DinoPark Tycoon®

Version 1.x

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Welcome to DinoPark Tycoon!

Step right up and try your hand at managing a roadside attraction that features dinosaurs. We've got big ones, little ones, fat ones, and green ones. For a mere $3.50, visitors can see the most magnificent animals ever to trod on grass. And it's all yours! The *DinoPark Tycoon*® software program puts you in the driver's seat.

Everyone dreams of the fortune they could build if only given the chance to take the reins of power. *DinoPark Tycoon* makes this dream come true by letting you match your skills against the whims of the marketplace and the challenges of running a successful tourist attraction. If you keep your business afloat for a number of years, you may be able to sell it for a handsome profit and retire early. Or you can choose to become a dinosaur magnate and get on the cover of *Dino Times*. Best of all, you'll have a lot of fun with *DinoPark Tycoon.*

Each time you enter *DinoPark Tycoon* you can play an entirely new game, with a variety of choices and paths to follow. With each game, your unique choices and increasingly sophisticated strategies impact your park and your dinosaurs. Also, you set the goals for being a successful business—accumulating wealth, preserving the greatest variety of dinosaur species, or winning that coveted award for the most profitable park.

A note to parents. Kids love to be their own bosses but rarely get the chance. Putting them in charge of a dinosaur park gives them the unique opportunity to create, run, and operate their own business. As they build their parks, they also develop skills they will use throughout their lives. Building a dinosaur empire requires your kids to recognize cause-and-effect relationships, engage in problem solving, and exercise natural math skills, including estimating, graph reading, and more.

A note to kids. Dinosaurs and a chance to make lots of money—this you have to see! *DinoPark Tycoon* has some great dinosaurs, including a bunch of meat-eaters and a 55,000-pound plant-eater.

It also lets you be the boss. You make all the decisions, hiring and firing staff and buying all sorts of neat stuff. Do you have what it takes to turn an empty lot into a great tourist attraction? Sure you do!

Requirements

DinoPark Tycoon requires a Macintosh computer with the following:

- System 7.0 or later
- 4 MB RAM memory
- Color display (256 color required)
- Hard disk with 5 MB space available
- CD-ROM drive

Installing the Program

Putting the Software on Your Macintosh

The installation program puts *DinoPark Tycoon* on your hard disk. To run the installation program:

1. Insert *DinoPark Tycoon* CD-ROM into your CD-ROM drive. A new window appears, displaying an icon called Installer.

2. Double-click on the Installer icon. A copyright screen appears. Please read it, and then click Continue.

3. An install box appears. Click Install.

4. Make sure that you want to install *DinoPark Tycoon* on the hard disk indicated on the screen. If the hard disk shown is not the right one, click on the Desktop button and choose the name of the disk you want.

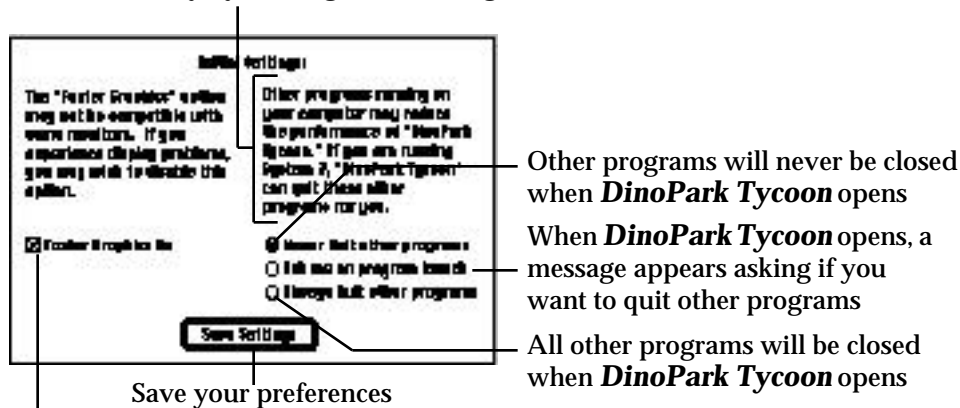5. Click on Install and follow the on-screen instructions.

6. When you see the message "Installation Successful," click on `Quit`. Store your **DinoPark Tycoon** disks in a safe place as your archival backup copy of the program.

