



Lord Hill Mineral Collecting Site

Geology:

Lord Hill is a granite pegmatite that was mined commercially for feldspar at one time. Over 50 different minerals have been found at Lord Hill. The more common minerals found are varieties of feldspar, quartz, topaz, phenakite, and garnet. Most mineral collecting activity takes place in the larger of the two quarry pits. From the open ledge behind the upper quarry, a blazed trail goes north-east a short distance to a scenic overlook of Horseshoe Pond and surrounding mountains.

Location:

Lord Hill is located in Stoneham, Maine. It is accessible from either the north or south by hiking trails.

From the North: Follow Deer Hill Rd. (FR9; closed seasonally) 4.7 miles from NH 113 to the Horseshoe Pond Trailhead. A small parking area is located at a curve in the road. From Deer Hill Rd., the trail descends moderately past the Styles Grave, which is on the right of the trail, then enters a gravel road and turns right onto it. The trail follows this road, keeping straight at a junction in 100 yards. At 0.3 mi, just before the gravel road ends, the trail turns right. The trail is a gradual uphill climb to the intersection with the Conant Trail. Go left onto the Conant Trail and follow the trail for 0.3 mi to the Lord Hill Summit. At the summit go left for a great view of Horseshoe Pond. Take the Mine Trail to your right to the abandoned mine.

From the South: From Maine Route 5 in Lovell, Maine, turn west onto West Lovell Road and cross the narrows at Kezar Lake continuing to the right for approximately 2.75 mi. Turn left onto Foxboro Road, staying right for 2.1 mi. At the junction with Horseshoe Pond Road (right) continue straight on the Mine Road approximately 0.5 mi to the trailhead. Park your vehicle then hike up the Mine Road approximately 1.0 mi to the mine.

GPS Coordinates:

- Lord Hill Mineral Collecting Site Kiosk: 44.224000, -70.953800
- Horseshoe Pond Trailhead: 44.23583, -70.94445
- Mine Road Trailhead: 44.211352, -70.950889

Collecting Tips:

The Lord Hill Mine is an open depression in the top of the hill. The mine area is covered with small pieces of rock. Search for minerals in these rock fragments or in the walls of the mine.