

# Please check opening times and availability before making a journey

All these museums provide a geological service, but only those marked ★ employ a qualified geological curator:

## SCOTLAND

- Dumfries Museum**  
The Observatory, Dumfries DG2 7SW  
Tel: 01793 53374
- ★ **Dundee Art Galleries & Museums**  
McManus Galleries, Albert Square  
Dundee DD1 1DA. Tel: 01392 25141
- ★ **Glasgow Art Galleries & Museums**  
Kelvingrove, Glasgow G3 8AG  
Tel: 0141 597 3928
- ★ **Historian Museum**  
The University, Glasgow G12 8QQ  
Tel: 0141 559 885
- Inverness Museum & Art Gallery**  
Castle Wynd, Inverness IV2 3ED  
Tel: 01463 237114
- Montrose Museum**  
Parmer Place, Montrose DD10 8HE  
Tel: 01704 73232
- Nature Library Institute Museum**  
Viewfield House, Viewfield, Nairn IV12 4EE  
Tel: 01706 31101
- ★ **Perth Museum & Art Gallery**  
76 George Street, Perth PH1 5LB  
Tel: 01739 52408
- ★ **Perth Museum of Scotland**  
Chambers Street, Edinburgh EH1 1JF  
Tel: 0131 225 7534

## WALES

- ★ **National Museum of Wales**  
Cardiff Park, Cardiff CF1 3NP  
Tel: 01222 597951

## NORTHERN IRELAND

- ★ **Lisburn Museum**  
Bonanza Gardens, Belfast BT9 5AS  
Tel: 01232 381251

## IRISH REPUBLIC

- ★ **Cork Geological Museum**  
Geology Dept., University College, Cork  
Tel: 09 853 31 276871
- ★ **James Mitchell Museum**  
Department of Geology, University College Galway  
University Road, Galway  
Tel: 09 255 91 2441, ext. 2351
- ★ **National Museum of Ireland**  
Geological Section, 7-9 Merrion Row, Dublin 2  
Tel: 01 255 1 661 8811
- ★ **Trinity College Geological Museum**  
Department of Geology, Trinity College, Dublin 2  
Tel: 09 353 1 668 417

## NORTH & NORTH WEST ENGLAND

- Bolton Museum & Art Gallery**  
Le Mans Crescent, Bolton BL1 1SE  
Tel: 01204 22311, ext. 22119/2197
- ★ **Bolton Museum & Art Gallery**  
Tullie House, Castle Street, Carlisle CA1 8TP  
Tel: 01228 34781
- ★ **Cleveland County Museum Service**  
Geology & Environmental Resources, Southlands  
Centre, Ormesby Road, Middlesbrough TS3 0YZ  
Tel: 01642 327583
- ★ **Citterio Museum**  
Castle Hill, Citterio BB7 1HA. Tel: 01629 24635
- Kendal Museum**  
Station Road, Kendal LA9 6BT. Tel: 01539 723174
- ★ **Liverpool Museum**  
William Brown Street, Liverpool L3 8EN  
Tel: 0151 207 0001
- ★ **The Manchester Museum**  
The University, Oxford Road  
Manchester M13 9PL. Tel: 0161 275 2660
- ★ **The Hancock Museum**  
Barran Bridge, Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE2 4PT  
Tel: 0191 222 1439
- ★ **Sunderland Museum & Art Gallery**  
Borough Road, Sunderland SR1 1PP  
Tel: 0191 565 0123

## WARRINGTON MUSEUM & ART GALLERY

- Bold Street, Warrington, Cheshire WA1 1JG  
Tel: 01925 442901
- ★ **Wigan and Leigh College**  
**Geology & Mining Museum**  
P.O. Box 53, Parsons Walk, Wigan WN1 1RS  
Tel: 01942 501501, ext. 2713

## YORKSHIRE & HUMBERSIDE

- ★ **Clyffe Castle Museum**  
Spring Gardens Lane, Kneppthorpe BD23 4LH  
Tel: 01535 616250
- Craven Museum**  
Town Hall, High Street, Shipton BD23 1AH  
Tel: 01756 790079
- Doncaster Museum & Art Gallery**  
Clayton Road, Doncaster DN1 2AE  
Tel: 01509 754267
- ★ **Kilnseye on Hull Museums & Art Galleries**  
Town Dock Museum, Queen Victoria Square  
Hull HU1 1DX. Tel: 01482 503002
- ★ **Leeds City Museum**  
Municipal Buildings, Leeds LS1 3AA  
Tel: 0113 425275
- ★ **Scunthorpe Museum & Art Gallery**  
Oswald Road, Scunthorpe DN15 7BD  
Tel: 01724 84553/820044, ext. 864
- ★ **Sheffield City Museum**  
Weston Park, Sheffield S10 2TP  
Tel: 0114 2708388

