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Museum to Host 7th Annual Fossil Road Show on Saturday, March 6, 2010

Public invited to get expert opinions on their fossils' ages and identities at annual event

Jackson, Miss. – Pack up your fossils and hit the road! The Mississippi Museum of Natural Science invites you to bring your favorite fossils and get expert opinions about their ages and identities from our team of scientists at the 7th Annual Fossil Road Show on Saturday, March 6 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. There is no fee, other than regular Museum admission, to attend the event and reservations are not required.

- Fossils from the Museum collection will be on display, activities on interesting fossil subjects will be offered, and the Museum will feature one of its' newest fossils – the thigh bone of a duck-billed dinosaur found near New Albany, MS. The fossil is the largest (at three feet long) and most complete dinosaur bone in the Museum's collection.
- Who knows what might turn up this year? In late 2007, a young boy brought a fossil he found at the Ross Barnett Reservoir to Paleontology Curator George Phillips, who identified the fossil, which was the size of the boy's palm, as a fossil shark tooth of a 30 foot *Carcharocles auriculatus* (eared big-tooth shark) from the Eocene epoch, about 35 to 34 million years old!

The museum is located at 2148 Riverside Drive in Jackson. Call 601.354.7303 or visit www.msnaturalscience.org for more information about this event and other programs offered by the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science. The Museum is part of the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. The Mississippi Museum of Natural Science is an Equal Opportunity Employer and is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Museum Hours: Monday - Friday: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm; Saturday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; Sunday: 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. **Admission:** \$5 adults; \$3 children ages 3-18; \$4 senior citizens (60+); free for children under 3; free for Museum Members; school teachers with classes: call for group information.

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