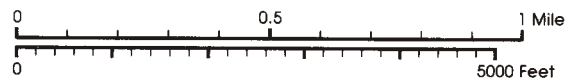


### Deer Hill Amethyst Locality

**Town:** Stow, Oxford County

**Base map:** Center Lovell 7.5' quadrangle

**Contour interval:** 20 feet



**Type of deposit:** Granite pegmatite.

**Collecting status:** Located in the White Mountain National Forest. No permission is needed to collect minerals here. However, collecting must be noncommercial, done with hand tools, and not involve cutting of trees or excessive disturbance of the area.

**Minerals observed:** albite (including var. cleavelandite), almandine (garnet), beryl, columbite, kaolinite, microcline, muscovite, pyrite, quartz (amethyst, milky, smoky crystals, including scepter crystals).

**Comments:** Deer Hill has produced a large quantity of amethyst specimens, including some deep reddish-purple gem-quality amethyst. A pocket encountered at the quarry pit in 1956 yielded over 1,000 pounds of quartz crystals (Shaub, 1958).

Considerable digging (or luck) is now required to find good specimens on the dump, which has been extensively dug over. Milky quartz crystals are fairly abundant, and can be collected by sifting through the debris.

**Directions:** *Driving:* From jct. of U.S. Rte. 302 with Rte. 113 in Fryeburg village, drive west and then north on Rte. 113 for 16.70 miles. Turn right onto gravel road (note sign for "Windagan" at jct). Follow this road generally eastward for 1.35 miles (crossing the Cold River valley and passing several roads to right and left). Park on right at trail sign ("Deer Hill Spring - 0.7").

*Alternate driving (from the east):* Starting at Route 5 in North Lovell, turn northwest onto West Stoneham Rd., which leads to Evergreen Valley recreation area, and drive 1.90 miles. Turn

right onto Adams Rd. and continue 1.85 miles to west side of Evergreen Valley. Turn left from paved road onto gravel road, and go generally west 4.60 miles to Deer Hill Spring trail on right. Park here.

*Walking:* Walk north 0.60 mile to trail jct. (note sign on tree to right). Trail to left goes to summit of Deer Hill. Just past this point, trail to right goes downhill 0.10 mile to Deer Hill Spring. (Spring is very interesting, with water bubbling out of “quicksand” in pool). Continue straight ahead on trail to quarry. This trail is a woods road at first, but then narrows as it passes through evergreen forest and crosses small streams. Orange blazes may still be seen on trees along trail. Approximately 0.50 mile from

trail jct., trail curves to left, becomes steeper, and continues through hardwood forest to the quarry, which is located high on eastern spur of Deer Hill. Mineral specimens can be collected from quarry pit, from rubble on steep slope below quarry, or possibly found in nearby woods.

A new collecting area has been discovered a short distance east of here on the same hillside, and is said to be more easily accessible directly from the main road. The parking site for this area is a roadside turnout next to a prominent large boulder. However, collecting conditions at the new locality have not been field-checked by the authors.