

ACT locations:

Acton Peninsula: Limestone outcrop that once gave the region its name, the Limestone Plains.

Acton Shale: Ordovician fossil bearing deposits.

Australian War Memorial: Roman mosaic dating from 561AD.

Black Mountain: Ordovician rocks.

Botanic Gardens: Living fossil plants.

Cockington Green: Dioramas.

Cotter Caves: Silurian limestone/marble.

Deakin Anticline: A suburban Silurian formation.

Discovery Centre: Australian environment display.

Geoscience Australia: Various fossils and minerals from around Australia.

Molongolo Gorge: Oldest rocks in the ACT.

Mount Stromlo Observatory: Astronomical display.

National Arboretum: Living fossil plants.

National Dinosaur Museum: Dinosaurs & fossils

National Museum of Australia: *Diprotodon*, Aboriginal Stone tools. Stromatolite in carpark.

National Rock Garden: Significant geology from locations around Australian.

National Zoo & Aquarium: Living lung fish.

Parliament House: 345 million years old fossils in the foyer marble.

Questacon: Some fossils on display.

State circle cutting: Silurian rocks, fossils.

Tidbinbilla: Emus, ancient Aboriginal sites.

Tidbinbilla Tracking Station: 3.8 billion year old moon rock

Woolshed Creek: Silurian fossils.

Yarralumla Brick works: Silurian fossils.

The World's Oldest Scavenger Hunt:

Although Canberra is one of the youngest capital cities in the world, it is possible to find some very ancient artefacts here. Join the *World's Oldest Scavenger Hunt* to find them.

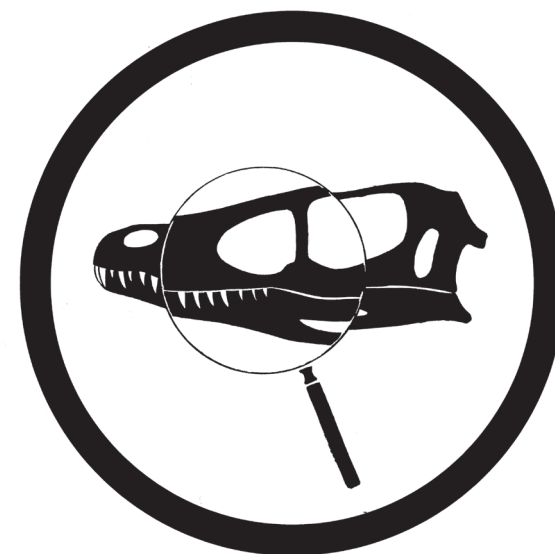
What to do: Visit the following locations to celebrate Canberra's ancient heritage and see some of the oldest artefacts on display in the city.

Find all six answers

1. Which Apollo mission brought this 3.8 billion year old Moon rock to Earth and how much does it weigh (on Earth)? **Tidbinbilla Tracking Station**
2. Name the oldest meteorite on display (the one found longest ago). **Mount Stromlo Observatory**
3. Name one of the ancient Clubmosses growing in the Australian National Botanic Gardens Visitors Centre. **Australian National Botanic Gardens.**
4. What year did the 'Father of Australian Geology', W. B. Clarke, find the first fossils at Woolshed Creek? **National Dinosaur Museum**
5. The "living fossil" creature on display has geological evidence dating back to what period? **National Zoo and Aquarium**
6. Locate the Banded Iron Formation slab inside the Visitors Centre and tell us how old it is. **Geoscience Australia**

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Did you know that Black Mountain was once at the bottom of an ancient sea?

The ACT and surrounds contain a plenitude of evidence for the prehistoric oceans, glaciers, volcanoes, and continental collisions that shaped the landscape. In support of the Canberra Heritage Festival, National Dinosaur Museum staff have designed this map to showcase the prehistory of the region and help visitors to appreciate the fascinating experiences on offer here.

We hope you enjoy your walk through Prehistoric Canberra.

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Mt Stromlo Observatory

 CANBERRA DEEP SPACE COMMUNICATIONS COMPLEX
Tidbinbilla

