

Near-complete T. rex skull up for auction

“Maximus”, one of the best preserved *Tyrannosaurus rex* skulls ever found and around 75% complete, is expected to fetch \$15-20m at auction in New York

MAXIMUS

Age:
c67m
years

Length:
1.4m

Weight
73kg

Two large
punctures
on lower jaw
believed
caused by
parasite

Other perforations
may be bite marks or
caused by disease



**Hell Creek,
South Dakota:**

Maximus

excavated in
2020-21 in area
rich in fossils from
late Cretaceous
period – ***Sue*** and
Stan also found here

■ **Oct 2020: *Stan*** sells for
record **\$31.85m** to Natural
History Museum
Abu Dhabi

■ **Oct 1997: *Sue*** – best
preserved T. rex ever found,
90% complete – sells for \$8.36m to
Field Museum of Natural
History in Chicago