

# The Ernst Quarries Pricing

Digging in the Sharktooth Hill Fossil Formation

## OUR PRICING

**ALL PRICES ARE PER PERSON**

**Admission ..... \$40**

Group Discounts for 10 or more, email for information.

Everyone entering the property is subject to admission and a signed waiver, NO EXCEPTIONS.

Check-in is between 7:45 and 8:15am at our staging point.

A vehicle is required, no hikers or walking from the staging area is permitted. For safety reasons, a vehicle must stay with the participants (no drop offs).

Unfortunately, we CANNOT accept debit or credit card payments at this time. Cash and checks are the ONLY methods of payment, and need to be presented prior to digging.

### **WE LEAVE THE STAGING AREA PROMPTLY AT 8:30AM!**

If you cannot make the start time, please call prior to 8am and we can attempt to accommodate you, but there are no guarantees.

You will caravan in your own vehicles to the property and arrive by 8:45am. After a short orientation/tour, you are free to begin digging (approx. 9am start after orientation).

**Due to ongoing construction activities, we currently cannot support any low profile vehicles. This includes cars such as Mini's, VW Bugs, and custom lowered vehicles.**

ALL TOOLS ARE PROVIDED.

Children under 18 MUST be accompanied by an adult. Children under 8 must remain with an adult at all times (No Exceptions). Children under five will not be allowed to participate in digging actives with tooling.

No dogs are allowed, this is for their safety. Many of the manageable hazards to humans are unmanageable and deadly to dogs.

For more information, text: **661-319-7080**

[www.sharktoothhillproperty.com](http://www.sharktoothhillproperty.com)

# Frequently Asked Questions

**Is there Camping?** Unfortunately, we no longer allow camping on the property. There are however, two campgrounds very close to our site. One, about a half mile up the road, is maintained by the Boy's and Girl's Club of Bakersfield. The other, about 12 minutes away, is on the other side of the river. Both campgrounds are run/booked through the Kern County Parks Dept.

You can visit their website(s) to find out additional information.

Camp Okihi (1/2 mile away):

<http://www.co.kern.ca.us/parks/okihi.asp>

The Kern River Campground (12 minutes away):

<http://www.co.kern.ca.us/parks/kern-river-camp.asp>

**You're not open during the summer, is there anything else we can do?** You could visit both the Buena Vista Museum of Natural History and/or the California Living Museum (CALM). Both have exhibits which include very nice specimens found on Sharktooth Hill. Several of the articulated skeletons on display at the BV Museum came from our property.

**When are you open?** We are open on select Thursday's through Saturday. Please check the calendar located at the bottom of our website for specific days of operation.

**What can I keep?** You get to keep everything you find with the exception of scientifically significant fossils. If you find a skull or articulated assemblage of bones - we keep it and put it in a museum.

**What tools do I need?** ALL tools will be provided for you.

**Will I find a shark tooth?** Without guaranteeing that you'll find a shark tooth, I can say the chances are 100%. We park the cars 50 feet from the active bone-bed on top of older dug-out areas. When you step out of the car there are literally small bones and broken teeth at your feet. Just walking around for 5 minutes should yield some teeth, as people throw away the broken ones in the parking area.

**What kinds of shark teeth will I find?** The most common teeth you'll find are Mako. There are several types, the most common are *I. Hastalis* (Big Tooth Mako) and *I. Planus* (Hook Tooth Mako). But tiger, six-gill, porpoise, whale, and various requiem shark teeth are also very common. Rare finds include Megalodon, Hemipristis, and Benedini teeth.

**How can I prep my fossils once I get the home?** You can clean the teeth with water and a soft bristled toothbrush. Then mix up a solution of white glue and water (about 30% glue to 70% water). Dip the cleaned tooth root in the solution (to just past the beginning of the enamel) and put them on a rack for drying. This should improve the integrity of the root so they can be passed around and handled. The 30/70 solution will not effect the look of the tooth.

**Are there any half day digs?** Currently there are is no half day digging available. Everyone attending must arrive prior to 8am.

**I have a car, will it make it to the quarry?** All cars are accessible when we are open with the exception of low profile vehicles (smart cars, mini's, lowered, etc.). When it does rains, no one can get up to the sites, even with a four wheel drive.

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## We Recommend

Local Establishments with Quality and Charm

### HOTELS

<b>Padre Hotel</b> - 1702 18 <sup>th</sup> Street	(661) 427-4900
<b>Residence Inn</b> by Marriott - 4241 Chester Lane	(661) 321-9800
<b>Holiday Inn Express</b> – 19480 Quinn Rd.	(661) 387-1678

### RESTAURANTS

Dinner

<b>Rosa's</b> Italian - 2400 Columbus St.	(661) 872-1606
<b>Woolgrowers</b> Basque - 620 E. 19 <sup>th</sup> Street	(661) 327-9584
<b>Mexicali</b> Mexican Cuisine - 631 18 <sup>th</sup> Street	(661) 327-3861

Lunch

<b>Jake's</b> Tex Mex - 1710 Oak St.	(661) 322-6380
<b>Rosemary's</b> Ice Cream Shop - 2733 F St.	(661) 395-0555
<b>Luigi's</b> Italian Deli - 725 E. 19 <sup>th</sup> Street	(661) 322-0926

Breakfast

<b>Milt's</b> Coffee Shop - 6112 Knudsen Drive	(661) 399-4975
<b>The Village Grill</b> - 2805 F Street	(661) 325-1219

Sweets

<b>Dewar's</b> Ice Cream Shop - 1120 Eye St.	(661) 322-0933
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### ENTERTAINMENT

<b>Buena Vista Museum</b> of Natural History 2018 Chester Ave. Bakersfield, CA 93301	(661) 324-6350
<b>CALM</b> CALifornia Living Museum 10500 Alfred Harrell Hwy. Bakersfield, CA 93308	(661) 872-2256
<b>Buck Owens' Crystal Palace</b> 2800 Buck Owens Blvd. Bakersfield, CA 93301	(661) 328-7560
<b>Kern County Museum</b> featuring <b>Pioneer Village</b> 3801 Chester Ave. Bakersfield, CA 93305	(661) 437-3330

### CAMPING

<b>Camp Okihi</b> (1 mile away) <a href="http://www.co.kern.ca.us/parks/okihi.asp">http://www.co.kern.ca.us/parks/okihi.asp</a>	(661) 872-3179
<b>The Kern River Campground</b> (12 minutes away) <a href="http://www.co.kern.ca.us/parks/kern-river-camp.asp">http://www.co.kern.ca.us/parks/kern-river-camp.asp</a>	(661) 868-7000