



Mid-Hudson Valley Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.

General Rules and Recommendations for Field Collecting

- 1) Follow the directions of the designated Field Trip Leader at all times.
- 2) Stay within the limits of the defined collecting area, please don't wander.
- 3) Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult (18+) at all times.
- 4) Do not work too close to another collector.
- 5) Do not collect under overhangs (AKA hanging walls)
- 6) Turn your back to someone near you who's hammering to avoid getting rock chips in your face/eyes.
- 7) Be alert for dangers such as shafts/tunnels/adits as well as poisonous plants or animals and report any of these you find to the Trip Leader.
- 8) Report any injury, no matter how minor it may seem to the Trip Leader. He/she will have First Aid supplies and a cell phone to call for emergency help when needed.
- 9) Pay attention to your fellow collectors for signs of fatigue, illness, heat exhaustion, hypothermia, etc.
- 10) No horseplay or throwing of rocks, tools, etc – someone may get hurt or the club may get banned from the site.
- 11) Please inform the Trip Leader if you must leave the site early – it helps us keep track of everyone!
- 12) Please don't go collecting alone!

Recommended Equipment

- Crack Hammer and Cold Chisels (Railroad spikes are OK to use as chisels)
- Pick/Mattock or Hand Cultivator
- Small Shovel/Spade
- Sieving Screens
- Bucket or Pack for carrying tools and specimens
- Packing materials: bubble wrap, newspaper, towels
- Sturdy boots, long pants, gloves, safety goggles, hard hat/safety vest (as needed)
- Bug Spray, Sun Screen
- Water, food
- Walking stick, compass, GPS (if you have one)

Not Recommended

- Claw/nailing hammers, other similar tools not expressly designed for working with rocks
- Wood chisels, screwdrivers
- Sneakers or similar light shoes