

Grand Canyon Environments B

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Temple Butte Limestone	Mostly dolomite, a rock formed by addition of magnesium to limestone.	Protective plates from primitive armored fish, conodonts.	
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Bright Angel Shale	Shaley, gray mudstone with some layers of sandstone.	Trilobites, mollusks, and brachiopods. Tracks, trails, and burrows, probably left by worms, snails, and trilobites.	
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