Starting DinoPark Tycoon

To play the game:

1. Double click on the icon.

2. The first time you play, the following dialog box appears. You will see this box only the first time you play.

Quitting other programs may help **DinoPark Tycoon** run faster. Also, if another program is open, you could switch to it accidentally by clicking outside the game window.

Other programs will never be closed when **DinoPark Tycoon** opens

When **DinoPark Tycoon** opens, a message appears asking if you want to quit other programs

All other programs will be closed when **DinoPark Tycoon** opens

Save your preferences

Most computers will work best with this box checked. If you have a monitor connected through the SCSI port, you may need to un-check this box.

The first time you set up your park, you have three options:

• Watch a short demonstration of the steps to set up a new dinosaur attraction. The demonstration starts automatically after the text on the opening screen. During the demonstration, you can click anywhere to return to the opening screen.
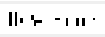
- Try to figure out how to play the game yourself, with a few hints from your friendly on-screen dinosaur.
- Follow the suggestions given on the following pages.

Starting Your Dinosaur Attraction

To set up your business, you need to purchase lots, put up fencing, and buy some dinosaurs. The steps on the following pages will get you started and provide some hints. The remainder of the manual describes the other features you will use to keep your business growing and thriving.

When you are ready to start your dinosaur park:

1. Click on [ ] at the opening screen or select New from the File menu.

2. When you start a new game, the bank will loan you $5000 in working capital and the opportunity to make your dreams a reality. Click anywhere on the screen to accept the loan.

At the start, only the Real Estate office will be open for business. As soon as you purchase land, the other businesses in town will also open.

When your cursor passes over an item that you can open or choose, it will change to a [ ]. This is true on all of the screens.

Click on   to return to the previous screen or to the Business District.

Clicking on   cancels all of the transactions you made since entering the store or business.

Dino Diner
Buy food for your dinosaurs. Order ready-to-eat meat and vegetarian meals or buy seeds and plants to grow your own.

Dino City
Buy dinosaur eggs and learn about the animals' size and preferences.

Dept. of Employment
Hire and fire staff people. The right combination of staff, or lack of it, can make or break your operation.

General Store
Buy all the odds and ends, including fences, advertising, and concessions.

Real Estate
Select the location for your park, and then buy land.

Office
Review your business records, set ticket prices, and monitor operations.

Calendar   Price Lists   Working Capital

Blueprint of the lots   Restart/Quit   Visit the Park

Gotta Buy Some Land

First, stop at the Real Estate office to buy the first lot of land for your park. Your first business decision is the location for your park—desert, plains, or marsh. Click on your choice, and then click on   to purchase it.

When the blueprint of available lots appears, put the 🖱 on a lot and click to purchase it. If you change your mind, click on the plot to cancel your selection or click on [⟋] to cancel all selections. The price is subtracted from your account when you leave. [⟋■] takes you back to the business district of town. All of the buildings are open.

Put Up Fencing

Next, buy fencing at the General Store so your dinosaurs won't run away. Inside the store, click on the Catalog cover to see the types of fences. (Please note, electricity can only be used with a fence you already have in place.)

Click to select a type of fence, and then click on BUY. The program will take you to the blueprint of your lots. Click on your lot to fence it. takes you back to the Business District.

Hire Somebody to Feed the Dinos

Hire at least one person from the Department of Employment to feed the dinosaurs and sell tickets. Inside the office, click on a picture to select an employee. Click on the HIRE button to hire the employee whose picture you selected. takes you back to the Business District.

Stock Your Park at Dino City

To learn more about a specific dinosaur at Dino City, click on the nest or name, and then click on | ☞ |. When you are finished with the information screen, clicking on will take you back to Dino City. To see more species, move your cursor to the far left or far right side of the screen. (To help your cash flow during the first year, buy a plant-eater.)

When you select a dinosaur and click on , the program will take you to the blueprint of your lots. Place the dinosaur by clicking on a fenced lot. As your park grows, you can put two dinosaurs, of the same species, in a pen. (If you are lucky, you may be blessed with a bouncing baby dino!)

Buy Lunch at Dino Diner

Don't forget to feed your dinosaurs at Dino Diner. Hungry dinosaurs get very cranky. If they get very hungry, they may escape in search of food. To see what the diner has to offer, click on one of the tabs on the menu. To buy a certain type of food, click on ⇧ .

