

Fossil Rubbing Set

Introduction

In a similar way to adult brass rubbing, fossil rubbing is an increasingly popular practical activity for youngsters. To be suitable for rubbing, a specimen must have good but shallow relief. From our range of over 2,00 replicas we have selected the best for this purpose, and that also illustrate a range of life-forms from the past. With a little care and a soft pencil even quite young hands can produce attractive results.

TEL 4.0 *Archaephippus asper*. An extinct female spade fish from Monte Bolca, near Verona, Italy. Middle Eocene about 50 million years old.

HET 5.0 *Psiloceras johnstoni*. An ammonite from Donniford Bay, Somerset. Lower Jurassic, Lower Lias, Planorbis Zone. About 190 million years old

DC 2.0 *Hapalocrinus elegans*. A sea lily from the Hunsruck Shale, Bundenbach, Germany. Lower Devonian. About 400 million years old.

TRF 18.0 *Nereites cambrensis*. A feeding trail in marine sediment, so is a trace fossil, probably made by a gastropod (snail), from Lampeter, Dyfed, Wales. Silurian, Llandovery Series. About 430 million years old.

OT 5.1 *Ogygiocarella angustissima*. A trilobite (marine arthropod) from the Builth Wells area, Powys, Wales. Ordovician, Caradoc Series. About 450 million years old.



IN 2.0 *Stenophlebia aequalis*. A dragonfly from the Solnhofen Limestone, Bavaria. Upper Jurassic, Portlandian. About 140 million years old.

JAS 1.1 *Pentasteria cotteswoldiae*. A starfish from Eyford, Gloucestershire. Middle Jurassic, Bathonian, Great Oolite Series, Stonesfield Slate. About 160 million years old.

TRF 27.0 'Megalosaurus-type'. A small footprint of a carnivorous dinosaur from Thornborough Mill, near Buckingham. Jurassic. About 150 million years old.

JR 16.0 *Pterodactylus antiquus*. A Pterosaur (flying reptile) from the Solnhofen Limestone, Bavaria. Upper Jurassic. About 140 million years old.

Practical Hints for Rubbing

Paper – many kinds are suitable. The cheapest copy paper (A4) gives good results. Wallpaper lining paper in various thicknesses is also suitable.

Pencils/Crayons – hardness HB-2B pencils are recommended or coloured wax crayons.