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## Land before time

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### Land Before Time

Remember the adrenaline rush of Jurassic Park and Jurassic Park II? Now experience it and live to tell its tale.

Hollywood Dinos runs from 12 December 2009 to 21 February 2010, hugged up next to Jurong BirdPark, as if to emphasise the evolutionary ancestry of birds.

### Where Terror Roams

The 10,000 square-metre site had been primed to receive three containers and three crate-loads of dinosaurs (in equipment, technology and costumes, to be exact). Recently fully rigged, it houses more than 15 dinosaur species over 50 exhibits.

Three dinosaurs will have free reign (of terror) over the park. This is made possible by manufacturer Billings Production Inc's new walking-dino technology. The one man-operable combination of levers to control movements and push buttons to effect sounds is so new that Hollywood Dinos visitors will be the first in Asia to encounter it.



The main highlight, though, is an adventure "cave" designed to make visitors feel like dinosaur bait. Take a hint: St John Ambulance Brigade has been scheduled on standby throughout park operating hours.

### Taming the Frontier

Beneath the blanket of horror and gore lies a commendable element of education. Knowledge experts like Grolier and Asian Geographic have been roped in for this.

An entertaining "nest" will host workshops and performances, while an informative "nest" heaps of interactive exhibits, including a dissected mechanical dinosaur.

Visitors will learn how the various experiential components of park exhibits are controlled, besides biological facts about the long-extinct creatures.



### Monolithic Mission

Entire park operations entails 118 cashiers, ushers, guides, actors, cleaners, security guards, marketers and management. Construction work began as early as August. Reflecting the harsh prehistoric environment, efforts were hampered by tropical monsoon. This stage now complete, all-important test runs are currently being conducted leading up to opening day. These aren't limited to technical testing, but also involve frontline staff practising their roles and scripts in the overall storyline – 25 times over!

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Care has been given to render Hollywood Dinos inclusive. For instance, alternative routes and ramps have been mapped out and installed to cater to those with limited mobility. Beyond the event, part of ticketing revenue will go to the Singapore Red Cross Society and the Taman Bacaan Pemuda Pemudi Melayu Singapura, a charity for the local Malay community.

Tickets are at:  
\$13 / adult  
\$11 / senior citizens (from 60 years)  
\$11 / students (full-time)  
\$9 / child (3 to 12 years)

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**For More Information:**

Hollywood Dinos  
(Presented by Worldbizz Pte Ltd)  
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Website: [www.hollywooddinos.com](http://www.hollywooddinos.com)

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