

HK PENN-MD QUARRY, PEACHBOTTOM, PA FEILD TRIP REPORT
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On Saturday, December 2, 2017 eight members of SMRMC (Cheryl, Orion, Aby, Tim, Joe, Jim, Harry and myself) accepted an invitation from Dave Fryauff of GLMS-MC to join in on the mineral collecting trip at the HK PENN-MD quarry. Members from the Delaware club also joined the group of about 30 or so attendees. Everyone managed to survive through the cold early morning safety briefing and paperwork signing. Once the business was concluded, everyone hopped in their WARM vehicles to drive down the 4 tiers to the bottom of the quarry.



With safety gear donned and buckets/tools in hand, we all fanned out across the quarry to see what we could find.



There were plentiful serpentine specimens in many shades of green. Williamsite (a translucent green chrome mineral that polishes like jade) was the key mineral that was searched for. Tim stated that he found some dark green mineral which might take a good polish..but not sure what it was. We all found beautiful serpentine specimens and some magnesite. There were plenty of other mineral specimens in a multitude of colors that I have yet to identify. The rocks were broken up into many different sizes (from large boulders to small fist size-pieces that didn't require any hammering). The only real labor required was hauling heavy rocks to the truck or reducing some of the larger ones down to a reasonable handling size. The serpentine "flakes" of green that were scattered across the quarry floor were very nice for collecting. The colors ranged from "dull to very dark" green. The sunshine did a nice job of warming everyone up as the morning progressed. The noon quitting time arrived in the blink of an eye and as usual.....I had to be dragged out of the quarry by Harry and Joe. We were the last ones to leave and thanked our host for a wonderful day. We would like to return to this site in the future. The drive home to southern Maryland was pleasant and uneventful....in other words, we didn't get lost. Yeah!