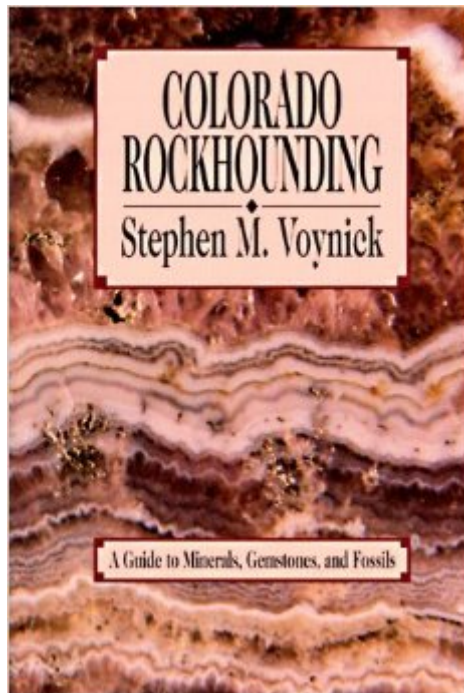


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# Colorado Rockhounding: A Guide To Minerals, Gemstones, And Fossils (Rock Collecting)



## Synopsis

Colorado Rockhounding is a complete guide to the state's rich and varied mineral, gemstone, and fossil sources. In Colorado, rockhounds may pick agate and petrified wood from the vast Great Plains, follow dinosaur tracks on hogback ridges, pan gold in mountain streams, hunt gemstones on towering peaks, and search for metal sulfide minerals in historic mining districts.

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## Customer Reviews

Several years ago, I made a swing through Colorado and, as always, collected rocks and minerals [mainly for my class that I teach at a California high school]. This book was at my side and served me well, leading to many beautiful specimens [and two blown tires-it was an excellent trip]. I never failed to find a site and all sites were better than average quality. Warning: many of these sites are at high elevation and may involve a little hiking [I'm out of shape and stayed to the sites close to the roads and still had quite a haul]. As always, please collect respectfully and only in places where it is legal to collect.

I am giving this book a three star rating, I believe that it was a five star rating when first published. My copy shows a copyright of 1994 and a fifth printing in 2000. I enjoyed the historic and background geology information provided by the author. It was good evening reading. I did have problems in locating the sites listed. Colorado has grown a bit since 1994. I prefer the detailed

format in the falcon guides. They do not have the background Voynick's book does but they get you to most of the sites. In all cases I would like to see the authors show the dates they visited recommended sites.

Great book. My go to book for rock hounding in Colorado. I like the stories of states history; good color pictures of local rough gems, and minerals. Good directions to sites. I would definitely recommend adding this book to your library.

I wore out my first book and had to buy another this year!!! Have collected in many of the sites listed and found lots of garnets, topaz, ite, aquamarine, opal, marble, and of course smokey quartz crystals. This is the best resource I've found for being successful in rock collecting. My kids have their own copies now that they keep in their cars, and many day trips are spent at the sites listed. Author speaks in everyday language so those of us that are not geologists can actually find these gems. It has been a really fun family hobby for us, and we owe our success to this author!!! Highly Recommend this book!!!!

This text is the authority on Colorado rocks, crystals, gemstones, precious metals, fossils, and minerals. Organized by Colorado county, the reader can be assured of a level of focus and control in field exploration, seldom available in other texts. You will likely return home with at least samples of your interests. The author discusses both the minerals themselves, their history in Colorado, and the logistics to finding them in the field. It is comprehensive, historically accurate, and specific as to the locations of hundreds of unique Colorado geologic materials. Although somewhat dated, the minerals have been there for millions of years!

I'm on my second copy of this gem, having worn out my first. This is THE book I take with me when I go hounding for rocks in Colorado. I've found the maps and directions included with each entry usually good enough to get me to the location, and with the help of a topo map I've never failed to find the site. Clear, concise, readable, and well organized (by county), it will become your companion on your rockhounding trips. I drop one star because it does need to be updated (as opposed to just reprinted) and could have more sites from eastern Colorado. Make it even better and have GPS cited locations. Even with these drawbacks, a great resource for those with rocks in the head.

Book appears to good but I think the pictures could stand to get a refresh. I'll be heading out to corroborate the directions and maps soon but I do like how it's organized and it's easy to find information on local areas.

Not even colored. This is probably got to be my first return. When wanting to prospect for gemstones I know absolutely nothing, except the COLOR of the rocks means a whole lot. What a waste waiting on this to come this weekend..

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