Fossils

A fossil is any evidence of past life. Fossils formed from animal bodies or their imprints are called body fossils. When people think about fossils, they usually think about body fossils. Trace fossils are another kind of fossil. A trace fossil is any evidence of the life activity of an animal that lived in the past. Burrows, tracks, trails, feeding marks, and resting marks are all examples of trace fossils.

Teaching Resources from the Education GeoSource database

Curricula & Instruction Resources

Discovering Fossils
American Geosciences Institute (AGI)
A fossil is any evidence of past life preserved in a geologic context, such as within rock or sediment. This activity allows you to explore the...

Resource Type: Classroom Activities, Curricula and Instruction
Grade Level: K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

Teaching Media Resources

Fossils of Nova Scotia
Nova Scotia Museum
"Nova Scotia's virtual museum offers plenty of information on fossils. Students can ""tour...

Resource Type: Teaching Media, Virtual Field Trips
Grade Level: K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

Outreach Programs
National Fossil Day (Wednesday of Earth Science Week)
National Park Service (NPS)
Annual event to celebrate fossils during the Wednesday of Earth Science Week; Location: national
Resource Type: Commemorative Days and Events, Outreach Programs
Grade Level: K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12