

National Limestone Quarries  
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On April 13, 2013 SMRMC members Jim, Joe, Paula, Ralph B., Ralph G., Mary, Harry and Tina were guests of a joint club trip to National Limestone Quarry, PA. At 8:30 a.m. over a dozen rockhounds gathered in owner Eric's office at the Mt. Pleasant Mills site for a safety briefing for our bodies and souls.



After the meeting we all followed Eric down to the calcite/strontianite collecting area. Everyone spent several hours collecting in this area. Clusters of small clear calcite xls were plentiful in the newly blasted section. Only a few large double terminated xls were found. Several members of the other clubs headed up to the wavellite area.

Around noon we all headed to the Middleburg quarry to collect fluorite and flowstone. There were some very impressive flowstone formations at this site. There were also an abundance of fluorite veins running through the quarry floor. Many dark purple fluorite plates were collected along with a few actual (small) cubes. By late afternoon we had filled our cars and trucks with an assortment of goodies from the quarries and headed on to town for an early dinner before the long ride home.