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Royal Gorge Dinosaur Experience to Close After Almost Ten-Year Run

“High-Value Family Fun Straight Out of the Jurassic Era”

Cañon City, Colorado:

We are saddened to inform our community that the Royal Gorge Dinosaur Experience (RGDE) will be closing its doors for the final time on December 31, 2025. The RGDE began its wild, near-decade-long run on July 16, 2016, and has had the honor of showcasing and sharing southern Colorado’s rich paleontological past with hundreds of thousands of visitors from around the world. By blending science education and the opportunity to see 27 life-size fossil casts with the fun of an outdoor animatronic Dinosaur Wild Walk and a challenging, three-story ropes course, RGDE visitors left with lasting memories and a greater appreciation of our exciting prehistoric past.

“Dinosaurs may have roamed the world for up to 180 million years, but the RGDE’s journey is now sadly coming to an end,” says Zach Reynolds, the RGDE’s director and president. “While scientists believe a meteor ended the era of dinosaurs, the challenging business climate of recent years is bringing our own extraordinary run to a close.”

Reynolds says that RGDE gift certificates and memberships will be valid until closing. “The RGDE will remain open and ready to entertain visitors until the end of the year, so there’s still time to enjoy our museum and take in the sweeping views of the Sangre de Cristo Range from up on our ropes course one last time,” he said.

This is also the time to capture great deals at the RGDE’s Gift Shop.

“We’re offering progressive discounts on everything in our gift shop until our last day of operations,” Reynolds says, noting that the RGDE’s architecturally stunning 18,000 square-foot building and 36-acre parcel are also for sale.



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While the RGDE has been a family owned and operated business since its inception, Reynolds acknowledges that the facility would not have existed without plenty of outside help and support.

"I'd like to thank our dedicated and incredible staff, our members, patrons, visiting school groups, partner businesses, Garden Park Paleontological Society, and our awesome community for their strong support over the years," says Reynolds. "It's been the honor of a lifetime for my family to have run the RGDE, and we immensely appreciate the opportunity to have shared our journey with so many wonderful people."

The Royal Gorge Dinosaur Experience is located on U.S. Highway 50, just eight miles from Cañon City and only four-and-a-half miles from the world-famous Royal Gorge Bridge and Park. For more information on our closing and gift-shop discounts, or to inquire about purchasing the facility, please contact Zach Reynolds at 719-275-2726, or via email at zach@dinoxp.com. Please also visit our website at www.dinoxp.com for updates, and we welcome you to document your favorite RGDE experiences or memories on our Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/RGDinoXP/ and Instagram at @rgdinoxp.

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