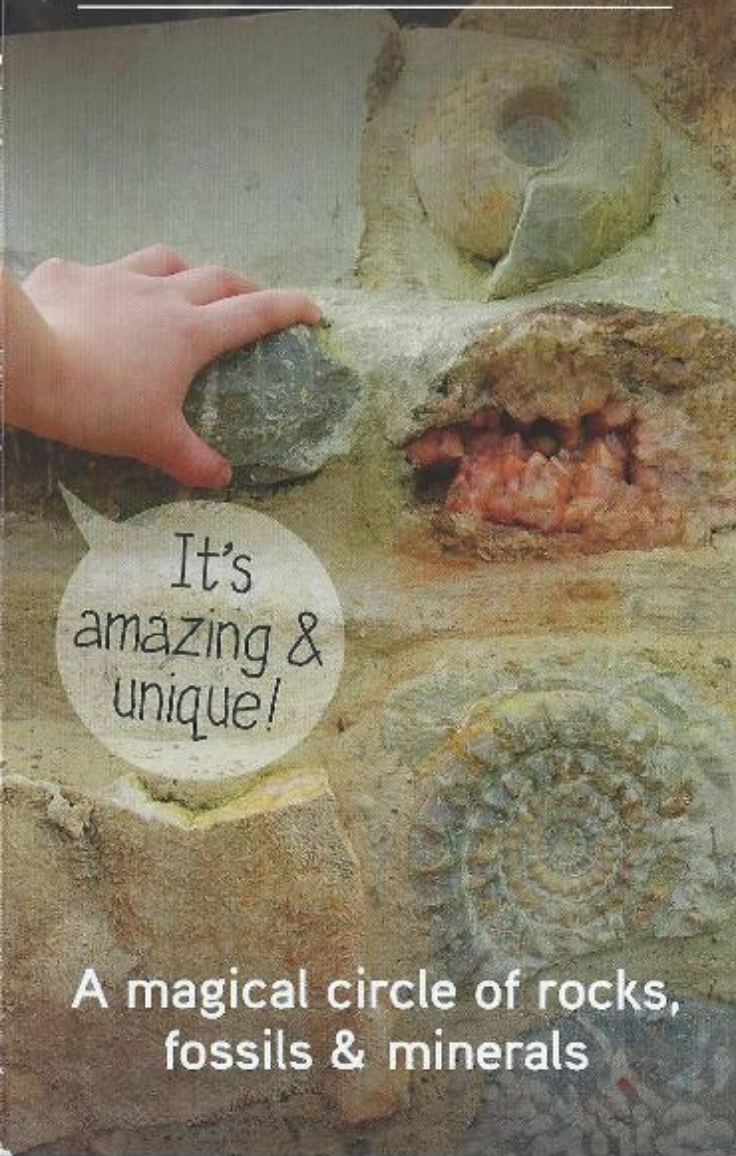


EXPLORE

Box Rock Circus



A magical circle of rocks,
fossils & minerals



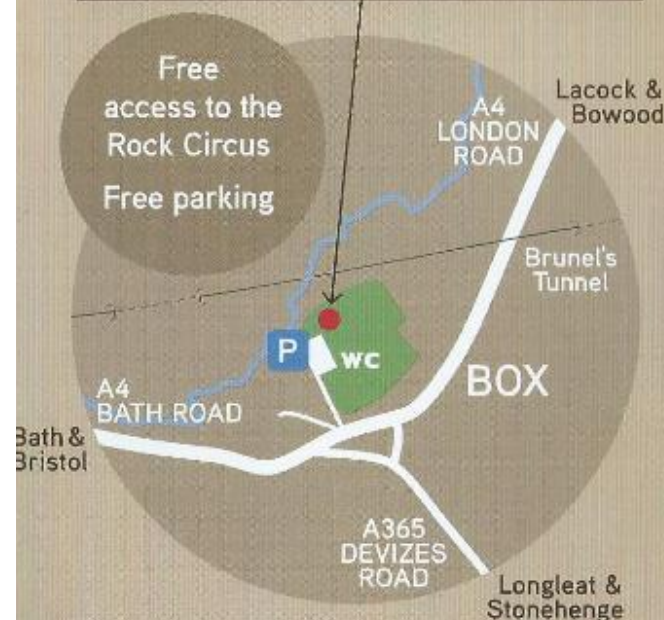
Box village is 5 miles (8km) east of Bath on the A4. It nestles in the beautiful rolling hills of the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The village is famous for its limestone, Box Stone (shown left). Some of the old quarry workings can be seen in Quarry Woods. The By Brook valley, an important wildlife corridor, runs through the village. Explore some of the public footpaths along the river valley or admire spectacular views from the hills.

From the Rock Circus, it is a short walk to the viewing platform to see Brunel's famous railway tunnel of 1841. As well as the Rock Circus, the recreation ground in Box has a popular children's play area, BMX track, football pitch, tennis courts and a large open play space. There is disabled access to the Rock Circus & public toilets. Parking is free.



To find Box Rock Circus turn off the A4 opposite Box Pharmacy following signs for Selwyn Hall.



www.boxrockcircus.org.uk

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Box Rock Circus can be found in the ancient, picturesque village of Box. It is a tranquil, peaceful place, yet within easy walking distance of friendly village shops and welcoming cafés and pubs.

The circle edge is a timeline & shows the evolution of life on Earth



Can you see a face? What are the eyes made of?



Can you see fossil tree bark?



How many ammonites can you find?



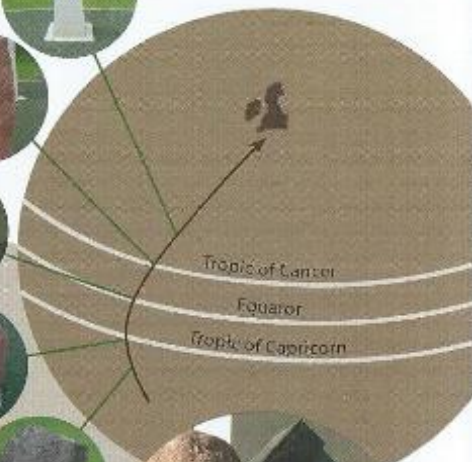
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Trace the British Isles' movement through time or hunt for fossils & minerals. Children can climb & play among the blocks, do fossil rubbings or make up scary dinosaur stories using the footprints.



Movement north of the British Isles in the last 500 million years



Did the big dinosaur eat the little one?



Can you see the large eyes on the trilobite?



Can you spot eggs inside the spade fish?



FOSSILS

Bring crayons & paper to try out the fossil rubbings



Can you find some lava with holes made by gas bubbles?



Why do you think the little house has a slate roof?



TEACHERS...

use the Rock Circus to cover science NC requirements at KS2 & 3. Teaching ideas are given on the website.

Try the Earthcache here <http://coord.info/GC4RM5T>

