

HK Penn-MD Quarry
By Ray Scott

One of our new members represented the Club on a field trip to the HK-Penn Quarry. Great job Ray.

I arrived to the quarry as one of the first ones there. I introduced myself to everyone as they arrived since I didn't know anyone there. Everyone was friendly and welcoming. We waited to have the safety briefing and then everyone caravanned to a lower pit next to the water. Searching around I found some nice serpentine specimens and a couple really nice yard rocks.



On the next rounds of searching with eyes adjusted to what I was really looking for I started to find nice pieces of translucent antigorite. I asked the worker at the quarry where they blasted last and he pointed it out so I mainly searched there, picking up nice pieces of the antigorite here and there that got blasted around.



It was announced that we are headed to a new spot higher up so we all caravanned there. There was a lot of the nice serpentine stuff up there but didn't see much of the antigorite myself. I did find a nice fist sized piece of deweylite that everyone was jealous about. While searching I found a bunch of small pieces of deweylite that looked like it was another fist sized piece that got ran over by one of the quarry trucks or equipment. I picked up all of the pieces regardless. Time was called at ten till noon for us to pack up so we all caravanned out of the quarry and I made my way home.



Overall it was a nice day with good weather and plenty of material to find and collect. I really don't have a bad thing to say about the trip except the traffic around D.C. on the way home. I think it's really great that the Quarry opens up to the clubs and they were very friendly. Definitely a must visit if you get the chance.