

Cool Facts about The Amphicoelias / Maraapunisaurus



1. Amphicoelias at its largest estimates was suggested to be up to 200 ft long
2. The largest member of the species Amphicoelias Fragillimus was estimated to weight between 100 and 150 tons (220 -300,000 lbs.)
3. Amphicoelias may have been over 40 ft tall, before it even raised its head
4. At this kind of suggested size Amphicoelias would not have to run from anything, and if it was similar to other sauropods, it would have been walking at around 5 miles an hour
5. Amphicoelias was a sauropod herbivore. Eating Leaves and vegetation. At this size it would have had to spend the majority of its life eating and moving to fresh grazing areas.

7. There is no evidence that Amphicoelias lived in herds, but there is evidence of other sauropods that did so it is not beyond the realms of possibility.
8. In 2018 Paleontologist Kenneth Carpenter reclassified the Amphicoelias as a marapunisaurus
9. Amphicoelias is only known from a single missing fossil, that was dated to 150 million years ago so it would have likely gone extinct around that time.
10. Living during the Late Jurassic period the Amphicoelias would have been living alongside the Allosaurus, a fearsome carnivore. However, at the size it was suggested to be would be unlikely target,
11. The name means double concave or hollow and refers to its bones,

14. While a skull of an Amphicoelias has never been found assumptions can be made from other sauropods to state that Amphicoelias was very likely to have teeth.
15. The only fossil of Amphicoelias was discovered near Canon in Colorado in 1877 by Oramel William Lucas,
16. Although discovered by Oramel William Lucas it was not named by him. It was named by famous paleontologist Edward Cope in 1877.
17. The fossil specimen has never been found since this examination and all we have now are Lucas' field notes and Cope's measurements,
20. Amphicoelias is one of the less easy dinosaur names to pronounce. It has 5 syllables and is pronounced like this. Am - fi - coh - lie - ass