Growing your own food can help your cash flow at the start, but be sure the seeds are suited to the climate at your park. And, buy a few ready-to-eat meals to hold you over until the seeds sprout. (Since this is a diner in the finest greasy-spoon tradition, no one will care if you squash a fly by turning your menu pages too fast.)

Adjust Ticket Prices

When you start, admission is $3.50 per person. To adjust the ticket price, go to the Office. Click on the General Ledger cover and then the VISITS tab. Click on the LESS or MORE buttons under the ticket price to change its value. (During the first year, you will make the most progress setting prices in the mid-range. After that, your other strategies will determine the best price.)

You can only set ticket prices in advance. After the start of a quarter (three months), you can only adjust the ticket price for future quarters.

Visit Your Park

To officially start your business, you must preview your park. Clicking on   at the bottom of your screen takes you directly to your park. To stroll through the park, hold your cursor on the far left or far right side of the screen.

While you enjoy the sights, you can click on a dinosaur to see information about that species. (You will see only one dino per pen, even if you place more.) Return to the Business District by clicking on ⊟. .

As soon as you enter your park, you are on your way. The money will start rolling in as you attract paying customers. This is your chance to make it big.

Buy a Parking Lot
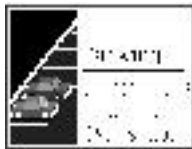
 As soon as you have enough money, buy a parking lot. Additional parking can increase attendance, giving you the capital you need to expand. To buy a parking lot, go to the General Store, open the Catalog, and click on the Concessions tab. Select the parking lot and click on BUY . Return to the Business District by clicking on ⊟. .

Running Your Dinosaur Attraction

If you have at least one dinosaur, one employee, and some food, you are in business. You can add features such as a concession stand or additional parking, hire employees, and monitor your progress through the Office. As with any business, you must pay attention to the needs of your staff, stock, and visitors. The following sections describe some of the special features available to you.

Price Lists

Use the Price Lists to make day-to-day decisions or to plan your business strategies. To see all the price lists, click on   at the bottom of your screen.

Reviewing Your Business Records

To take the pulse of your operations, make a stop at the Office. The Office lets you check on business trends, adjust ticket prices, check on employees, and monitor your stock. The office desktop gives you information about day-to-day operations. Click on the cover of the General Ledger for detailed business information.

Loan Office — Guide to the Dinosaurs — Visitors — Dino Food Supply

Dinosaur Update — Staff Update — Profit/Loss

Gift Concession — Detailed Information on Operations — Sell Your Park — Food Concession
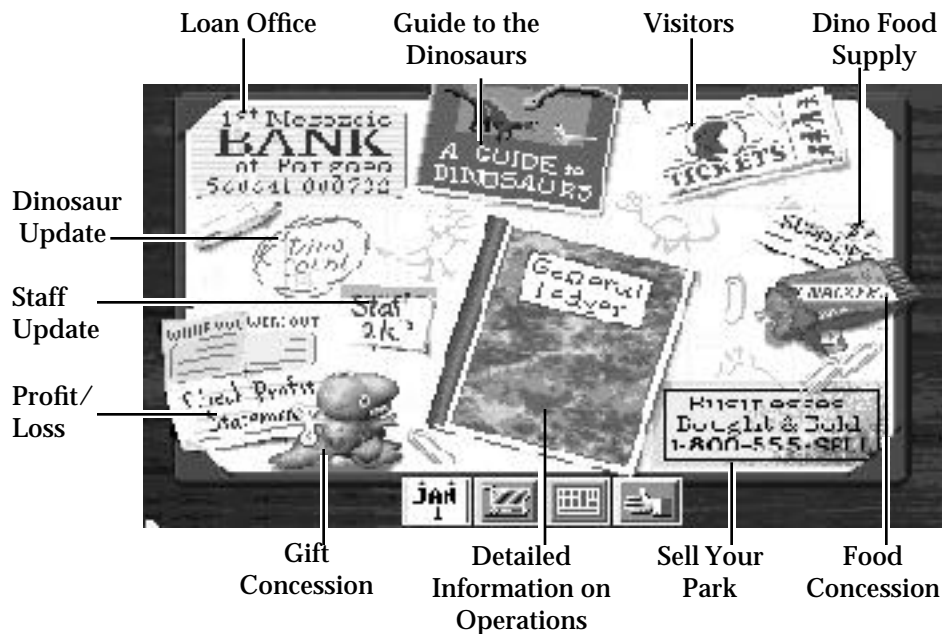
End-of-Quarter/End-of-Year Messages

At the end of each quarter (three months) of your business's fiscal year, the screen shows an end-of-quarter message. We recommend that you visit the Office at this time to review the year-to-date information.

