

# ROCK APE



**CLIMATE/TERRAIN:** Temperate or tropical jungle

**FREQUENCY:** Very Rare

**ORGANIZATION:** Clan or solitary

**ACTIVITY CYCLE:** Day

**DIET:** Herbivore

**INTELLIGENCE:** Low to Average

**TREASURE:** None

**ALIGNMENT:** Neutral

**NO. APPEARING:** 1 or 1-6

**ARMOR CLASS:** -2

**MOVEMENT:** 12"

**HIT DICE:** 12

**THAC0:** 9

**NO. OF ATTACKS:** 2

**DAMAGE/ATTACK:** 2-20/2-20

**SPECIAL ATTACKS:** Hurl rocks or similar objects (3-30)

**SPECIAL DEFENSES:** None

**MAGIC RESISTANCE:** Nil

**SIZE:** L (18' tall)

**MORALE:** 17-18

**XP VALUE:** 8,000

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**Appearance:** Rock apes are huge simians with rock-like grey skin, long arms and huge hands. Their faces are fierce-looking with wrinkled skin and pupilless yellow eyes.

**Combat:** The strength of a rock ape is frightening to behold. When aroused to anger, they are capable of inflicting great amounts of damage, or amazing feats of strength.

In melee, a rock ape will pound their opponents with their massive fists, inflicting 2-20 points of damage per strike. Adult rock apes have a Strength rating equal to a cloud giant (23), and like giants can hurl large stones or similar objects at an opponent for 3-30 points of damage. Most of the time a rock ape will fight until they or their opponents are defeated, or if they are restrained somehow.

**Habitat/Society:** Rock apes usually live in small families of one to six members, or live alone. Despite their great strength and fierce tempers, rock apes are generally peaceful creatures, wishing little more than to be left in peace, but if an intruder threatens that peace, rock apes will do everything they can to defend their territory. They communicate with each other through a language that is a mixture of growls, roars, and body posture.

Sometimes a solitary rock ape can form a bond with a human or demihuman, more often than not a female.

**Ecology:** Rock apes tend to reside in jungles where there are plenty of plants, fruits and vegetables to sustain them. Some dwell above ground while others dwell in caves. They live in harmony with the terrain around them, and are very fierce in defending their homes and members of their family.

