Ceratopsians Discovered in Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument

Ceratopsians are an uncommon fossil in the badlands of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM). However, in spite of being elusive, four unique species have been discovered in GSENM. These species are not found anywhere else in the world! When a paleontologist finds the skeleton of a ceratopsian, it can be difficult to identify which it is until the skull is found. All ceratopsians incorporate a similar body, but each ceratopsian has its own arrangement of horns and frill shape to distinguish it from the others. Check out the head gear of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument's own ceratopsians!

Diabloceratops eatoni

"Devil Horned Face"

Kosmoceratops richardsoni

"Ornamented Horned Face"

<u>Utahceratops gettyi</u> "Utah Horned Face"

Nasutoceratops titusi

"Big Nose Horned Face"



Height: 4 - 5 Feet Length: 9 - 10 Feet Weight: 1 - 2 Tons Formation: Wahweap Time of Death: 81 mya



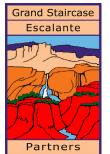
Height: 4 - 6 Feet Length: 9 - 20 Feet Weight: 2 - 4 Tons Formation: Kaiparowits Time of Death: 75 mya



Height: 4 - 8 Feet Length: 9 - 30 Feet Weight: 3 - 5 Tons Formation: Kaiparowits Time of Death: 75 mya



Height: 4 - 6 Feet Length: 9 - 15Feet Weight: 1 - 3 Tons Formation: Kaiparowits Time of Death: 75 mya



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