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## 69 Million-Year-Old Dinosaur Fossil Found by 12-Year-Old Boy

**Alberta, Canada:** Nathan Hrushkin, a seventh grader in Calgary and a prospective paleontologist. In July, Nathan and his father Dion Hrushkin found a partially unearthed dinosaur fossil while hiking through the conservation site at the Horseshoe Canyon in the Badlands region. The fossil he uncovered was a dream come true and it is was a humerus bone from the arm of a juvenile hadrosaur – a duck-billed dinosaur that lived about 69 million years ago.

Pictures of the bone was then sent to the Royal Tyrrell Museum of Paleontology, which identified the fossil and sent a team of paleontologists to the site. They have since uncovered between 30 to 50 bones in the canyon walls all of which came from a single young hadrosaur



that was aged around three to four years old. According to a paleontologist at the museum Francois Therrien, said that a discovery like this in the Horseshoe Canyon is uncommon and that “It represents a gap about 69 million years ago, when we don’t know what type of dinosaurs lived around here,” and that “the discovery that Nathan made is of great significance because it fills those gaps.”

Nathan has since joined the workers at the site on Thursday to watch them remove pieces of the skeleton and taking them back to the museum for cleaning and research. He said that this experience has motivated him even more to pursue his dreams. “Every year we’ve come here, we’ve found something a little bit better than the last year,” he said, “Now we have to try to outdo ourselves form the skeleton.”

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