Road Trip: 1,200 Pound Stegosaurus Heads Down Route 7

Berkshire Museum's beloved “Wally” returns to Jonas Studios for restoration Friday

[Pittsfield, MA] – Wally, the beloved Stegosaurus who guards Berkshire Museum’s front entrance, is taking a road trip. The life-size model will travel on a flat-bed truck down Route 7 South through Pittsfield, Lenox, Stockbridge, and Great Barrington on Friday, April 10, before crossing over the New York border on its way to Louis Paul Jonas Studios in Hudson. The Museum will publish Wally’s route and estimated travel times on its social media pages in the coming days.

Wally is a 26-foot-long, 12-foot-tall model of a Stegosaurus created by Louis Paul Jonas Studios in Hudson, NY. The fiberglass sculpture was the second made from a mold created for the Sinclair Dinoland pavilion at the New York World’s Fair in 1964-1965. The model currently at Berkshire Museum arrived in 1997 after 30 years outside the Cleveland Museum of Natural History.

Berkshire Museum Executive Director Jeff Rodgers encourages Wally fans to try to catch a glimpse – in a safe, socially-distanced way – as the dinosaur passes through their neck of the woods. “We hope that catching a glimpse of Wally in the wild provides a brief respite for everyone who comes out to see him. It’s not every day that a Stegosaurus roams the Berkshires.” Rodgers added, “Wally will be missed, but we are happy he will be receiving a much-needed restoration so that our community can enjoy him for many years to come.”

The Stegosaurus is expected to return to Berkshire Museum by fall.
About Berkshire Museum

Located at 39 South Street in downtown Pittsfield, MA, Berkshire Museum combines art, science, and history to create thought-provoking experiences for the whole family through interactive programs, interdisciplinary exhibitions, and engaging online series.


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