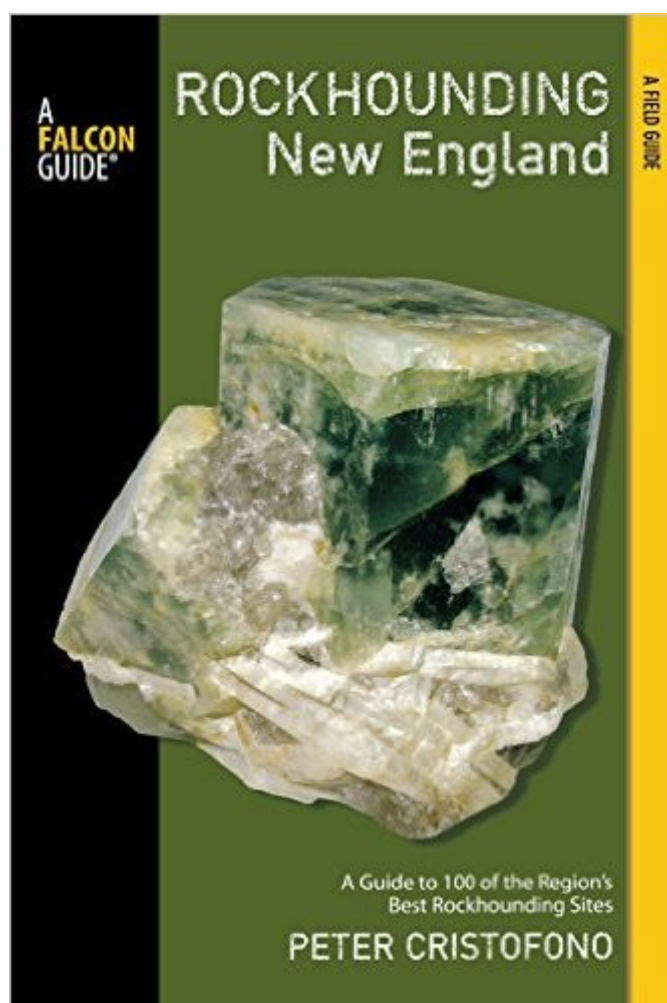


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# Rockhounding New England: A Guide To 100 Of The Region's Best Rockhounding Sites (Rockhounding Series)



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New England is one of the best regions in the country for rockhounds to hunt for minerals, gems, and fossils. The complex geology of the region hosts a stunning variety of material from gold-bearing placers to fossiliferous limestone; from gem-bearing pegmatites to rocks containing some of the rarest minerals on Earth. This book provides detailed directions and GPS coordinates to the best sites with valuable tips on what tools to bring and how to conduct your search. Comprehensive lists of minerals or fossils for each site and excellent color photos will help you know what to look for and to identify what you've found. Information on clubs, rock shops, museums, and special attractions are provided. Written by a collector with over 35 years of experience, *Rockhounding New England* is the first comprehensive rock and mineral collecting guide to New England and a must-have for anyone interested in collecting their own minerals, gems, and fossils in the region.

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This is a great guide. I have been collecting in the area for over 45 years. Most of the well known sites are included. Caution: one poorly constructed sentence digression ahead. I'm 51 y/o, so I began this lifelong(so far) adventure at a very tender age. So are lesser known sites. Almost every locale in my collecting area(central New Hampshire) has hidden gems that are only known to a few people. These simply cannot all be sourced. A good USGS map is of little help. You have to find out where they are. As the author emphasizes: join a club. This book is great for that purpose. I have

wasted countless hours trying to find a particular spot to no avail. If an area sports a mine, chances are extremely good that good collecting opportunities exist just outside of said mine. Just be aware as to land ownership issues. The author gets into the nuts and bolts of field work, so I'll just state that he does an outstanding job in laying out the do's and don'ts of prepping for field work, and its subsequent execution. The writing style is really well-suited to the subject matter. The information is--in many cases--more up to date than my own. I haven't found bad data in the book to this point. Of course I'll never make it to all the locales illustrated. His writing style is generally of a 'just the facts' variety. He also displays a great love of scenic vistas and other delights to the senses one experiences in the field. Speaking of illustrations, the images are smashing. Mr. Cristofono is a celebrated mineral specimen photographer. The book certainly does nothing to tarnish that reputation.

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