



# Achelousaurus

Means "Achelous's lizard"

Scientific name: *Achelousaurus horneri*

## Period:

Late Cretaceous (~ 74.2 Ma - {Mega annum, or million years ago})

## Diet:

Herbivore (plant eater)

## Current day location found:

North America

## More information:

- Named after a mythical Greek deity Achelous
- From ceratopsid group of dinosaurs
- This group includes Triceratops, Einiosaurus and Styracosaurus
- Notable for its bony frills and horns.
- Had rough bony growths called 'bosses' on its nose and above both eyes
- Had two large horns growing from the middle of the top of its frill
- The skull of an adult was over 1.6 m (5 ft) long including the horn
- Estimated length over 6 m (20 ft)
- Estimated weight up to 3 tonnes (about half the weight of an elephant)