

Triceratops

The Triceratops dinosaur is one of the most famous dinosaurs. It is widely known for its large head with three horns. You pronounce their name 'tri-SERa-tops'.

The name 'Triceratops' comes from the Greek language, with 'tri' meaning three and 'keratops' meaning horned face. Triceratops were plant eaters (herbivores) which grazed in large herds together.



They lived about 68 to 65 million years ago - in the cretaceous period. This was at the same time as some really big meat eating dinosaurs such as Tyrannosaurus rex, Albertosaurus and Spinosaurus. Fossils have been found in North America in both the western US and Canada.



To defend itself against meat eaters (predators) it had two long brow horns. The triceratops was armored with three fierce horns; one on its snout like a Rhino and two long horns (as much as three feet long) above its eyes. The back side of the triceratops' skull had something called a frill that covered its neck.

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