires 2/28/27**
7. Victor Improvement Association/Victor Lowell Thomas Museum, 298 Victor Ave. Victor 80860, PO Box 238, Victor, CO 80860; 719-689-5509, [www.victormuseum.com](http://www.victormuseum.com),

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Email: [info@victormuseum.com](mailto:info@victormuseum.com) [Accepts archaeological and paleontological collections, small items only, Victor related only, case by case basis]; **agreement expires 2/28/26**

8. Morrison Natural History Museum, 501 CO-8 Morrison, CO 80465, 303-697-1873, [www.mnhm.org](http://www.mnhm.org) [Accepts paleontological resources from in-house researchers and institutional partners only]; **agreement expires 6/1/28**

### Accepts Paleontological Collections from a Specific Institution

1. Colorado Northwestern Field Museum, 2801 W 9th Street, Craig, CO 81625, 970-824-1119 [www.cncc.edu](http://www.cncc.edu) [Accepts paleontological resources only from the Northwest Colorado by in-house researchers only]; **agreement expires 2/28/25**

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### State Approved On-Site Curatorial Repositories

1. 17 Mile House Farm Park and Fairgrounds Open Space, 8181 S Parker Rd, Centennial, CO 80016, 720-874-6540 [Only curates archaeological or paleontological collections from the 17 Mile House and the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds Open Space properties]; **perpetual agreement**
2. Amache Museum, 105 E Goff Ave, Granada, CO 81041, 719-734-5492 [Only curates archaeological collections from the Granada Relocation Center National Historic Landmark (Camp Amache) site in Granada]; **perpetual agreement**
3. Auraria Higher Education Center, 1056 9th Street Historic Park, Denver, CO 80204, 303-556-2189 [Only curates archaeological and paleontological collections from the Auraria Higher Education Center and the 9<sup>th</sup> Street National Historic District]; **perpetual agreement**
4. Colorado Mental Health Institute at Pueblo Museum, 13<sup>th</sup> & Francisco Sts., c/o Nell Mitchell, 102 Fordham Cir., Pueblo, CO 81005, 719-543-2012 [Only curates archaeological collections from the Colorado Mental Health Institute property]; **perpetual agreement**
5. Friends of Dinosaur Ridge, 16831 W Alameda Pkwy., Morrison, CO 80465, <https://dinoridge.org> c/o Jeff Lamontagne 303-697-3466 [execdirector@dinoridge.org](mailto:execdirector@dinoridge.org) [Considers acceptance of fossils from Permitted investigations and inadvertent discoveries from public land along the Dakota Hogback Formation as well as the Laramie Formation of Jefferson County including areas within the Morrison-Golden Fossil Area National Natural Landmark boundary. Fossils found on public land within the City of Golden will be negotiated with the Golden History Museum and Park on a case-by-case basis]; **perpetual agreement**
6. Plains Conservation Center (archaeological and paleontological collections) at 21901 E Hampden Ave. Aurora, CO 80013 managed and held in trust for the State of Colorado by the Aurora History Museum 303-739-6664; **perpetual agreement**
7. University of Colorado, Denver Dinosaur Trackers Exhibit, North Classroom Building, Denver CO 80204. c/o Jay Cambell Director 720-281-7332 [Jay.Campbell@ucdenver.edu](mailto:Jay.Campbell@ucdenver.edu) [Only paleontological specimen on permanent exhibition]; **perpetual agreement**



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8. Weld County Administration Building (one (1) Chasmosaurinae cf. Triceratops sp. (consisting of a partial skull, vertebrae, ischia, and ribs on exhibition) managed and held in trust for the State of Colorado by the Denver Museum of Nature and Science 303-370-6448; **perpetual agreement.**

For more information on this program, please visit <https://www.historycolorado.org/state-approved-museums-and-curatorial-repositories>

The State-Approved Museums and Curatorial Repositories program is administered by the Office of the State Archaeologist at History Colorado. Please contact the State Curation Coordinator for more information at 303-866-4607 or [HC\\_StateCuration@state.co.us](mailto:HC_StateCuration@state.co.us)



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