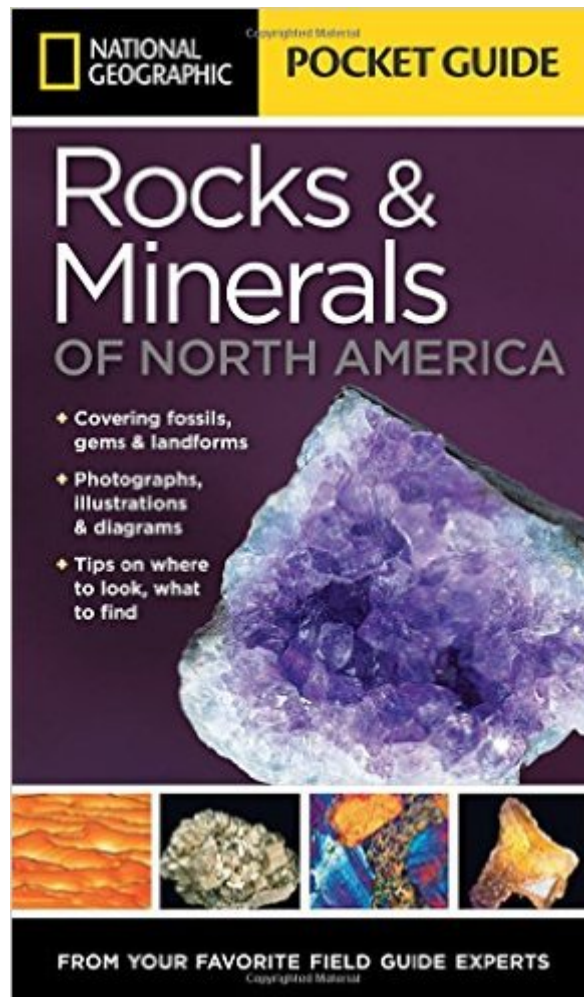


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# National Geographic Pocket Guide To Rocks And Minerals Of North America



## Synopsis

This basic beginner's field guide to North American geology helps anyone identify common rocks, minerals, gems, fossils, and land formations. In a logical, user-friendly, highly visual format, this new title--one of an expanding collection of National Geographic pocket guides--offers key facts about dozens of rocks and minerals, how to hunt and identify them, where and how to go looking. The book also pictures and explains the fossils most likely to be found and the fundamental land and rock formations in the North American landscape. With 160 entries, formatted with clear language, key identification points, carefully chosen photographs, and expertly drafted illustrations, this guide is the perfect starting point for anyone, young or old, interested in the study of rocks and geology.

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ROCKS AND MINERALS OF NORTH AMERICA by Sarah Garlick is a 182-page booklet printed on glossy paper. Every page has a 1/3-page color photograph of a mineral, rock, fossil, or landform. All of the mineral photos are close-up pictures of rocks. The corners of the book are rounded, in order to prevent for the formation of dog-ears during use in the field. The graphics of the book are first-rate, in terms of quality of the image and creativity of the layout of the images and text. CHAPTERS. The book contains an introduction (pages 6-11), which provides definitions of minerals, gems, igneous rocks, sedimentary rocks, metamorphic rocks, and fossils. There are photos of granite, where the granite is caused to be multi-colored because of polarized light. There is a photo of Kinta Lake in Montana, where thousands of colorful stones can be seen in the water by

the edge of the lake. The chapters are: Chapter 1. Minerals (pages 12-55). Chapter 2. Rocks (pages 56-99). Chapter 3. Fossils (pages 100-119). Chapter 4. Structures and landforms (pages 120-171). LANDSCAPE PHOTOGRAPHS. The close-up photos are fine, but there are additional photographs, and these include landscapes, such as a photo of an igneous mountain (Cathedral Peak in Yosemite National Park) (page 61), an orange cliff made of syenite (page 62), a dark cliff with a white stripe made of diorite (p. 63), a dark spire made of gabbro (p. 64), a light gray cliff made of anorthosite in the Adirondacks (p. 65), a light brown mountain made of peridotite (p. 66), a green mountain with snow, where the mountain is made of dunite (Dun Mountain in New Zealand) (p. 67), jagged spire made of rhyolite (p. 68), white cliff made of pumice (p. 69), valley containing obsidian (p.

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