- Takson Memorial Museum**  
Ravenswood Park, Wakefield Road  
Huddersfield HD5 8D. Tel: 01484 530591

## Whitby Museum

- Panzer Park, Whitby YO21 1HR  
Tel: 01947 602908
- ★ **Yorkshire Museum**  
Museums Garden, York YO1 2DR  
Tel: 01904 629743

## MIDLANDS

- ★ **Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery**  
Newman Square, Birmingham B3 3DH  
Tel: 0121 235 2829
- ★ **British Geological Survey**  
Headquarters: Keyworth, Nottingham NG12 5GG  
Tel: 01930 843100 (Central office)  
Access point for BGCS publications, information and sales: Geological Museum, Exhibition Road,  
South Kensington, London SW7 2DE  
Tel: 0171 589 4090/58 9050/518 9057  
Edinburgh Office: Marchmont House, West Main  
Edinburgh EH9 3LA. Tel: 0131 467 1000
- Buxton Museum & Art Gallery**  
Temple Road, Buxton SK17 6ED  
Tel: 01298 24858
- ★ **Derby City Museum & Art Gallery**  
The Strand, Derby DE1 1BS. Tel: 01532 203111
- ★ **Dudley Museum and Art Gallery**  
St James's Road, Dudley DY1 1HU  
Tel: 0121 6419574
- Hereford City Museum**  
Broad Street, Hereford HR4 9AU  
Tel: 01432 266121, ext. 207
- Jackfield Tile Museum**  
Jackfield, Ironbridge, Telford TF9 7AW  
Tel: 01925 882030
- ★ **Lapworth Museum**  
School of Earth Sciences, University of  
Birmingham, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2TT  
Tel: 0121 414 4173
- ★ **The Leicestershire Museums**  
Arts & Records Services  
59 New Walk, Leicester LE1 7EA  
Tel: 01533 2473080
- Postal address: c/o The Rowans, Colston Street  
Leicester LE2 0J

- ★ **Ladlow Museum**  
Old Street, Ladlow SY8 1NW. Tel: 01584 873857  
Public display at *The Assembly Rooms, Castle Street*
- Much Wenlock Museum**  
High Street, Much Wenlock TF12 6HR  
Tel: 01952 727773
- National Stone Centre**  
Potter Lane, Wilksworth DE4 4LS  
Tel: 01629 424813
- ★ **Nottingham Natural History Museum**  
Wellman Hall, Nottingham NG8 2AE  
Tel: 0115 93 3133/3133 281130
- Rowley House**  
Barker Street, Shenstone SY1 1QH  
Tel: 01823 361196
- ★ **Stoke-on-Trent City Museum & Art Gallery**  
Bethesda Street, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent ST1 3DE  
Tel: 01823 301173
- ★ **Warwickshire Museum**  
Market Place, Warwick CV34 4SA  
Tel: 01926 412500/412441
- Woburn Abbey Art Gallery & Museum**  
Holyhead Road, Woburn WS10 7DF  
Tel: 0121 596 0683
- Wolverhampton Art Gallery & Museum**  
Lichfield Street, Wolverhampton WV1 1DU  
Tel: 01902 312032
- Worcester City Museum & Art Gallery**  
Fountain Street, Worcester WR1 1DT  
Tel: 01905 725471

