

What is the Grand Traverse Area Rock and Mineral Club?

Membership is open to the public.

Promoting our hobby is our main goal.

Club activities and events:

- Monthly programs of interest to rockhounds, with refreshments, a door prize, and fun!
- Monthly newsletters for up-to-the-minute information about classes, trips and events.
- Classes in lapidary arts and jewelry making.
- Learning opportunities from experienced club "experts".
- Field trips! (Yes, field trips!)
- Regional, state and national events.
- The annual Rock and Mineral Show held each September.
- Silent Auction held in June.
- Annual potluck picnic in August
- Annual Club Holiday Dinner in December.

Field trips & more field trips! Here are just two...

Amethyst collecting in Ontario! One of the club favorites is the trip to Pearl, Ontario to collect amethyst. There are many amethyst mines near Thunder Bay, and the club plans a trip there periodically. The spectacular drive around Lake Superior alone is well worth the trip! This is a trip NOT TO BE MISSED!

Copper collecting in the U.P. An annual favorite "not to be missed" is the Copper Country Rock and Mineral Retreat (also known as "Keweenaw Week"). A week-long event with mining opportunities (available to registrants on a first come basis). Many of the mines are only open for collecting at this one time of year, a great chance to collect copper, datolite, prehnite and other gems and minerals! Also: rock and mineral shows, a swap meet, tours, open houses and a chance to see the 60,000 specimen Seaman Mineralogical Museum collection at Michigan Tech, all on the breathtakingly beautiful Keweenaw Peninsula!!

Join Today! Don't miss another field trip, class, or show!

Annual Membership
Adult \$15.00 / Jr. (8-17)
\$5.00 / Couple \$20.00
(Children \$3 ea.)

Make check payable to:
GTARMC and send to:

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Please send me the
monthly newsletter by
mail email _____

Do you have any of these questions?

Do you have rocks you'd like to have identified?

Interested in learning jewelry making and other lapidary arts?

Is there a pile of Petoskey stones in your basement waiting to be cut and polished?

Want to participate in field trips with knowledgeable and experienced club members?

Eager to learn more about the spectacular wonders of mother nature?

Looking for a hobby for the whole family?

Come visit one of our monthly meetings!

Or simply fill out the membership form inside and begin receiving newsletters right away!

The GTARMC is affiliated with The Mid-West Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies (MWF) & The American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. (AFMS)

You might already be a rockhound if...

- You find fossils fascinating.
- You still think pet rocks are a pretty neat idea.
- Your rock collection weighs more than you do.
- You find rocks when you empty your pockets at night.
- You associate the word 'saw' with rocks instead of wood.
- The bookshelves in your home hold more rocks than books...and the books are about rocks.
- You judge a restaurant by the type of decorative building stone they've used.
- You have answered "yes" to the question "What have you got in here, rocks?!"
- Baggage handlers at the airport know you by name and refuse to handle your luggage.
- You think the primary function of road cuts is tourist attractions.
- Your rock garden is located inside your house.
- You can't walk a gravel driveway without examining individual rocks.

From the website of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies

www.amfed.org/rockhoun.htm



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Meetings held the third Tuesdays at 7:00p.m. at the Grand Traverse Heritage Center (former TC Public Library), 322 Sixth Street, Traverse City, MI 49684

For more information visit our website: www.trockhounds.com

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