

## Rock Walks in October, November and December 2015

Date :	Place :	Meeting Point / Time :
Sunday Oct 18, 2015	Keesaragutta	Meet Opp. St. Ann's High School, S.P. Road, Secunderabad 10 am, return 6 pm; Carry lunch.
Sunday Nov 15, 2015	Durgam Cheruvu, Jubilee Hills	Meet at KBR parking lot, opp. Subway, 3 pm
Sunday Dec 20, 2015	Gandipet, near Osman Sagar	Meet at NMDC, Masab Tank 2 pm

Rock walks are conducted on the third Sunday of every month. They are widely announced in the press and social media, and of course on our website. Everybody is welcome. Walking shoes, a cap, long pants and a water bottle are a must. Please enrol a minimum of 2 days in advance with Uma Maheshwari on 98660 19402

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We welcome Sandeep Raj to the Managing Committee of the Society having been co-opted in the place of Ravi Setlem who has left Hyderabad. Sandeep has been working for the benefit of the rock cause and the Society for many years now, and we look forward to his further active contribution.

### Membership Fees

Class	Admission	Annual Subscription
Active (Single)	Rs. 100	Rs.200
(Couple)	Rs. 100	Rs.300
Student	Rs. 100	Rs.100
Life (Single)	Rs. 2,000 for Life	—
(Couple)	Rs. 3,000 for Life	—
Institution	Rs. 10,000	—
Corporate	Rs. 50,000	—

# SOCIETY TO SAVE ROCKS

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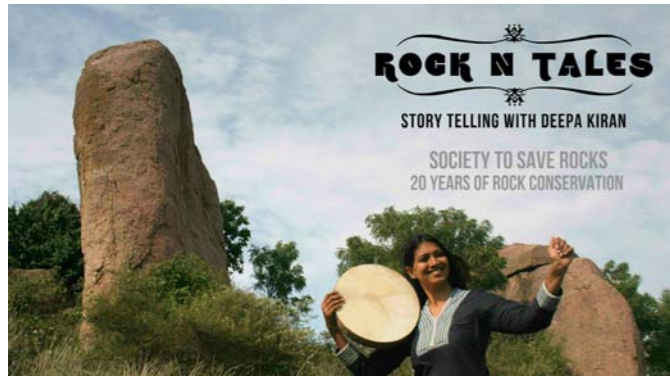
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On 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016 the Society clocks 20 years - to mark this significant milestone a special logo has been designed by Telangana's prominent Artist **Laxman Aelay**. This logo will be carried in all the promotional material for the next few months starting with the Hyderabad Rockathon 2015 in November. While the logo is meant to let people know that the Society has tirelessly worked for two decades to conserve the **2500 million** year old stunning rock formations of the Deccan Plateau, it also serves as a reminder on how much remains to be done to preserve this **unique Natural Heritage**.

Telangana is the **only State** which has a Society working exclusively for the rock cause. However, understanding the **irreplaceable role of rocks** in the eco system and preserving them is something everyone must subscribe to - be it common citizens, institutions, corporate houses, Government, Nature lovers, adventure enthusiasts. Simply because when you **save rocks** you help maintain the fine balance that eventually saves all life on our planet !



**ROCK N TALES** - the **Story Telling** event held in July in the ambience of the rocks at Lotus Pond proved to be perfect. While well known Storyteller Deepa Kiran skillfully captured the attention of a varied age group of over 200 people, the cause of the rocks and their importance were well explained to young and old. “ A mesmerising experience” said Amardeep Singh from the audience.



**A ROCKWALK THAT HIGHLIGHTED MINDFULNESS**

The August rock walk to Moulali brought out the familiar spirit of adventure coupled with pleasant exhaustion. What started as usual with a frantic climbing

phase ended on a note of inner calm and oneness with Nature with a half hour exercise in **mindfulness** conducted by Sandhya Luther, a teacher of Buddhism & Meditation.



**INTERNSHIP AT THE SOCIETY**

We had **Adhir Vaddadi** interning from Flame University Pune, a student of Liberal Arts, working with the Society in July. An environmentalist at heart, Adhir took to the rock cause instantly playing an important part in organizing the Run for Rocks, assisting with administration chores and sharing ideas on how to attract the younger generation to the rocks.

We encourage more youngsters to champion the rock cause through an **Internship Programme** – which is both beneficial on a student’s CV as well as to the Society – besides contributing positively to conservation of the Deccan Rockscape rather than lamenting its destruction.



**THE BOLD & BEAUTIFUL** - The Rock Walk in September had the add-on of snake awareness by **Friends of Snakes** at Venkateshwaragutta. Despite the tragic blasting of rocks in the vicinity heard during the walk for the purpose of a massive water tank construction, rock walkers could not but help be astounded by the rock formations, the

picturesque water bodies and the lush green surroundings. The evening concluded with an opportunity to learn about snakes, their habitat, what people need to watch out for and baseless myths about these beautiful reptiles – ofcourse, only the bold attempted handling them with the ease of handling rocks !



**WATCH OUT FOR THE UPCOMING EVENT :**

# 4<sup>th</sup> YEAR HYDERABAD ROCKATHON 2015

The Society to Save Rocks and the Great Hyderabad Adventure Club offer an adventure filled day for all ages in the 2500 million year old Deccan Rocks.

**22 November 2015, Sunday**  
**At: Ghar-e-Mubarak** behind Taramati Baradari  
**7:30 am - 4:00 pm**

HyderabadRockathon.com  
 rockathon@ghac.in  
 040-6888 8197  
 SaveRocks.org  
 040-2355 2923

**HURRY!**  
 Early Bird Offer-  
 Rs.300 (Children)  
 Rs.400 (Adult)

Exciting activities for all ages:

Selfie with Rocks	Snake Show	Drawing Workshop
Rock Shotput	Rock Balancing	Overnight Camping on 21st Nov, 6 PM
Treasure Hunt	Rock Quiz	
Trail Biking	Rock Shot Putt	
Slack Lining	Treasure Hunt	

\*Earlybird Offer lasts till 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Seats are limited.

