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## **Geology and Life Lecture Series**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2026 at 8pm on Zoom**

### **“Megalosaurus and the Dinosaur Highway”**

By Dr Emma Nicholls (Museum of Natural History, University of Oxford)

The carnivorous theropod *Megalosaurus* was the first scientifically named dinosaur, described using fossil material found in mineshafts in Oxfordshire. Two hundred years later, ongoing excavations are revealing an extensive dinosaur trackway site nearby. Two *Megalosaurus* trackways and hundreds of sauropod footprints have been uncovered on a horizon that links up with another site excavated in 1997, making the area one of the largest dinosaur trackway sites in the world.

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#### **Dr Emma Nicholls**

Emma Nicholls has worked across a variety of vertebrate groups but her primary research interest lies in Mesozoic reptiles, and sharks. In 2021, Emma was part of the team of specialists that excavated the Rutland ichthyosaur, thought to be the largest, near-complete reptile skeleton found in Britain. In 2024, Dr Nicholls co-led the excavation of the largest dinosaur trackway site in the UK, located in a North Oxfordshire quarry.

