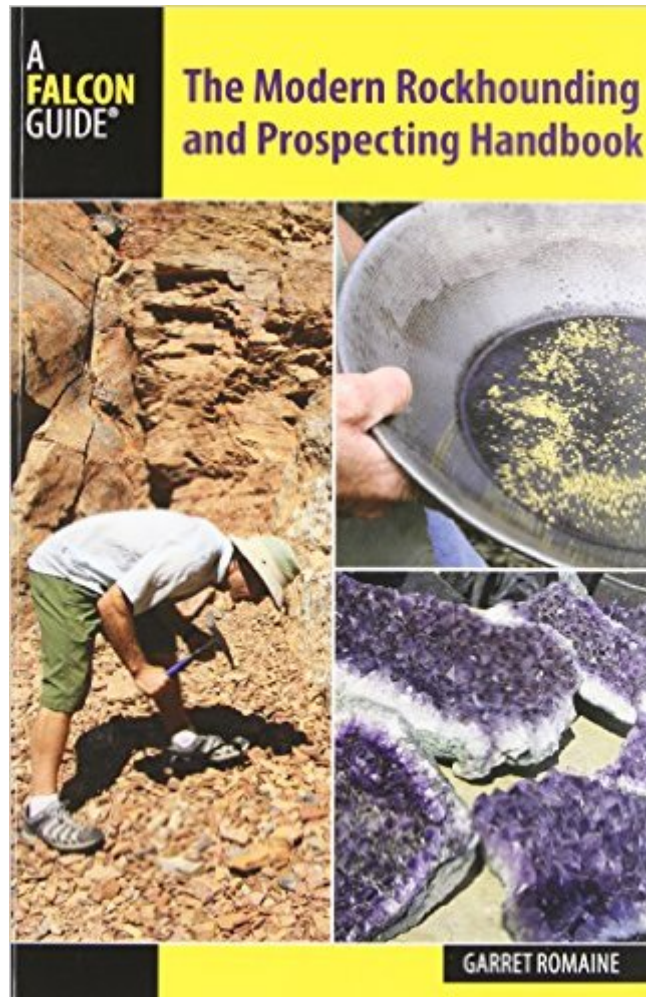


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# Modern Rockhounding And Prospecting Handbook (Falcon Guides)



## Synopsis

Â This volume gives you the basic tools to transition from a pebble hunter to expert rockhound and explains everything from geology basics, identification tips, tools of the trade, how to record your findings, and how to set up a lab or gem shop. Before you know it, you'll be driving the open roads and traveling home with dusty pockets full of rocks, gems, minerals, fossils and maybe even gold.Â Features: \* geology basics \* popular collectibles, including rocks, gems, fossils, meteorites, and gold \* tools of the trade for every level of collector \* rules and regulations \* polishing, preserving, crafting, and displaying your treasures

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I really enjoyed the book. As an enthusiastic amateur, it's suggestions were very helpful. I noticed that another reviewer liked it, but thought it was heavy on the "west". That's because the most open areas where people can collect, are in the "West"!

This book has some excellent information. If you don't use the Internet, you may be disappointed as a significant part of the book is focused on steering you in your online rockhounding information searches. For those of us who do use the Internet regularly it has a lot of great sites and ideas for taking advantage of the wealth of information and social networking available in the 21st century. I think most of these sites should be around for quite a while although some information may not be

up to date for long such as info about specific handheld GPS units. The information on gold panning, metal detecting and meteorite collecting basically just confirmed for me that I still don't want to spend the money and effort necessary to expand my collecting in those directions, but it was a great overview of how to get started in those pursuits. Some things were touched upon but didn't go into enough depth to be useful to me. I could use some more detailed instructions on tumbling to refine and improve my work, but the instructions here were generic enough to be useless to me. Not that I expect a whole chapter on the subtleties of tumbling, but if it's just an overview of the process just point to a website with instructions. The descriptions of some of the most common rocks and gems also felt like it was aimed at complete newbies. Overall a worthwhile purchase for any pebble pup just getting started or for the rockhound interested in learning about modern rockhounding resources and tools.

This guide is for rock hounds and prospectors of all kinds. It has updated information and sources for the novice and experienced. I found it invaluable in my pursuit of finding and polishing rocks of all types.

I would recommend this book to new rock hounds! Full of great information! I cannot think of anything else to say.

Writes so inexperienced beginners can understand. Actually kind of "fun" to read!!

Good reference material as well as the references available. May be more than some want. As a part to full time prospector this book adds some good information to help in success in the field.

Good book very informative lots of great and useful information. Just a wealth of useful info. Shipping and seller was delivered in great condition and reasonable shipping time.

The Modern Rockhounding and Prospecting handbook (Falcon Guides) so far has been fun to read I can't wait to start looking for rocks that has some golden color in them!!!

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