

FOSSILISTA

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GREETINGS, MY VINTAGE VELOCIRAPTORS! YOUR FAVORITE FOSSILISTA IS BACK WITH A SPECIAL POST JUST FOR YOU. BASED ON MY TIME AT THE CENTRAL TEXAS MAMMOTH SITE, I'VE PULLED TOGETHER AN OVERVIEW OF YOUR PALEO-FASHION NEEDS, BOTH IN AND OUT OF THE FIELD. I LEARNED ABOUT A LOT MORE THAN FOSSILS THIS SUMMER. LET'S GET STARTED!



IN THE FIELD

At CTMS I usually worked in a temperature-controlled dig shelter, but that's not typical! Most fieldwork takes place out in the elements, which often means a lot of sun and a **lot** of heat. Let's talk about what you're going to need and what you might want to leave at home.

SUNSCREEN

You don't want to skimp on this, especially if you're sweating under the summer sun. I recommend a sport-strength on all exposed skin, applied liberally and reapplied regularly. Grab a lip balm with sun protection, too. Just don't let it melt!

If regular sunscreen feels too heavy and uncomfortable on your face, Korean skincare brands have some great facial sunscreen options. You'll probably have to order online, but K-Beauty is a skin saver.



BANDANA

So versatile. You already know I love wearing scarves and bandanas as headbands, but you can also tie one around your neck (if a dust storm blows in, you'll be glad it's handy) or wrap your hair if you're camping near the site and can't shower for a few days. (Related note: Dry shampoo is your friend!)



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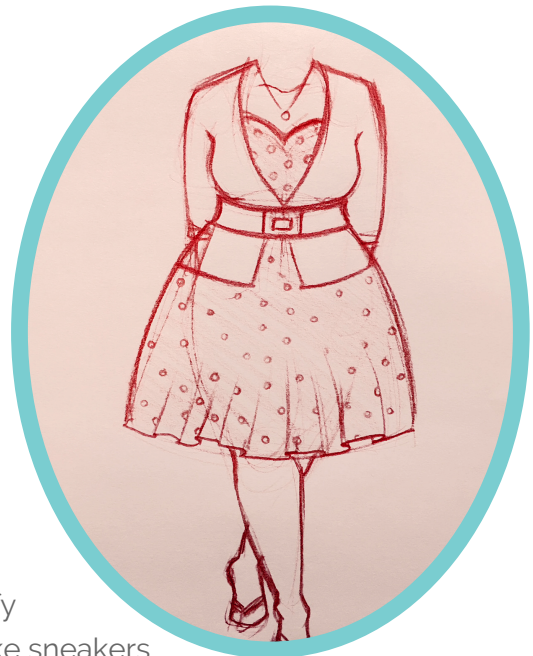
SATTLER STYLE

When it comes to field clothing, comfort is key. (Never thought I'd say that on Fossilista!) I've been taking more and more inspiration from **Jurassic Park's** amazing Dr. Ellie Sattler: You can't go wrong with a cute button-down over a tank top. Or try a sleeveless version in your favorite color – but seriously, really load up on sunscreen if you do. Ellie wears khaki shorts for maximum coolness, but if you're going to be kneeling in the dirt or hiking through brush, I suggest full-length pants in whatever cut makes you comfortable. Look for light, breathable fabrics – I wouldn't last an hour in skinny jeans while working outdoors! Finish the look with boots that give you traction and can handle some scuffing. And if you're prospecting, skip sunglasses (they make it harder to spot fossils) in favor of a wide-brimmed hat.

A DATE AT THE MUSEUM

A girl can't spend ALL her time out in the field! Museum dates are a perfect mix of quality togetherness and geek-out potential. "I'd love to hold your hand, I promise, but first let me run over here and squeal at these giant ground sloth fossils!"

My favorite date look is a fit-and-flare dress with a fun pattern and a sweetheart neckline. Accessorize with a favorite necklace and a belted cardigan (museums can be chilly!). As much as I love vintage heels, museums involve a lot of walking, so I'm breaking with Fossilista tradition and suggesting a comfy pair of sandals instead. A true Fossilista could even make sneakers work with a dress like this. It's up to you, my vintage velociraptors. Wear what you want. Love what you wear. And love yourself. Whatever clothes you're wearing, whatever look you're rocking . . .



YOU ARE AWESOME.

-Natalie Page