

National Park Service Fossil Discovery Procedure

Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument

If you believe that you have located a fossil within Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument, please help park staff by using the following procedure:

1. **Please do not** touch it.
2. Record GPS coordinates. If this is not possible, then record a description of where you found it. We may ask you to show a park ranger where it is located.
3. **Please do not** mark the location with anything obvious (i.e. rocks, sticks, debris, paint).
4. Please write a short description of what you think you may have found.
5. Take photographs to share only with National Park Service Rangers. Please include a close up of the fossil in one photo, and another photo with the fossil and the background horizon if possible. This will help park staff find the location.
6. **Please do not**, share the location information or photographs, with your friends, the general public or on any social media sites.
7. Forward this information to the National Park Service Superintendent at:
TUSK_Superintendent@nps.gov

Thank you for helping the National Park Service protect and preserve the non-renewable paleontological resources of Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument for current and future generations. Your discovery may also help park staff and scientists further ongoing scientific research efforts.

Fossil Discovery Worksheet

Date: _____

Name: _____

Contact information: _____

Phone: _____

(including best time to call)

Email: _____

Fossil Description: _____

Location information (preferably GPS coordinates): _____

Photograph(s): Yes (please attach to the email) _____ No _____