



## Summary

Search for “fossils” in an ancient marine bed that lifted as the glaciers retreated.

The trail to the Fossil Plain is not marked but follows an obvious 4x4 track along the base of the hill.

Do not remove fossils from the site.

## LEAVE NO TRACE

- Follow the marked trail
- Carry out all trash
- No fires. Be careful of cigarettes
- Do not disturb wildlife
- Respect the tranquility of nature



## SAFETY FIRST

- All passage is at your own risk
- No cellphone reception on trail
- Refill water from any stream
- Watch the weather
- Be careful of slippery and unstable surfaces

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## FOSSIL PLAIN TRAIL

EASY ●○○○○○

10 KM RETURN

54 M MAX ALTITUDE





# TRAIL DESCRIPTION

Walk past Old Camp along the road towards Kellyville. Just before the yellow barrels and the first steep climb, you will see a 4x4 track that veers off to your left. The trail follows this track along the base of the hill all the way to the Fossil Plain.

Along the way, you walk past several large fuel tanks – both old and new. **Please do not smoke or carry a naked flame.**

After a couple of kilometres you will see the reconstructed outline of Greenland's first airstrip – marked for, but ultimately not used by, two American daredevils on an attempt to fly from the US to Sweden in 1928. This indicates the start of the Fossil Plain.

Buried in the clay, you can find 7-8,000 year old "proto-fossils". Small, fossilized clams are the most common, but if you are lucky you may find a capelin skeleton.



Keep an eye out for what look like individual pieces of hardened clay to study more closely. Bring extra water to wash your samples.

Feel free to explore the plain as you wish but you will likely have better luck finding fossils near the edges of the raised bed where they have been exposed by erosion.

**Do not descend from the raised beds as there may be quicksand in the river valley.**

Return to Kangerlussuaq via the same route.