If you act quickly, you can also adjust ticket prices at this time. If you reach the Office on the first day of the quarter, go to the VISITS tab of your General Ledger. If you are a day late, you will have to settle for changing the prices for next quarter.
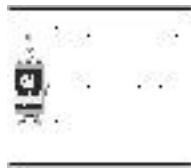
At the end of the year, you are invited to the Office to review your records and plan strategies for the coming year. A well thought-out business plan is key to a successful business. To give you time to plan, the clock stops until you leave the office.

Selling Your Business

Selling your business and creating a new park is an option at any time. To sell your business, visit the Office. Click on [1·800·555·SELL] on your desktop. Follow the directions on the screen to complete the sale. If you make it into the Top Ten Profitable Parks, you will see your name in lights along with the other top scorers.

Borrowing Money and Paying Off Loans

At the start of the program, the bank gave you a loan for the full amount of your line of credit at the bank. That means you can borrow more money as you pay back your loan. But you can't borrow more than your line of credit. Go to the loan office to check the status of your loan, pay it off, or borrow more. To visit the loan office, enter your Office from the Business District. Then, click on   at the corner of your office desktop.

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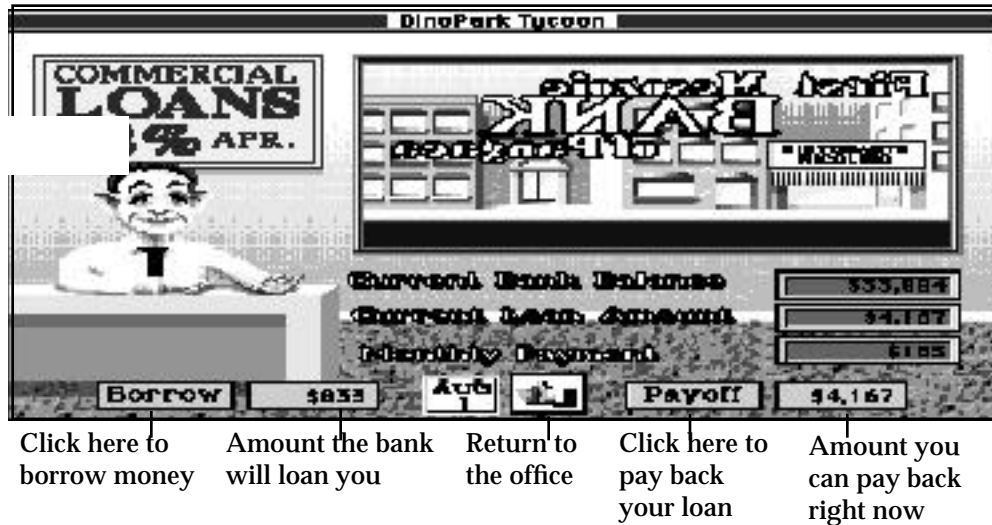
Attending the Auction

Auctions are held once a quarter. They give you a chance to buy and sell dinosaurs. To go to the dinosaur auction, click on the yellow auction sign when it reads "Auction Today." At the auction, you may get a great buy on a slightly used dinosaur. Or, you may lose your shirt.

To place a bid, click on [BID]. You can investigate the other bidders by clicking on them. If you are bidding against a competitor, you may want to outbid that person for the rarer species.
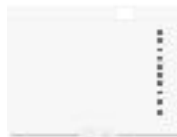
Click here for information on the dinosaurs   Click to bid   Return to the Business District

Selling Dinosaurs at the Auction

You can sell your dinosaurs at the auction to raise money or bring in new species. To sell a dinosaur at the auction, go to the Office, click on the General Ledger, and select the INVENTORY tab.

To put a dinosaur up for sale, click in the "Selected for Auction" button next to its name. That animal will be offered at the next auction. If you click on the button to remove the check mark, the dinosaur will not go to auction.

As with a real business, you can bid on your own dinosaur to drive up the price. But be careful, you may end up buying it back for more than it is worth. Also, don't forget you have to pay the auctioneer. His percentage will be deducted from the sale price.

