

May 27 & 28 2023, Saturday & Sunday, this is MEMORIAL DAY WKND 2023

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NY Fossil collecting Weekend

4 quarries / 2days of collecting (do one or both days)

Trip leader: Diane Burl cvmcnewsletter202@gmail.com (413)530-4448

Saturday May 27th 2023- Day 1

Howes Cave quarry or Middleburgh Quarry (TBD) & Cobleskill Stone Products Quarry, Schoharie NY

*******NOTE NEW START TIME FOR THIS TRIP*******

Be at the meeting place by 9:15 am and be ready to proceed to the quarry by 9:45 for a **10:00 am start time.** We will leave in convoy as soon as everybody has arrived and had a pit stop.

Meeting place:

MOBIL Gas Station / Dunkin Donuts 106 Park Pl, Schoharie, NY 12157

Look for a self serve MOBIL gas station and Dunkin Donuts on the right about a ½ mile from the exit. This is a good coffee and rest room stop.

Driving time and mileage: from Westfield MA Pike Exit 3, **1 h 35 min (108 miles)**

GPS address: - Dunkin Donuts 106 Park Pl, Schoharie, NY 12157

Directions:

Take the MA turn pike (**I-90**) **W** towards NY. In NY Stay on **NY Thruway, West towards I-87**. Merge onto **I-87 North/ NY Thruway** via **exit 22-61** towards I-90 Albany/ Buffalo

Stay on **I-90 West / NY Thruway** to **exit 25-A** Schenectady/Binghamton.(I-88)

Take **I-88** to **Exit 23 / Rt 30-A / Schoharie/Central Bridge**.

Take a left at the bottom of the ramp onto Rt. 30-A and go ½ mile or less to the meeting place.

Google Map link: <https://goo.gl/maps/hBpUMcNirBx>

Tools and equipment:

Hard Hat, safety glasses, sturdy footwear, gloves, orange/yellow safety vest.

Hard rock and digging tools, buckets or flats for specimens, PLENTY of water, lunch, kneeling pad, some type of wheeled cart works well in the quarries

****Power tools are allowed in the quarries****

**All these sites contains fossils from the early Devonian period with a wide selection of fossils including Brachiopods, Trilobites, Corals, Crinoids, Hindia sponges and other shells, Angel Wing Calcite Xls up to 3/4" and sometimes Herkimer type Quartz crystals

Sunday May 28th 2023 Day-2

Calorusso's Greenport Quarry, Hudson, NY, Peckum Industries Quarry, Catskill NY and possibly the Fyke Quarry study area Catskill NY if there is enough time and interest

Driving time and mileage:

from Westfield, Mass Pike exit 3 to meeting place, 1 h 18 min (79.5 miles)

GPS address 91 Newman Rd Hudson NY

*******NOTE NEW START TIME FOR THIS TRIP*******

Be at the Newman Rd meeting place by 9:30am for a 10:00 start time

make any store and restroom stops before you arrive at the meeting spot

Direction:

Take **MA pike I-90 west** into NY, Take **NY exit B-1** for I-90 west toward US-9/Albany/Hudson.

Continue onto **I-90 W** for **2/10 of a mile** and take **exit 12 for US-9** toward Hudson

Continue on **U.S. 9 south** to the traffic circle and Take **NY-9H south**.

Stay on **NY-9H south** to **NY-66**, Turn Right onto **NY-66 south(Union Turnpike)**

Take **NY-66 south** to **NY-23B**, Turn left onto **NY 23B east**

Follow **NY 23B east** a short distance and look for **large cemetery on your right** (Cedar Brook Cemetery) Turn right onto **Newman Rd** just after the Cemetery, look for #91 on your left and the trip leader will be there .

Google map link- <https://goo.gl/maps/ZUjcG6jGh5y>

Tools and equipment:

Hard Hat, safety glasses, sturdy footwear, gloves, orange/yellow safety vest.

Hard rock and digging tools, buckets or flats for specimens, PLENTY of water, lunch, kneeling pad and sun screen some type of wheeled cart works well in the quarries

****Power tools are allowed in the quarries****

RULES & THINGS TO BRING Both Days:

There is an **age limit of 8 years** old in the Quarries

Parents should stay with their kids and not let them go off alone,

QUARRIES ARE DANGEROUS PLACES

All the quarries we will be visiting are active, working quarries and **QUARRY RULES APPLY**

Hard Hat, safety glasses, sturdy footwear, gloves, orange/yellow safety vest Are Required by all Club Members **NO SNEAKERS**

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If you plan on staying overnight in NY for this 2 day trip...

MAKE RESERVATIONS EARLY FOR CAMPING OR HOTEL THESE PLACES FILL UP FAST!

This is a holiday weekend!

Here are a couple places others have stayed before:

Thompson's Lake Campground - Thatcher State Park

<http://nysparks.com/parks/99/details.aspx>

68 Thompsons Lake Road East Berne, NY 12059, Phone: (518) 872-1674

[Days Inn & Suites Schoharie](#)

160 Holiday Way, Schoharie, NY 12157, Phone: (800) 225-3297

All club members going on this trip need to read these rules provided by our NY host! Collecting rules from our NY quarry contact Paul Griggs

1. I am able to take groups to these sites due to the kindness of the owners. I provide consulting services to these companies. If anyone in the group screws up, I get blamed and it could impact my livelihood as well as get all groups permanently banned from the site.
2. Late arrivals and people wanting to leave early make it very difficult to keep track of everyone. Nobody should leave without letting me know. Depending on the situation, I may have you wait until I can take you back to the entrance.
3. Everyone needs to stay in the designated area and not wander off.
4. Access to these sites is only available during the tour. I can't have anyone sneaking back onto the property unescorted.
5. No climbing faces, no working under faces, stay well away from the tops of faces, wear sturdy boots and long pants and always wear a hard hat and bring safety glasses. Drive carefully and no accidents are allowed! I expect group leaders to help enforce these rules. High visibility vests are helpful.
6. When we convoy to a site, stay with the pack. When I say it's time to leave, stop what you're doing and be ready to leave at the designated time. When the convoy leaves, drop what you're doing and get in your car and keep up.

7. No pets allowed. Any children need to be properly equipped and supervised by the adults who brought them. Don't put them in harm's way and don't get so absorbed in your collecting that you lose track of them.

**** Keep track of your tools!!!** One misplaced tool found by a machine can cost hundreds of thousands of dollars in damages and lost profits plus the loss of access to all future clubs.