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Suggested items to go rock hounding

Basic Desert Gear (be safe don't underestimate)

- **Drinking WATER:** Dehydration can really ruin your rock hounding experience and send you to the hospital.
- **First Aid kit:** basic kit is fine.
- **Medication:** prescription and over-the-counter (aspirin, Tylenol, etc)
- **Trail Food:** nuts, snacks, fruit
- **Long Sleeves**
- **Sun hat**
- **Sunscreen**
- **Sturdy walking shoes/hiking boots:** Collecting areas generally have rough footing. Ankle support is best.



Basic Rockhounding Gear

- **Gloves:** Leather is the best.
- **Eye protection:** Protect against flying rock chips when hammering.
- **Collecting Bags and/or Buckets**
- **Spray bottle with water.** Additional water to refill bottles and/or drink in needed.
- **Rock pick**
- **Hoe pick**
- **Trowel**



Additional/Advanced Tools

- **Gads**
- **Sledge hammer.**
- **Shovel**
- **Snake guards:** you can find these at hunting supply stores
- **Crowbar or pry bar:** A basic tool every rock hound should have. 22" pry bars are good basic tools, although 30" and larger are needed for really heavy work.

You can't be too careful

- **More water**
- **Cell phone**
- **GPS**
- **Flashlight & batteries**
- **Food**
- **Extra clothes**
- **Day pack**



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