

Ashfall Fossil Beds State Historical Park

park information: Ashfall Fossil Beds became a state historical park in 1991. The park allows access to a one-of-a-kind fossil site that contains complete skeletons of barrel-bodied rhinos, three-toed horses and llama-like camels that perished during a storm of volcanic ash.

The fossil site is protected by the Hubbard Rhino Barn, and excavation takes place every summer. All fossils are left in place, so visitors can view the graphic assemblage of three-dimensionally preserved skeletons.

The park's visitor center is a museum with interpretive displays, a fossil preparation lab, and a bookstore/giftshop. There are three short hiking trails and a picnic shelter. The Dickinson Heritage Center has activities and a kid's fossil dig area.

For hours and more information, visit www.ashfall.unl.edu. Entrance fee is \$7 per person for ages 3 and older. A Nebraska park entry permit is required and may be purchased at the site.

camping: Camping is not available.

activities: Find fun things to do at www.negpp.org under "Activities."

directions: Located 2 miles west and 6 miles north of Royal, Nebraska. We do not recommend using a GPS, but if you do the street address is: 86930 517 Avenue, Royal, NE.



clue: Walk down the Geology Overlook Trail. It is the trail covered with pink rock that starts next to the Visitor Center.

distance: Approx. 50 yards from visitor center.

surface: Crushed rock.

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