



FOSSILIZED FEMUR

The femur is the upper bone in the back legs of animals. A femur has a “ball” that fits into the hip socket. This example is from an extinct animal that we call an oreodont. They disappeared a long time ago. There are no animals like this one today.

They were like today’s sheep and goats. They lived in herds with other large animals. This fossil was discovered in rocks called the White River Group.