

A Day Trip for Dinosaur Lovers

Jane: A Rare Dinosaur Discovery

ROCKFORD, Illinois USA – See Sue. See Jane. See the world's most complete and best-preserved adult *T. rex* at The Field Museum...and then see the junior-sized version in nearby Rockford – only 90 minutes from Chicago.

After 66 million years underground Jane is ready to meet her public in a permanent exhibit at Burpee Museum of Natural History. Jane is considered the most complete and best-preserved juvenile *T. rex* in the world. By bone mass, she is 80 per cent complete. By bone count, she is 50 per cent complete. She is the “gold standard” by which each future juvenile *T. rex* will be measured from now on.



What makes Jane important? Jane embodies the three traits that paleontologists value most: rarity, completeness and quality of preservation.

How will Jane change the way we think about *T. rex*? Because Jane is by far the world's best specimen of a juvenile *T. rex*, further study of her skeleton will reveal important aspects concerning the changes that happened when *T. rex* grew from a hatchling to its colossal mature size.

Is Jane really a girl? No one knows for sure. There are about 35 *T. rex* skeletons in the entire world. Only one has been identified as female...but not even “Sue” or “Stan,” the two largest and most complete *T. rex* specimens ever discovered. When it comes to gender, the scientific jury is still out.

What is Burpee Museum of Natural History? Burpee Museum has been a Rockford landmark and scientific educator for nearly 65 years. The museum is adjacent to Rockford's Riverfront Museum Park on the west bank of the Rock River in downtown Rockford, along with the award-winning Discovery Center children's museum and the Rockford Art Museum.

Where does Jane live? Rockford, the third largest city in Illinois, is located in north-central Illinois at the juncture of I-90, I-39 and US Highway 20, just a 60-minute drive west of Chicago's northwest suburbs. Rockford's population is about 152,000; the metro area is about 400,000.

Where: Jane lived in a lush, warm, temperate floodplain in what is now southeastern Montana.
Age: Jane was 11 years old when she died.
Height: Jane was about 7 1/2 feet tall. (A full-grown *T. rex* is about 12 feet tall.)
Length: Jane was 21 feet long. (A full-grown *T. rex* is about 40 feet long.)
Weight: In life, Jane weighed nearly 1,500 lbs. (A full-grown *T. rex* weighed about 11,000 lbs.)

Everybody's Talking About Jane!

Peter Larson, Founder/President, Black Hills Institute of Geological Research, Hill City, SD

“Jane is certainly one of the top paleontological finds in my lifetime.”

Dr. Peter Makovicky, Assistant Curator of Dinosaurs, The Field Museum, Chicago, IL

“Sue's a pretty big draw, as this new specimen will be for the Burpee. I think it will be a boon to Burpee, certainly a boon to the scientific community.”

For help in planning your visit, phone the Rockford Area Convention & Visitors Bureau at 800-521-0849 or log on to www.gorockford.com or www.visitjane.com.

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