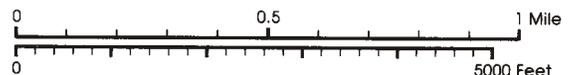


### Ragged Jack Mountain Chrysoberyl Locality

**Town:** Hartford, Oxford County  
**Base map:** Worthley Pond 7.5' quadrangle  
**Contour interval:** 20 feet



**Type of deposit:** Granite pegmatite.

**Collecting status:** Open for collecting. Permission not required, but use extreme caution around cliff. Owners: Mr. and Mrs. Bruce White, Rte. 6-A, Box 1867, Orleans, Massachusetts 02653 (508-255-9204).

**Minerals observed:** almandine (garnet), chrysoberyl, fluorapatite, microcline, muscovite, quartz, schorl (tourmaline), zircon.

**Comments:** This locality is included largely because of its historical interest. Good twinned crystals of chrysoberyl have been found in the pegmatite vein on the cliff face, as well as schorl crystals and large almandine crystals. *This location is not recommended for children or anyone not in good physical condition.* A moderately strenuous hike is required to reach the site, and collecting conditions are hazardous on the cliff and talus pile. However, it is possible that specimens of chrysoberyl may still be

found in the talus boulders. This locality and other chrysoberyl occurrences in Maine were described by Jacobson (1982).

**Directions:** *Driving:* From jct. of Rtes. 219 and 140 in East Sumner, drive west 2.10 miles on Rte. 219. Turn right onto Valley Rd. and drive north 1.45 miles to four-way jct. Valley Rd. turns to gravel at this point. Continue north on Valley Rd. an additional 1.10 miles to Greenwood Rd. (paved). Proceed north on Greenwood Rd. for 1.05 miles, and turn right onto gravel woods road (note "Dillon" sign at jct.). Follow this road east, through several small gravel pits, for 0.60 mile and park at turnout on left. Note: it may be necessary to walk this last 0.60 mile if a gate has been installed at entrance to woods road.

*Walking:* Enter woods and walk north-northeast for about 300 feet (100 paces) along crest of low ridge. A poorly marked trail may be evident here. Go 930 feet (310 paces) northeast, diagonally up the western slope of Ragged Jack Mtn. Then walk about 420 feet (140 paces) east to the talus pile at the base of the cliff.