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The Dinosaur Coast Management Group Inc. (DCMG) is a not for profit organisation set up to protect and promote the dinosaur tracks of the Dampier Peninsula and to educate the public about their cultural and scientific importance. Members (all volunteers) are available to take school aged children on excursions to learn more about the dinosaurs that have left tracks along the Dinosaur Coast.

The dinosaur tracks are located within the intertidal zone i.e. between the high and low tide mark. Date and time of excursions have to coincide with a low tide (maximum 2 metres) when we know a number of rock platforms are exposed. Frequently the low tides are early morning or late afternoon so of course there needs to be enough light to see the tracks. When planning an excursion we try to schedule everything so we are on the beach where the tracks are at low tide so there is plenty of time to look at everything.

In addition to considering tide and light we also have to allow for the movement of sand. How and when it moves we cannot predict (we do not dig to expose tracks to ensure they are not unnecessarily damaged). Closer to the date of the excursion we check out locations and then confirm with you which site we will be able to see, what the excursion will entail and where the meeting place is.

It is assumed that there will be some pre excursion learning at the school, and we are happy to assist re types of dinosaur and relevant details. The details can also be seen on our website [www.dinosaurcoast.org.au](http://www.dinosaurcoast.org.au) and our Information Flyer <http://www.dinosaurcoast.org.au/dinosaur-sites-tracks-broome/>

#### **A few facts about the Dinosaur Coast of the Dampier Peninsula:**

- Broome is one of the few places in world where there is a strong link between dinosaur tracks and Indigenous creation stories
- Broome is the only place in Australia that has sauropod tracks
- Broome is the only place in Australia that has confirmed stegosaur and ankylosaur tracks
- Broome provides our only detailed look at Australia's dinosaur fauna during the first part of the Lower Cretaceous Epoch (~130 million years)
- Broome dinosaur tracks are the most diverse and numerous in Australia and unparalleled globally



### **DINOSAUR TRACKING EXCURSION**

*See overleaf about determining date and time*

*Everything is dependent on the tide being low enough to view tracks*

**Length of time:** 1.5 to 2 hrs. Length will vary, depending on level of interest and number/age of children.

**Charge:** \$10/participant. Minimum number = 10, maximum number = 40. Teachers are free.

**Destination:** A beach near Broome usually within a 15-minute drive from town.

**Meeting Point:** This will be confirmed just before the excursion date (see reasons why overleaf), it is often off road. Vehicles must be able to travel along unsealed roads. If the vehicle is unable to access cliff top tracks there may be a walk of up to 300m to the meeting point. Dinosaur Coast flags are erected to indicate turn off points and/or meeting points.

#### **Walking Access:**

- Please advise at time of enquiring if there are participants with special access needs.
- Paths to many beaches are informal and require a reasonable level of fitness – sometimes this includes climbing down the pindan cliffs and walking on soft sand for a distance up to 500m.
- Tracks are located in rock platforms often located within a rocky section of the beach.
- Rock formations are sharp and slippery. A reasonable level of fitness is required to safely negotiate these. Appropriate closed footwear should be worn by all participants.

#### **Synopsis of a typical excursion:**

- Arrive at meeting point.
- Climb down cliff/walk to beach for a pre excursion briefing.
- On path to track site learn about how the landscape was shaped.
- Walk to track site where we explain the different type of dinosaurs and show how the tracks were made.
- Once the children have their 'eye in' they may want to go tracking to find more.
- We may draw a to-scale outline of a dinosaur in the sand to better understand the size.
- Finally walk back and climb cliffs to meeting point before returning to vehicles

**Please ensure everyone wears a hat, is carrying sufficient water and wearing closed shoes suitable for walking on rocks/through water.**

**Photos:** It is assumed that by taking part in the excursion permission is given for photos to be taken and used by the DCMG to advertise its activities, this may also include posting on Facebook.



## EDUCATIONAL EXCURSION – BOOKING REQUEST

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

### NAME AND CONTACT DETAILS OF SCHOOL OR ORGANISATION

**NAME OF SCHOOL OR ORGANISATION:**

(Recipient for all invoices)

**Postal Address:**

**Phone:**

**NAME OF CONTACT PERSON FOR EXCURSION:**

**Position:**

**Mobile Phone:**

**Email:**

### EXCURSION DETAILS

**Preferred excursion dates / time:**

**Participants:**

1. Number of students
2. Age of students
3. Number of other paying participants (teachers are free)

### PAYMENT OF FEES

Once, through an exchange of emails, both parties have agreed on the date and time of the excursion an invoice will be issued. Payment is required prior to the date of the excursion.

**EMAIL THIS BOOKING REQUEST TO [DINOSAURCMG@GMAIL.COM](mailto:DINOSAURCMG@GMAIL.COM) IF AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED WITHIN 2 WORKING DAYS PLEASE RING 0400 769 019.**