## EAST CENTRAL AND SOUTH EAST ENGLAND

- ★ **The Booth Museum of Natural History**  
194 Dyke Road, Brighton BN1 5AA  
Tel: 01273 852360/812399
- ★ **Buckinghamshire Museum**  
Church Street, Aylesbury HP20 2QP  
Tel: 01296 888499
- Colchester Museum**  
Natural History Museum  
High Street, Colchester CO1 1DN  
Tel: 0206 712941 (advisory only)  
14 Ryegate Road, Colchester CO3 0YG  
Tel: 0206 7129067 (Resource Centre)
- ★ **Crocker Museum**  
North Colgate, Tucker Street, Croton  
Essex IG27 9UB. Tel: 0263 513543
- Durford Borough Museum**  
Market Street, Durford DAX 1EU  
Tel: 01332 343555
- Folkestone Museum**  
Grave Hill, Folkestone, Kent CT20 1HD  
Tel: 01303 850123
- Hamphire County Council**  
**Museum Services**  
Chilcomb House, Chilcomb Lane, Bar End  
Windsor SO23 8KD. Tel: 01662 446304
- Hampshire County Council Museum Service**  
Andover Museum  
Church Close, Andover SP10 1HP  
Tel: 01264 831111
- ★ **The Curcio Museum & Allen Gallery**  
High Street, Alton GU34 1BA
- Farnham Museum**  
Woolfary Manor, 84 High Street  
Farnham FK9 6HE
- ★ **Gosport Museum**  
Walsley Road, Gosport PO12 1NS
- ★ **Havant Museum**  
East Street, Havant PO9 1HS
- The Red House Museum**  
Quay Road, Chichester PO12 1BU
- The Villa Museum**  
Old Town Hall, Basingstoke RG21 1QD
- ★ **Huneker Educational Museum**  
High Street, Haslemere GU27 3LA  
Tel: 0426 842112
- Herefordian Public Museum**  
100 London Road, Fenny Hall, London SE23 3PQ  
Tel: 0181 699 1872/23940911
- Ipswich Museum**  
High Street, Ipswich IP1 3QH. Tel: 01473 213761
- ★ **Museum of Life & Light Geology**  
High Street, Sandown, Isle of Wight PO36 KAF  
Tel: 01983 403444

- ★ **Natural History Museum**  
Connell Road, London SW7 5SD  
Department of Mineralogy  
Tel: 0171 838 8028  
Department of Palaeontology  
Tel: 0171 838 8045
- North Hertfordshire Museums**  
Natural History Department  
Museum Resource Centre, Barnyard Road  
Hitchin SG5 1RT. Tel: 01462 434476
- Northampton Central Museum & Art Gallery**  
Guthrie Hall, Northampton NN1 1DP  
Tel: 01604 39415
- ★ **Norwich Castle Museum**  
Castle Meadow, Norwich NR1 3JU  
Tel: 01603 225644
- ★ **Oxford University Museums**  
Parks Road, Oxford OX1 3PW. Tel: 01865 272950
- ★ **Peterborough City Museum & Art Gallery**  
Pinegate, Peterborough PE1 1LP  
Tel: 01753 343259
- ★ **Perthshire Natural Science Museum & Aquarium**  
Camberlain House, Eastern Parade, Southsea  
Petersham PO4 8RF. Tel: 01705 827261
- Saffron Walden Museum**  
Museum Street, Saffron Walden CB10 1JL  
Tel: 01796 510333
- ★ **Sedgwick Museum**  
Department of Earth Sciences, Downing Street  
Cambridge CB2 3EQ  
Tel: 01223 333456
- ★ **Museum of St. Albans**  
Hatfield Road, St. Albans AL1 3BR  
Tel: 01727 819340
- Witcham and Fenland Museum**  
Museum Street, Wisbech, PE13 1ES  
Tel: 01954 583117

## WEST-CENTRAL AND SOUTH-WEST ENGLAND

- ★ **Camden School of Mines Geological Museum**  
Pool, Redfriars TR15 5SE. Tel: 01209 714866
- ★ **City of Bristol Museum & Art Gallery**  
Queen's Road, Bristol BS1 1RE. Tel: 01175 223292
- ★ **Devizes Museum**  
41 Long Street, Devizes SN10 1NS  
Tel: 01380 727564
- Dorset County Museum**  
High West Street, Dorchester DT1 1XA  
Tel: 01305 267573
- Lyne Regis (Plymouth) Museum**  
Bridge Street, Lyne Regis DT2 3QA  
Tel: 012974 443370
- ★ **Plymouth City Museum & Art Gallery**  
Drake Circus, Plymouth PL4 8AJ  
Tel: 01752 264878
- ★ **Royal Albert Memorial Museum**  
Drake Circus, Exeter EX4 3RS  
Tel: 01392 265858
- Royal Cornwall Museum**  
River Street, Truro TR1 2SF. Tel: 01892 722605
- ★ **Somerset County Museum**  
Taunton Castle, Castle Green, Taunton TA1 4AA  
Tel: 01823 255504
- ★ **Torquay Museum**  
529 Bathcombe Road, Torquay TQ1 1HG  
Tel: 01893 269575
- Wells Museum**  
8 Cathedral Green, Wells BA12 0UE  
Tel: 01749 674477
- Woodpring Museum**  
High Street, Haslemere GU27 3LA  
Tel: 01934 621008

