

# **BETTS MINE MINERAL COLLECTING GUIDELINES**

These guidelines are designed to protect the safety of everyone using the property and to help preserve the resources and ecological balance of the land

- Access allowed for mineral collecting by prior arrangement only
- Stay in the collecting zones designated on your permit or the accompanying map
- No restrooms; the nearest is at the Old Creamery Co-op, just 10 minutes away
- No trespassing or collecting within 50' of the quarry pits or buildings
- No children under 8 yrs. old unless under close adult supervision
- No carpentry tools (e.g. no tack or claw hammers, wood chisels, etc.)
- No dogs (exception: certified support dogs)
- No glass, no alcoholic beverages, no excessive noise
- No flip-flops, no sandals, no open-toed footwear
- No power tools, explosives, micro blasters, or motorized equipment
- No undermining trees; no cutting or digging up roots of healthy trees
- No fires, keep magnifiers covered to prevent ignition from the sun's rays
- Fill in any holes you've dug that may be hazardous; no tunneling
- No littering (always carry out whatever you bring in)
- No removing rock from stone walls or designated historic features
- No more than 5 gallons of rocks & minerals to be taken per person
- On slopes, avoid the falling rock zone of collectors above

## **Everyone must bring and use the following for mineral collecting:**

- Safety glasses /goggles
- Appropriate footwear/boots if digging or hammering
- Safe, appropriate, and well maintained tools (subject to inspection)
- Long pants if hammering on rocks with sledge hammers over 4 pounds
- Your own first aid kit

## **Suggested supplies to bring:**

- Gloves, water, food, 5 gallon pail, insect repellent, sunscreen
- Cell phone (most cell networks are accessible at the collecting areas)
- Rain gear, change of clothes