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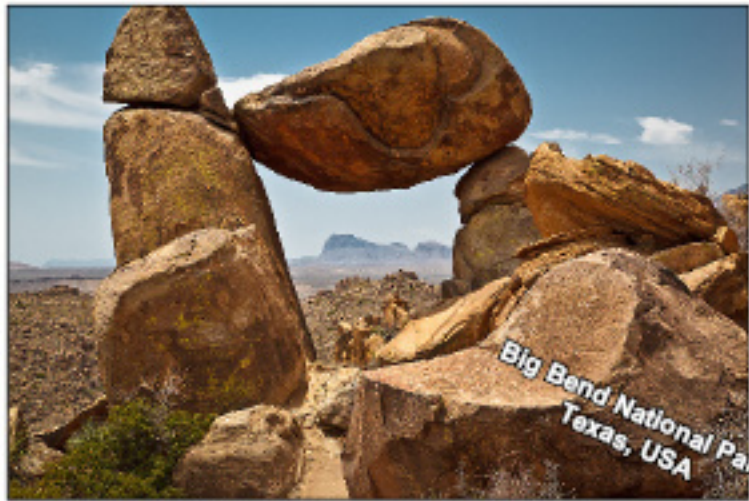
Curious Rock ??



Photos by : Rajashekar Chittanuru

Where is this great rock with the mysterious cave in which it was said that robbers used to hide in olden times?

It's not a rock at all, it's the mighty, centuries old Baobab Tree, the Hatiyan ka Jhar, in Naya Qila (Golconda) which provided an exciting climb for our April Rock Walk! It got its name from the look of its bark which is like an elephant's skin. But to us it looks like a granite rock. And it's also equally hard!

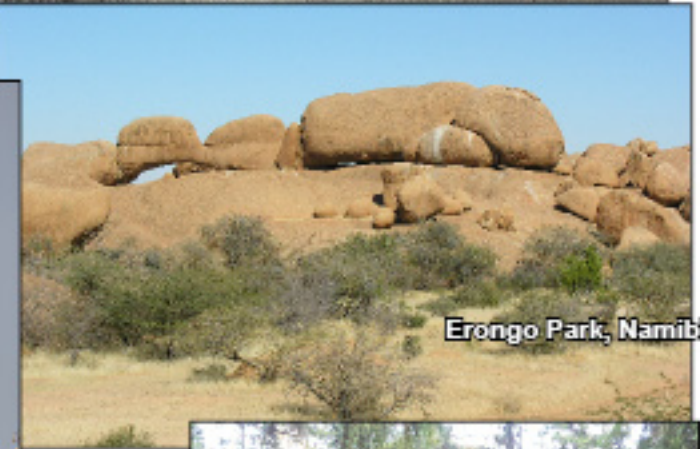


GLOBAL ROCK TREASURES

The Deccani balancing granite Rocks are a gift of Nature, especially to the city of Hyderabad. We are blessed with a profusion of gravity defying formations that stun every visitor.

Looking around the world, we find similar formations in many different countries. Here is a selection of them. The heartening news is that most of these rocky sites are protected in National Parks or as National Monuments, even as World Heritage Sites. Nowhere, though, will we find the multitude that exists around us right here. It is sad, though, that our own rocks – no less spectacular - are not officially protected at all and wide open to destruction.

Photographs sourced from Wikimedia



Please view the Society's Documentary HYDERABAD - CITY OF ROCKS <https://youtu.be/dd7vdwOZfAw> (12 mins) to get to know our local rich rock heritage. Kindly champion the rock conservation cause by arranging screenings at your office, residential complex, Club or educational institution and inform us about the same.

Rock Walks in July, August and September 2018

Date:	Place:	Time / Meeting Point:
Sunday, July 15, 2018	Rachakonda, via Ibrahimpatnam	8 a.m. / Gun Park, opp. Public Garden Main Gate, return appr. 6 p.m. Bring Lunch.
Sunday, August 19, 2018	Venkateshwaragutta near Shamirpet Lake	8 a.m. / Opp. St. Ann's High School Main Gate, S.P.Road, Secunderabad, Return appr. 1 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 16, 2018	Koilkonda, near Mehboobnagar	7 .30 a.m. NMDC, Masab Tank. A full-day excursion by Bus, Fare Rs. 500 Return appr. 8 p.m. Bring lunch / snacks.

Enrolment with G.R.B. Pradeep at 9866752114. If there are bus fees to be paid, pl. transfer the amount to the account of the Society to Save Rocks No. 18090100003047, Bank of Baroda, Jubilee Hills, NEFT: BARBOJUBILE (attention: 5th character is a zero).

Rock Walks are conducted on the third Sunday of every month. They are announced in the press and social media. Check our website www.saverocks.org. Everybody is welcome. Participants should carry drinking water and wear walking shoes (not chappals).

We welcome our new Member: Mr. Pandu, Student.

We regret that we had to close the Memberships of the following due to non-payment of subscription fees:

Aalana Kandula	Dilip Kumar Dr.	Sameer Kandada K.
Aarcha R.S.	Dhishana Kidambi	Samiuddin, Dr. M.
Aaromal	H.N.A. Giri	Saraswathi, Dr. B.
Abhinav Gaiha	Jason J. Moses	Shantan Reddy
Agarwal Sham Sunder	K.P. Mihir	Sujatha Kotha
Amit Bubna	Kaustubh M.	Uma Shankar G.
Anil Kumar	Kiran Kumar	Uttara Chari
Anirudh	Kush Bhadwar and	Varghese Ft.Lt.M.
Aparajita M.	Shubhangi	Vijaya Laxmi Dr. M.
Arun Swamy	Murthy Prof K.P.N.	Vijaya Kumar
Bopanna Sai Sanketh	Pragnay M.E.	Yusuf Quader
Bopanna Shashank	Rajesh S.V.	
Bopanna Lt. Col.	Rashmi G.	

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	