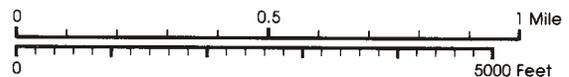


Pingree Ledge Quarry

Town: Albany, Oxford County

Base map: East Stoneham 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 greatly disturb the mine area.

Minerals observed: albite, almandine (garnet), bertrandite, beryl (green, golden, etched), biotite, columbite, fluorapatite (colorless, gray, green, purple), fluorite, microcline, muscovite, quartz (colorless, milky, smoky crystals), schorl (tourmaline).

Comments: This property was part of the C. P. Pingree farm when it was first worked for mica in 1878-79 (Bastin, 1911). A variety of interesting quartz crystals can be found in the dumps, including some which are doubly terminated, sceptered, and contain liquid inclusions with bubbles. There are also nicely ter-

minated schorl crystals, and small lavender fluorapatites. Pingree Ledge is noted for bertrandite crystals, and good beryl crystals have been found here (N. Wintringham, personal communication).

Directions: *Driving:* From jct. of Rtes. 5 and 35 in Lynchville, drive north on combined Rtes. 5-35 for 8.05 miles. Turn left onto Patte Brook Road (no sign) and drive generally southwest for 2.90 miles, keeping straight at intersections. Take sharp left turn onto Crocker Pond campground road, and drive south 0.20 mile. Park at entrance to old woods road on right.

Walking: Walk generally west-northwest for 585 feet (195 paces) to fork in woods road (note pile of bricks and stones to right of fork). Keep right at fork and continue 420 feet (140 paces) west-northwest to the quarry, which is located on the south face of a hill.