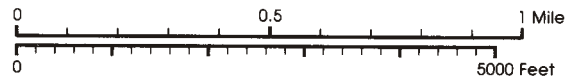


Hedgehog Hill Quarry

Town: Peru, Oxford County

Base map: Worthley Pond 7.5' quadrangle

Contour interval: 20 feet



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Type of deposit: Granite pegmatite.

Collecting status: Open for collecting; permission not required. Mineral rights owned by Oxford County Mineral and Gem Association.

Minerals observed: albite, almandine (garnet), beryl, biotite, chrysoberyl, fluorapatite, microcline, muscovite, quartz (milky, smoky), schorl (tourmaline).

Comments: Many superb almandine garnet crystals to over 1 inch in diameter have been found here. Some of the best ones are surrounded by quartz. Less perfect crystals occur in a granular muscovite matrix, and are marred by intergrowths of the mica.

Directions: *Driving:* From four-way intersection on Rte. 108 in West Peru (east of Rumford), drive 3.05 miles south on Dickvale Road. Turn left onto Mineral Springs Road and continue 0.95 mile to intersection. Turn right onto Paradis Road (gravel) and drive 1.05 miles to abandoned cabin on left. Park here.

Walking: Continue on main road about 150 feet (50 paces) to quarry road on right. Follow this woods road 270 feet (90 paces) to fork; keep left at fork. Continue 675 feet (225 paces) to next fork; keep right. Walk 390 feet (130 paces) to stone wall. Follow road through opening in wall, and go another 150 feet (50 paces) to end of obvious road. Continue straight ahead on steep downgrade, following trail for 360 feet (120 paces) to quarry.