20 Cool Facts you never knew about the Triceratops!

1. Triceratops was one of the largest ceratopsian* dinosaurs, measuring up to 30 feet long and weighing over 6 tons.!

2. It had a large, bony frill on its head, which may have been used for defense or display. It could have been used to **protect the neck from its main predator the T-Rex**, and to attract mates by showing how strong, healthy and big it was.

3. Triceratops had three horns on its head – one over each eye and one on its snout. these could be over 1.2 meters or almost 4ft long!

4. Triceratops gets in name from its face! **So Triceratops means three-horned-face.**

5. **Triceratops was herbivorous, which means it ate plants**.

6. The triceratops lived during the late Cretaceous period, which was around 68-65 million years ago,

7. Triceratops was one of the last dinosaurs to become extinct before the asteroid impact that killed off the majority of dinosaur species.

8. Triceratops fossils have been found in North America and in Europe making it quite a widespread dinosaur.

9. The head of a triceratops could be almost a third of its length and the largest skull discovers was 2.5 meters long!

10. The triceratops, the ones found as fossils, was between 8 and 9 meters long from tip of the nose to tail.

11. The triceratops has been featured in several films, such as Jurassic Park and Walking with Dinosaurs..

12. The Triceratops could weigh as much as 12,000-18,000 lbs! (5500-9000 kgs

13. Triceratops are thought by scientists to have laid eggs.

14. Triceratops were preyed upon by large carnivorous dinosaurs, such as Tyrannosaurus Rex.

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16. The triceratops had up to 800 teeth!

17. These *Triceratops* teeth grew in batteries, which each had 36 to 40 columns. these toothy columns had around 5 teeth in.

18. Triceratops was first discovered in 1887

19. Triceratops had a beak like mouth.

20. Scientists think it might have been able to go about 25 km per hour or for short bursts