

Purse State Park - March 11, 2017
Dave Lines



Here are some pix from the fossil collecting trip to Purse State Park in Charles County , MD this past Saturday March 11th. It was a joint trip with 4 people (Bill, Rich, Lorna and Dave) from the Southern Maryland Rock and Mineral Club and 5 people (Diana, Bart, Brian, Will and Alex) from the Delaware Mineral Society. Blowout tides exposed a wide section of the beach during our entire visit.

Everyone found something worthwhile --- including sharks teeth to 1 inch long, fossil turrítella molds to 4 inches long and various pretty rocks from the abundant pebbles on the rocky/sandy shoreline. Virtually everyone made it the entire distance (2 miles each way). The 2 young boys (with age 6 energy and enthusiasm) had especially great fun finding teeth and turrítellas plus everything else from "beaver sticks" to "catfish skeletons" while playing in the water and climbing over fallen trees and chunks of cliff. Some interesting finds included a few shiny black pieces of botryoidal bog iron (which Lorna plans to wirewrap) and I found a nice piece of petrified wood. I also saw some nice "purple" (aka "antique") sea glass.

All in all, despite the cold NW winds and a high temp of about 40 degrees, it was a great trip. Best, Dave



His first trip to Pursue State Park
Bill Curtin

This is the haul from my first trip to Pursue Park. I collected fossil turriferas (with and without matrix) and fossil oyster shells (whole ones), Patuxent River agates, shark's teeth and assorted stones, sea glass and fishing lures. If you look at the picture with the bottle top, the rock leaning against it is mica schist with 2 garnets in it which was found by Dave in the surf --- maybe the rarest find of the day. He also found a beautiful black shark's tooth --- the biggest of the day --- which he gave to one of the Delaware Club member's 6 year old son. He will cherish that for years I am sure. Lorna found some real nice Patuxent River agates. Dave spent most of his day helping the rest of us find things which I thank him for. He did a great job as leader and also helped the Delaware club.

