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Dinosaurs stomping back to Space Coast

MELBOURNE, Fla., October 18, 2017 — Five years after their last appearance, dinosaurs are making a return to Brevard Zoo for a positively primeval family experience.

Among the 16 lifelike, life-sized animatronic figures are the cunning *Utahraptor*, a pair of spitting *Dilophosaurus* and—the king himself—*Tyrannosaurus rex*. The trail culminates at the interactive Dinosaur Discovery Center, where guests can uncover a replica *Tyrannosaurus* skeleton, touch real fossils and watch volunteers prepare specimens collected by Zoo staff in Montana.

“Our goal is to illustrate that everything we know about dinosaurs comes from the scientific process,” said Chris DeLorey, the Zoo’s director of education programs. “Because we can’t observe dinosaurs firsthand, we rely on the evidence they left behind to draw conclusions about how they lived.”

Dinosaurs Are Back! is presented by Toyota of Melbourne; other sponsors include Boys Electrical Contractors, Renco, Twin Rivers Insurance, Viera Charter School and Visual Dynamics. The exhibit, which is not included with general Zoo admission, runs from Saturday, November 18 to Monday, April 30, 2018 and will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. An upcharge of \$3 applies to each guest ages three and older; prices will increase to \$4 on Tuesday, December 26. More information is available at www.dinosareback.com.

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Brevard Zoo is home to more than 800 animals representing 180 species from all over the world. As a not-for-profit organization, it is a leader in the fields of animal wellness, education and conservation. More information is available at www.brevardzoo.org.

Treetop Trek features five aerial obstacle courses that whisk guests above parts of the Zoo and through lush Florida landscapes. More information is available at www.treetoptrek.com.