



Dinosaur Valley State Park

DINOSAUR TRACKS



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Paleontologists made the first discovery in the world of a sauropod trackway here in the riverbed of the Paluxy River.



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One hundred and thirteen million years ago this area was covered by a large shallow ocean.

Three different types of dinosaurs left their tracks in the mud. You'll find large saucer-shaped prints of the plant-eating sauropods and the three-toed prints of the theropods and ornithopods.

The tracks of the sauropod belong to *Paluxysaurus jonesi*, a new species of dinosaur unique to Texas.

Paluxysaurus jonesi was 12 feet high at the shoulder, about 60 feet long and weighed about 20 tons, about the size of 1-1/2 school buses,

Paluxysaurus jonesi had a long neck at 26 feet, making its neck even longer than its body. Imagine how that would feel!