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 Ground, a high quality variety of Bath 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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# **EXPL RE** Box Rock Circus

It's amazing & unique!

## A magical circle of rocks, fossils & minerals

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

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

> Tropic of Cancer Equator

Tropic of Capricorn

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

Can you find some

lava with holes made

by gas bubbles?

TEACHERS...

& 3. Teaching ideas are given on

the website.

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

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

Can you see fossil tree bark?

> How many ammonites can you find?

Full details of each specimen visit www.boxrockcircus.org.uk

FOSSILS Bring crayons & paper to try out the fossil rubbings

Can you see the

large eyes on the trilobite?

> Can you spot eggs inside the spade fish?

Did the big dinosaur eat the little one?

