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## Primal Fear

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We emerged as we arrived – a 3-tier family, all seven members accounted for. This is our Hollywood Dinos adventure.

Night fell. The dark deserted path to where present meets past heightened our fears. Our only proof of survivability was our experienced safari guide. Quick shots against a 2D-dinosaur backdrop and we were off. The sheltered trail provided good shield against climatic elements, but not any rampaging dinosaurs. We felt vulnerable.

### Tame Starters

Thankfully, our first encounters, almost camouflaged against jungle foliage, were tame.

Still, the kids needed coaxing before they would pat each.

Promises of fun (dino zoo and dig) on the parallel out-trail, and a cave blasting dino-themed music that instigated the kids and their enthusiastic grandparents into song and dance, eased our tension and deviously threw everyone off-guard. This was helped along by spontaneous comic relief when our 7-year-old earnestly enquired about the waft of nature's scent. "Is that dino dung?" (Hollywood Dinos is next to the Jurong Bird Park. You get the drift.)

### Main Course



All too soon, we found ourselves approaching an ominous cave with false bravado. Amid our guide's reminders to stay close or risk being devoured, we forged on. Here, we escaped a ravenous life-sized T-rex savouring its human meal; crossed a pontoon bridge over critter-infested waters by the intermittent light of intimidating lightning (One "guest" fell in, authenticating the perils we were facing); got ambushed by curious cavemen; and avoided airborne pterodactyls scavenging for forage (not the time to play dead).

Suddenly, out of a dark recess lunged a dinosaur on leash, its alert handlers ready to rein it back at the slightest sign of aggression. Our two pre-school boys would have bolted if not for their daddy's reassuring grasps of their hands. Their two sisters, one a mere 16-month-old, proved more resilient under stress.

Reactions of adventurers before us have ranged from fearless to panic-stricken and crying, our guide reassured. Those easily petrified should visit by day when the storyline is tamed a notch.

### Dig That Dino

Our hour-long expedition (including experimenting with mechanical exhibits, and passing through the dino zoo and excavation activity) ended with a name-the-dino contest for children, refreshments and souvenir shopping. The "real" dinosaurs may have had their eyes on us, but we now had ours on its knee-high remote-controlled replica.

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