

Landscape
Architecture

UTAH FIELD HOUSE OF NATURAL HISTORY



Vernal, Utah

Eastern Utah is known for its amazing dinosaur quarries and its extreme weather conditions. MGB+A was employed to create a garden as an oasis for visitors, a setting for several full-scale dinosaur models and an extension of the interior interpretive exhibits created by Portico Group and the building designed by AJC Architects. Three separate gardens were shaped to reflect different pre-historic landscapes — desert, lush, shady. A waterfall and plentiful seating carved of sandstone greet people as they transition between the museum and the garden and prepare for tours. The design was also driven by maintenance and water conservation concerns, heavily employing xeriscape techniques.