

Harmer's Haven Locality

Site #9 on the Strzelecki Taxonomy Map

Harmer's Haven is on the coast, directly south of Wonthaggi. The shore platform is made up of large areas of sandstone, interspersed with layers of conglomerate. Although there is plenty of conglomerate rock to search and the erosion rate is quite high, very few fossil bones have been found in this area over the years.

A dinosaur rib was found by a member of the public who contacted Mike Cleeland. Prospectors had scoured this part of the coast for years and not found anything, so we were surprised when the rib turned up. Most of the rib is missing, but what is preserved suggests that it came from one of the small armoured dinosaurs called ankylosaurs. The rib is quite broad and has a subtle "T" shaped cross-section, characteristic of ankylosaur ribs.



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Ankylosaur rib exposed in rock found at Harmer's Haven



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