

# 20 Cool Facts about The Parasaurolophus!



1. Parasaurolophus was a hadrosaurid, or "duck-billed" dinosaur.
2. Hadros actually means stout or thick in Greek. It certainly had a stout mouth!
3. It was about 31 feet (9.5 meters) long and weighed around 5500 pounds (2500 kilograms).
4. It had a humped skull that was about 5-6.5 feet (1.5-2.5 meters) long.
5. The crest on its head was made of bone and was probably used to make sound or for identification. It was long and curved and could be up to 5ft (1.6 meter) long.
6. The crest might have been used for communication by making sounds louder and as warning other dinosaurs about danger, or so identity others of the species.

6. When it was young it is thought Parasaurolophus walked on two legs, however as it got older and bigger scientists think it may have been on and off all four feet
7. It was a herbivore and ate plants. It could do so with quite a modern mouth for a dinosaur
8. It lived in North America during the Late Cretaceous period
9. The first Parasaurolophus fossils were discovered in 1920, Near the Red Deer river in Alberta, Canada
10. Scientists think that Parasaurolophus was a social animal and lived in groups
11. The general thought is most of the time it would have walked around on 4 legs unless it had to run, when it would use 2 legs,
12. The name Parasaurolophus means "near crested lizard"
13. It was first thought to be a similar dinosaur to saurolophus,

14. Only one young fossil specimen of Parasaurolophus have been found.
15. Parasaurolophus was a egg-laying dinosaur. It is thought that it might have nested in colonies.
16. There is no evidence to suggest what color Parasaurolophus was, but it is likely that it was a shades of brown or green.
17. Parasaurolophus had hundreds of teeth in its mouth, and they kept growing.
18. Parasaurolophus is not an easy dinosaur name to say, we break it into its six syllables here. par-ah-SAWR-OL-uh-fus and even then, its not that easy!
19. . The species name, walkeri, is named after Dr. Samuel Wendell Williston Walker,
20. It is thought to have lived 77 to 73 million years ago.

