



### Lubec Lead Mine

**Town:** Lubec, Washington County  
**Base map:** West Lubec 7.5' quadrangle  
**Contour interval:** 20 feet



**Type of deposit:** Metal-sulfide ore deposit.

**Collecting status:** Inquire locally. Site reportedly has been open for collecting, but the mine area is said to have been recently subdivided.

**Minerals observed:** acanthite(?), anglesite, aurichalcite, bismuth(?), bornite, calcite, cerussite, chalcopryrite, dolomite, epidote, galena, goethite, hematite, hemimorphite, limonite, linarite, malachite, pyrite, pyrolusite(?), pyromorphite, pyrrhotite, romanechite(?), quartz, smithsonite, sphalerite, titanite, wulfenite.

**Comments:** Good specimens of galena and sphalerite have been found here in recent years. This locality has been in existence since the early 1800's, and was described in the first published geological survey of Maine (Jackson, 1837). Young (1963) gave a detailed description of the site.

**Directions:** *Driving:* From jct. of Rtes. 189 and 191 in West Lubec, go west 0.10 mile on Rte. 189. Turn right (north) on Crow Neck Road and drive 0.45 mile. Turn right onto Lead Mine Road and proceed 1.65 miles. Park on left side of road and follow gravel road that turns right (to ocean shore). This road can be driven by trucks.

*Walking:* Walk about 800 feet (toward shore) to clearing on left, where obscure mine road starts. Follow mine road, which turns into a footpath, being careful to keep to right where trail forks. Watch out for cliffs in mine area! Alternatively, walk down main access road to cove. Collecting is best in dumps along shoreline below mine, and in small dumps in woods on right (downhill) side of access road. Shoreline route should be taken only at low tide, so check tide tables in advance of trip.