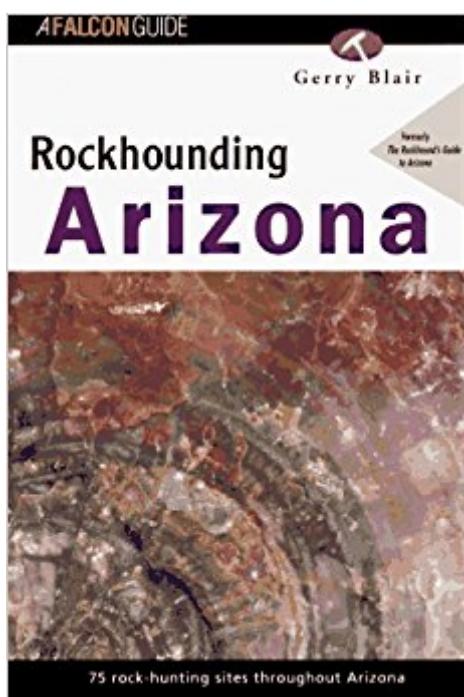


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# Rockhounding Arizona (Rockhounding Series)



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Here are forests of petrified wood, veins of brilliant turquoise, and troves of facet-grade garnet, peridot, and amethyst—in all, more than 640 mineral species that make Arizona a rockhound's paradise. In *Rockhounding Arizona*, formerly *The Rockhound's Guide to Arizona*, expert rockhound Gerry Blair describes more than seventy of the state's best rockhounding areas, from jasper hunting in the historic mining district near Bagdad to searching for gold in the Superstition Mountains and digging for turquoise at the foot of the Hieroglyphic Range. This guidebook covers popular and commercial sites as well as numerous little-known sites. It also describes where to view mineral specimens and prehistoric artifacts at Grand Canyon and Petrified Forest national parks, as well as on tribal lands. Brimming with advice on collecting and preparing gems and minerals, this handy book also includes maps and directions to each site and directories to museums, rock shops, and major public land areas. For the beginner, *Rockhounding Arizona* offers a complete introduction to this many-faceted hobby. For the expert, it is an outstanding guide and source-book.

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I agree with the previous reviews that this book has too many off-limit sites. I only spent \$8 on this book used but I'm truly regretting the purchase. There were 50 sites near enough to visit on my way to Phoenix, the 5 most interesting ones are prohibited (2 with full-time caretakers to keep people away), and only 4 besides those 5 that I would consider visiting, but aren't extremely appealing anyway. It is not worth purchasing the book - rent it from a library if you feel the need to read it. Too much of a history lesson than a rockhounding resource.

While an excellent reference for what can be found where, this is not a good reference for what the public can actually get their hands on. Many of the (most interesting!) locations were listed as being closed to the public. In fact, 10 of the first 12 sites listed in the book are closed to collecting or have highly restricted access. This book says "You can look but you can't touch!". The book does get less restrictive towards the middle and end. There are definitely better books out there, including Minerals of Arizona by Neil Bearce and Gem Trails of Arizona by James Mitchell.

this book is not only for rockhounds, but anyone who likes hiking or seeing the beautiful scenery in Arizona. very informative and fun to read, this is a wonderful book.

Poorly organized = I am constantly trying to figure out what area of the State each site is in! Multiple site listings where you CAN'T collect (why tell me about places I can't go?) . There HAS to be a better guide for Arizona rockhounding! :P

Very easy to follow directions to the mining sites.

Very insightful and useful information. I would recommend this book to other people hunting for rocks and minerals. I use to have this book and I wanted to refresh mymemoryThanksJoe

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