

Paleo-Related U.S. Town Names

Many towns have names, or include references to, paleontological subjects based on local terrain or history of an area. Post offices within these towns carry their town names in hand or machine postmarks, precancels, etc. and these are all quite collectible for the prehistory philatelist.

One problem facing collectors is finding examples of these town names, but perhaps the greater problem is in knowing which town names to look for. So, which United States towns have Paleo-related names?

This list of names, reflects mainly animals, but of course could be expanded to include scientists like 'Darwin, California'. There are also many foreign places like 'Devon, England' for example. I hope the following information may be of assistance in starting your search for paleo-related items as you're looking through dealer stocks and that you might even find one not on the list!



Fossil, Wyoming - 25 April 1942



Mammoth, Utah - 31 December 1909

City/Post Office Name, County, State	Years of Operation
Dinosaur, Moffat, Colorado	1966 – Open
Fossil, Wheeler, Oregon	1876 – Open
Fossil, Roane, Tennessee	1887 – 1904
Fossil, Tarrant, Texas	1880 – 1884
Fossil, Lincoln, Wyoming	1886 – 1887
Fossil, Lincoln, Wyoming	1888 – 1945
Fossilville, Bedford, Pennsylvania	1874 – 1936
Mammoth, Pinal, Arizona	1887 – Open
Mammoth, Mono, California	1879 – 1898
Mammoth, Shasta, California	1907 – 1921
Mammoth, Shasta, California	1923 – 1925
Mammoth, Edmonson, Kentucky	1881 – 1881
Mammoth, Ozark, Missouri	1902 – 1955
Mammoth, Madison, Montana	1877 – 1931
Mammoth, Westmoreland, Pennsylvania	1885 – Open
Mammoth, Lipscomb, Texas	1890 – 1894
Mammoth, Juab, Utah	1890 – 1973
Mammoth, Kanawha, West Virginia	1894 – Open
Mammoth, Natrona, Wyoming	1923 – 1924
Mammoth Cave, Calaveras, California	1883 – 1887
Mammoth Cave, Edmonson, Kentucky	1842 – Open
Mammoth Lakes, Mono, California	1920s - Open
Mammoth Spring, Fulton, Arkansas	1879 – Open