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## **Warning: She Hasn't Eaten in 67 Million Years**

*Meet A T. rex Named Sue, a cast of the most complete Tyrannosaurus ever discovered.*

(Reno, NV) - The Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum (The Discovery) would like to introduce you to, *A T. rex Named Sue*, the most ferocious dinosaur that ever lived, which is set to open to the public at The Discovery on Saturday, May 27, 2017.

*A T. rex Named Sue*, features a cast of the most complete *Tyrannosaurus rex* ever discovered. The **42-foot, 3,500 pound, 13-foot-tall** model is the highlight of this exhibit that has traveled throughout the World since 2001. The exhibit includes a dig pit, video footage, and hands-on and digital interactive exhibits.

**What:** Media preview of "*A T. rex Named Sue*." The Discovery invites the media on Thursday, May 25 from 1 to 5 p.m. for a media preview. Officials from the museum and a representative from Sue's owner The Field Museum in Chicago will be available for interviews during the day and at the event.

**When:** Thursday, May 25, 2017 from 1 to 5 p.m.

***Interviews can be arranged earlier, throughout the day as needed.***

**Where:** Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum, 490 S. Center Street, Reno, NV 89501

Sue is the largest and best-preserved *Tyrannosaurus rex* ever unearthed. Discovered in 1990 in South Dakota by fossil hunter Sue Hendrickson. After a tricky legal battle, the Field Museum in Chicago purchased the 65-million-year-old fossil at auction for \$8.4 million, setting the world record for the highest price ever paid for a fossil. Only four *T. rex* specimens containing more than 60 percent of their original skeleton have been found. Sue is nearly 90 percent complete—missing only a foot, one arm, a few ribs and vertebra. Because of her near completeness, the specimen has presented the scientific community with a variety of new evidence, and with it Field Museum scientists made important new discoveries about the biology and evolution of the *Tyrannosaurus rex*.

Sue is arriving just in time for summer hours at the Discovery. From Memorial Day, May 29, 2017 through Labor Day, September 4, 2017, The Discovery adds Monday to the days of the week the museum is open to the public. That's seven days a week you can build, invent, explore and spend quality time with Sue!

Images of the exhibition are available here: <http://bit.ly/2rsr6BZ>

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# INTERESTING “SUE” FACTS

## Vital Statistics

- Length: 42 feet nose to tail
- Height: 12 feet at the hips
- Estimated weight when alive: 7 tons
- Weight of skull as found: Nearly one ton
- Length of skull: Five feet
- Size of brain cavity: Just big enough to hold a quart of milk
- Number of teeth: 58
- Length of teeth from root to tip: 7.5 to 12 inches
- Gender: Undetermined
- Discovered: In 1990 in South Dakota by Sue Hendrickson
- Price: Acquired by Chicago’s Field Museum in 1997 (with financial assistance from McDonald’s Corporation, Walt Disney, and other donors) for \$8.36 million.
- Value to scientists and dinosaur fans: Priceless



The largest and most complete  
*T. rex* ever discovered.

## Is That a Fact?

**FACT:** It took six fossil hunters 17 days to dig sue out of the ground; it took ten preparators two years to clean and repair her bones.

**FACT:** A *T. rex* skeleton is made up of more than 250 bones. Sue was found with most of those bones, she’s missing only a foot, one arm and a few ribs and vertebrae.

**FACT:** Only two complete *T. rex* forelimbs have ever been found – and Sue’s is one of them!

**FACT:** Sue’s legs are enormous, but her arms are the size of a human’s – so short they couldn’t even reach her mouth. No one knows how *T. rex* used those tiny forelimbs.

**FACT:** Sue’s razor-sharp teeth were continually shed and re-grown during her lifetime.

## Exhibition Information

*A T. rex Named Sue* will be on exhibit at The Discovery from May 26, 2017 through January 15, 2018.

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