Program Options

Quick Purchase

When buying dinosaurs or items at the General Store, you can double-click on the item to purchase it. Use this shortcut to bypass the BUY button.

When your park gets really big and you need to buy lots of food, click on ⇧ and hold your mouse button down. You can still buy single units with single mouse clicks.

File Menu

File		
New	⌘N	—— Start a new game
Open...	⌘O	—— Open a game you saved before
Save	⌘S	—— Save your current game and keep playing
Save As...		—— Save your game under a new name
Quit	⌘Q	—— Leave **DinoPark Tycoon**

Options Menu

Options	
Sound	—— Turn the sound effects on or off*
Music	—— Turn the music on or off*
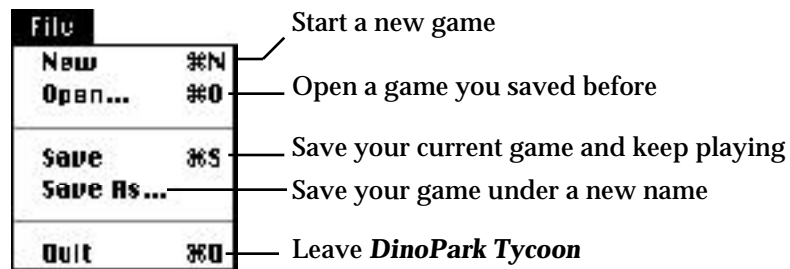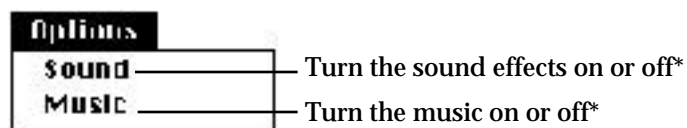
*A check mark in front of the item on the menu shows that it is turned on. Select the item to change from on to off or off to on.

Leaving DinoPark Tycoon

Even tycoons need a rest now and then. To take a break, you can quit and start a new game or quit and save your game.

Quit and Start a Fresh Game

To quit and start a fresh game later, select `Quit` from the `File` menu or press ⌘ `Q`. The next time you enter ***DinoPark Tycoon*** , you can start a fresh game.

To start a fresh game right now, press |⌐·| at the Main Business District. You will have the option of saving your game before you start a new game.

Quit and Save Your Game

If you have a good thing going, you can take a break and return to the same game later:

1. Select `Save` from the `File` menu or press ⌘ `S`.

2. After saving the game, select `Quit` from the `File` menu or press ⌘ `Q`.

How Do I Know If I've Won?

You can set your own criteria for winning—making tons of money, preserving the greatest variety of species, or staying in business for at least five years (most small businesses fail in the first three years). At some point, you will want to test yourself against the top ten most profitable parks. When you have built up a great park, contact your business broker through the desktop (see "Selling Your Business" on page 12). After selling your park, you may see your name in lights and claim the title "DinoPark Tycoon." If you don't make it this time, try again.

Troubleshooting

Installing or Starting the Program

Problem	*Solution*
Installing with *At Ease*™	If you have *At Ease* installed on your system, you must return to the Finder before starting the **DinoPark Tycoon** installation program. After installing **DinoPark Tycoon**, remember to add the **DinoPark Tycoon** icon to your *At Ease* desktop.
I installed **DinoPark Tycoon**, but it doesn't run.	You may have a conflict with an extension. To test for this problem: • Start your computer without System Extensions by holding down the Shift key while restarting. Continue holding down the Shift key until the Finder appears. • Start **DinoPark Tycoon**. If it runs, you have a conflict with an extension.

Hard Disk Space

Not enough hard disk space!	If a message shows that your hard disk does not have enough space available, you need more free space to install the program.

Memory

Can I make more memory available to **DinoPark Tycoon**?	You can reduce the use of memory by closing all unused programs. You can also follow the steps below to give the program more memory: 1. Go to your desktop and select the **DinoPark Tycoon** icon. 2. Select `Get Info` from the `File` menu. The Info dialog box will appear. 3. In the box next to `Current size:` or `Preferred size:` in the lower right corner, type a number larger than the number currently there.

Problem	***Solution***

More Information

Is there anything else I should know?	If any additions were made after we sent this guide to the printer, they are described in a file called `DinoPark Tycoon Read Me`, which is in your program folder. To read the `DinoPark Tycoon Read Me` file, double-click on its icon.

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