## CHANNEL ISLANDS

- ★ **Guernsey Museum & Art Gallery**  
Carré d'Armes, St. Peter Port, Guernsey  
Tel: 01481 726518
- Natural History Officer**  
Tel: 01481 726513
- La Hague Bio Museum**  
Grosville, Jersey. Tel: 01534 853823

# ROCKS FOSSILS AND MINERALS

How to make the best of your collection



A 'Thumbs-up' guide for the young enthusiast

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## When you collect

Never collect without the permission of the landowner.



Never collect from cliffs or from quarry walls ...



... or from any other walls for that matter.



Collect from fallen blocks and waste tips.

Write on the specimen or in a notebook where and when you collect. A pencil or black water-proof felt-tip pen are best.



Wrap your specimens in kitchen roll or toilet tissue (not cotton wool)

Don't be greedy - leave some for others to find.



When in doubt ask at your ... **LOCAL MUSEUM**

Further reading: 'A Code for Geological Fieldwork' published by the Geologists' Association, available free from your local museum, or from the Geologists' Association, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W1V 9AG.

## When you get home

Clean away loose flakes of dirt with a dry brush.



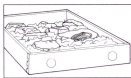
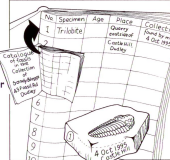
If this doesn't work, try brushing with a little water. Dry the specimen thoroughly afterwards.



Broken bits can be stuck back on using 'UHU' or Humbrol polystyrene and balsa cements. Never use 'super glue' or 'Araldite' or any other epoxy resin.

Make a catalogue in a hard-backed exercise book. Give each specimen a number and write it on the specimen.

Against this number in the catalogue write what you know about the specimen. Correct identification etc. can be added later.



Store your collection safely by making a tissue paper 'nest' for each specimen, fitting snugly with other 'nests' in wooden drawers or boxes with lids.

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Further reading: 'Fossils, minerals and rocks: collection and preservation' by R. Croucher and A.R. Woolley, published 1982 by the British Museum (Natural History) and Cambridge University Press.

## Finding out more ...

**Guides and Maps ~**

An important first step in identifying a specimen is to find out about the geology of the area where you found it.



Local guides are published by, amongst others, the Geologists' Association, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W1V 9AG.

Detailed geological maps (each with an explanatory 'Memoir' for more advanced study) are published by the British Geological Survey, and are available from BGS Headquarters, Keyworth, Nottingham NG12 5GG and BGS Information Office, Natural History Museum, Earth Galleries, Exhibition Road, London SW7 2DE. There you can also obtain the more general handbooks in the series 'British Regional Geology'.

**Identification Books ~**

There are many well-illustrated books available to help you to identify your specimens:



Hamlyn Guide to Minerals, Rocks & Fossils, published by Hamlyn, 1992.

Dorling Kindersley 'Eyewitness' series and handbooks.

British Palaeozoic Fossils, British Mesozoic Fossils and British Cenozoic Fossils, published by HMSO.

**Clubs and Societies ~** RockWATCH is a club for young geologists but with something to offer the whole family. For details of exciting expeditions, challenging surveys and special events contact: RockWATCH, The Green, Witham Park, Waterside South, Lincoln LN5 7JR. Details of other clubs and societies can be obtained from the Geologists' Association.

**Displays ~** In the Natural History Museum in London there are fossil and mineral displays designed to help you identify your specimens. Your local museum may also have displays.

Get **HELP!** from

Do you need help -

- ★ to find where to go to collect specimens?

- ★ to get equipment?

- ★ to find books and maps?

- ★ to identify your specimens?

- ★ to find out more about geology?



Then visit your ... **LOCAL MUSEUM**



Remember to look for museums with the 'Thumbs-up' sign for geological service, listed overleaf