

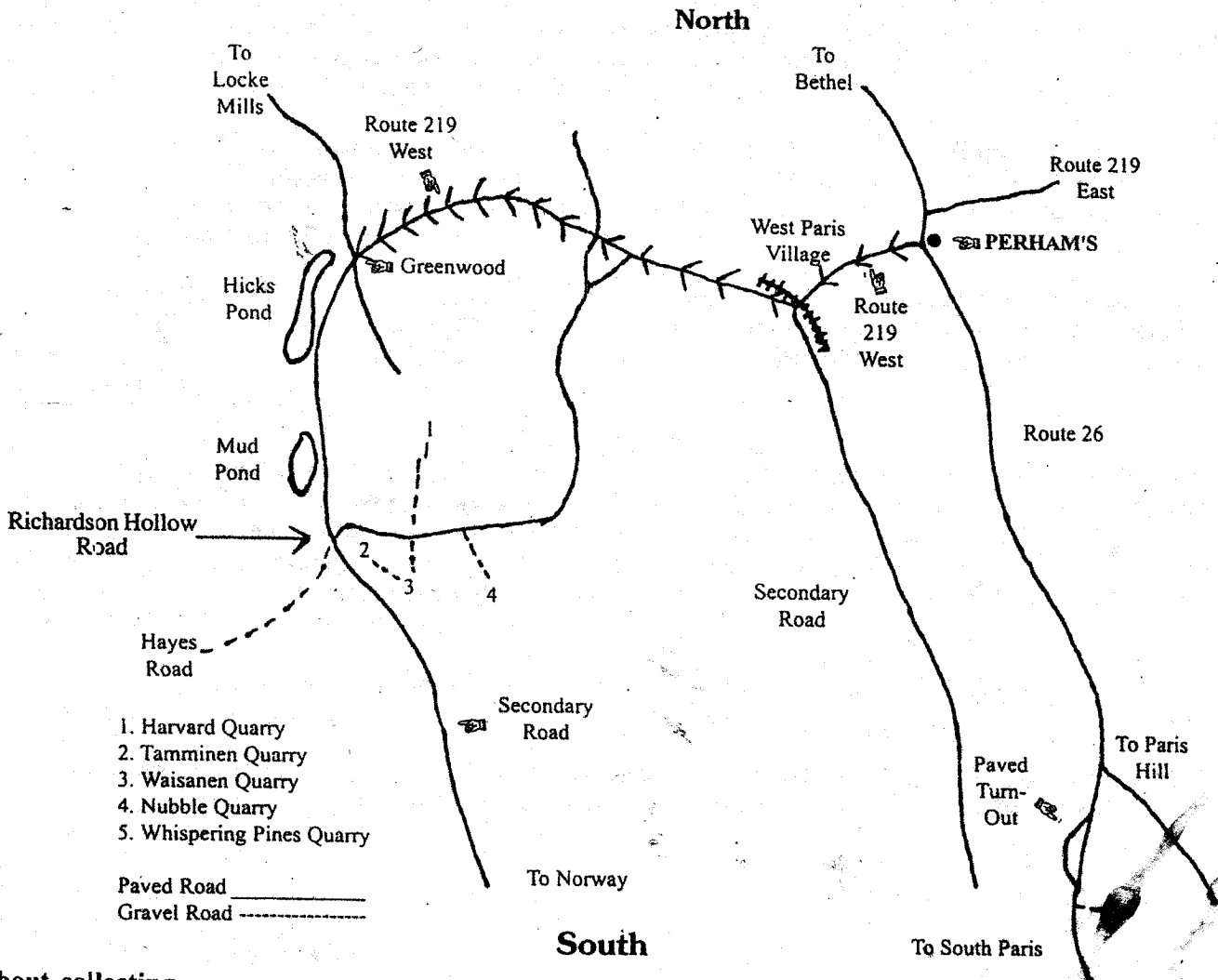
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Quarry Map

Welcome to our quarries! We charge no fee and you may keep the specimens you find. A unique experience awaits you at these world-renowned quarries. They are open pit sites and collecting primarily occurs in the surrounding dump areas. This popular hobby is on going, weather permitting. You may wish to bring tools and a container for your specimens.

Western Maine's extensive pegmatite mineralization offers a unique abundance of mineral varieties. PERHAM'S MUSEUM display includes fine specimens found in these quarries. Our annual mining ventures provide collectors with a wealth of fresh material.

Please allow the trees felled by the Great Ice Storm of January 1998 to add adventure to your trip!



About collecting.....

Collecting minerals is an enjoyable recreational experience for all ages. Many people collect minerals purely for the joy of it; others go on to become full-time miners. Whatever your goal certain procedures and equipment make the experience more pleasant. The only MUST is your curiosity! A smart collector is armed with patience, optimism, ambition and persistence. We wish you good luck!

SAFETY GOGGLES to wear when chipping rocks with a hammer. They protect your face and eyes.
ROCK PICK is a versatile, basic tool available in many sizes. It may be used to break rock, dig, drive a chisel or pry.
CHISEL the pointed type is best for starting cracks; flat chisels for wide cracks; star-points to drill holes.
SLEDGEHAMMER is good for breaking large pieces of rock or driving a spike.
SHOVEL an army shovel or small pointed spade is best and easy to carry to the site. A shovel is necessary for screening material.
SCREEN when most sites were mined, non-gem material was the object. Thus, excellent specimens - even gem quality crystals - went into the dump area. Most crystals are small and easily overlooked as you dig. The screen will make it easier to locate them.
Also handy...**GLOVES, COLLECTING BAG, INSECT REPELLENT, FOOD & WATER (IF YOU WISH)**
BASIC FIRST AID ITEMS