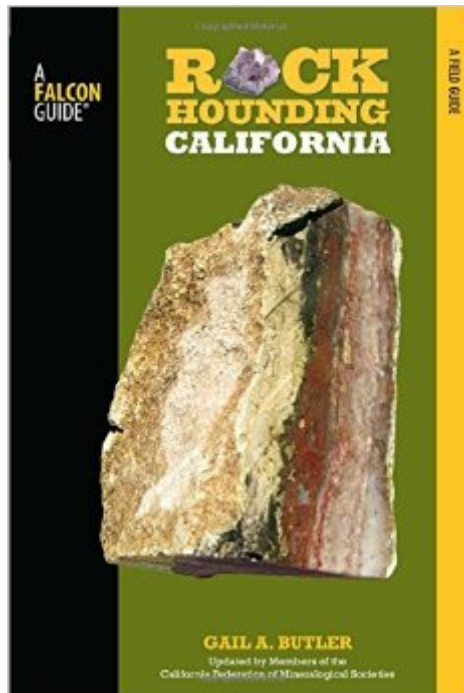


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# Rockhounding California: A Guide To The State's Best Rockhounding Sites (Rockhounding Series)



## Synopsis

Although known for its gold production, California is a virtual haven for rock and gem collectors. With this fully revised and updated edition, you can explore the mineral-rich desert regions, comb tide-washed beaches for jade, agate, abalone, fossilized whale bone, and prospect in the mountains and hills for gold, copper, and other minerals and gems. It describes 75 of the state's best rockhounding sites and covers popular and commercial sites as well as numerous little-known areas. This handy guide also describes how to collect specimens, includes maps, directions, and GPS coordinates for each site, and lists rockhound clubs around the state. Rockhounding California offers a complete introduction to this many-faceted hobby.

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## Customer Reviews

As a field geologist, this book was very informative. Although the book is certainly not inclusive of all the Pre-Cambrian California mineral sites, it was a very good introduction to rock hounding. I would recommend it.

This book seemed alright but on our very first rock collecting trip, the directions were way off and there were other sites very close by that weren't mentioned at all. I found them on the BLM's website while looking for better directions to the site we'd chosen from the book. A few other small complaints but I'd say the book's worth buying if you can find a good deal on it.

This book is good if you want to get a general idea of where to go rock hounding, but it is not very specific to the dig sites. We did one hike, and completely missed the dig site. We ended up a bit further down the road, about 4 miles from where we were supposed to be but still had fun and found some good rocks. Not the ones we were after, but still had fun nonetheless.

It's okay but not what I was looking for. I like color pictures and I want to know what kind of rock I was looking at. This isn't that. If you want to find the rocks they have they tell you where to find it.

Maybe a geologist can appreciate this book, but amateurs need COLOR pictures. This book is printed on cheaper stock and with monochrome pictures of rocks that can be any shape, its value is seriously marginal. Does it not stand to reason that coloring is an important aspect of identification? I am sorry I bought it.

Really outdated. It does give some good general information about areas to look for rocks. But as of now, it is really outdated. The roads are nothing like described and some areas seem to be picked clean.

We LOVE books, we love 4 wheeling, and we love rocks...but for a book about rocks in California, it is rather thin in information. Apparently there are DOZENS of rocks in So Cal, but almost NO rocks in central Cal, and not that many in Nor Cal. We live in central/northern California and while we did go to two or three places in the book, we KNOW (firsthand) that there are more locations and stories than they covered. Most likely with a state the size of California, they could have easily done 3-4 books (one for each zone maybe), but instead we got a 'greatest hits' and not much depth or substance.

I'd highly recommend this as a reference to rockhounding sites around CA. The descriptions and maps are well done ,along with Gem Trails of Northern California. I'd prefer a but less "Lore" in formation, as it gets repetitive. Still, 5 Star Sapphires from me.

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