

Niagara Falls-Hamilton-Forks of the Credit

Montrose Occurrence

[This links to the page for Montrose Occurrence](#)

Site Situation: No Longer Accessible. Three sites are here; north boulder field, south boulder field, & the big hill. The north boulder field & big hill are the only existing sites. The south boulder field is no longer there.

Site Features: rock dump

Primary Minerals: Fluorite cubes (clear, yellow, & purple), red Sphalerite, white Dolomite, yellow Calcite are the main minerals. All minerals are located in the limestone boulders but all the easy pickings are gone. Very hard to extract new samples.

Recommended Vehicle: Any. If Park near Montrose road.

Flamboro Quarry.

[This links to the page for Flamboro Quarry](#)

Site Situation: Private Property, operational Quarry. Can only collect through a CCFMS or affiliated sponsored field trip. Need safety gear.

Site Features: large open pit quarry

Primary Minerals: Fluorite (golden & clear), Calcite (crystals & balls), Sphalerite (red, orange, yellow, black), & galena. Minerals are very plentiful & not too difficult to extract.

Note: In 2012 there has been limited access to the site through sponsored field trips.

Recommended Vehicle: Any.

Beamsville (Lincoln) Quarry

[This links to the page for Beamsville Quarry](#)

Site Situation: Private Property, operational Quarry. Can only collect through a CCFMS sponsored field trip. Need safety gear.

Site Features: large open pit quarry

Primary Minerals: Fluorite, Dolomite, Calcite, Sphalerite (red, orange, yellow, black), & galena. Most abundant minerals are the Calcite, Dolomite, & yellow Sphalerite.

Recommended Vehicle: Any

Dundas (Lafarge) Quarry

[This links to the page for Dundas Quarry](#)

Site Situation: As of 2012, No longer accessible.

Site Features: large open pit quarry

Primary Minerals: Fluorite (golden & clear), Calcite (crystals & balls), Sphalerite (red, orange, yellow, black), Celestine (white & blue), & galena. Minerals are very plentiful & not too difficult to extract. Site is very big. One of the best sites in the area.

Forks of the Credit Celestine Occurrence.

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Site Situation: Site exists But heavily overgrown. The old limestone quarries are around the Forks of the Credit Park. Numerous Quarries were here, none are operational now. Old dumps are very heavily overgrown & hard to locate. A few are in park property.

Site Features: abandoned & overgrown quarries, adit, very hard to locate individual quarries

Primary Mineral: Very very hard to find any Celestine. Weathering has made locating samples very hard as the Celestine blends with weathered rock.

Recommended Vehicle: any. If park along Forks of the Credit road.

Deforest Brothers Quarries.

[This links to the page for Deforest Quarry](#)

Site Situation: Quarry exists & is operational. Need permission from quarry owners to visit the site. Site can be reached by a 15 minute walk from The Grange Side road.

Site Features: small open pit quarry

Primary Minerals: Orange Celestine is plentiful to be found here. It fills cavities of Vugs.

Recommended Vehicle: Any. If Park along The Grange side road.

Minden-Tory Hill-Bancroft-Combermere

Davis Lake Corundum occurrence

[This links to the page for Davis](#)

Site Situation: roadcut, accessible

Primary Minerals: Corundum

Recommended Vehicle: Any.

Kinmount boundary roadcut

[This links to the page for Boundary](#)

Site Situation: roadcut, accessible, (watch for poison ivy!)

Primary Minerals: Scapolite, quartz

Recommended Vehicle: Any

Crystal Lake Fluoborite occurrence

[This links to the page for Fluoborite](#)

Site Situation: roadcut, accessible, (park near the dam).

Primary Minerals: Fluoborite, Norbergite

Recommended Vehicle: Any

Crystal Lake Mine (Silver Crater Mine)

[This links to the page for Crystal Lake](#)

Site Situation: accessible, cross dam & walk a few meters to site

Site Features: adit, dumps

Primary Minerals: Calcite

Recommended Vehicle: any. If park beside the dam.

Gooderham 507 roadcut

[This links to the page for the Gooderham rc](#)

Site Situation: roadcut, accessible

Primary Minerals: Scapolite, Graphite

Note: Graphite balls can be found in the roadcut

Recommended Vehicle: Any.

Canada All Metals Mine.

[This links to the page for Canada All Metals Mine](#)

Site Situation: accessible

Site Features: overgrown dumps, adit

Primary Minerals: Calcite, Uraninite, Biotite.

Note: Adit looks unstable as entrance is partially blocked.

Recommended Vehicle: High clearance to use ATV trail, 4x4 to use mine road from there.

Millars Mine

[This links to the page for Millars Mine](#)

Site Situation: accessible, need to drive down partially rough road. High clearance vehicle recommended.

Site Features: calcite vein dikes

Primary Minerals: Titanite, Apatite, Feldspar, Amphibole

Note: during spring the road is very rough & can be flooded

Recommended Vehicle: Any. If drive carefully.

Saranac Mine Pegmatite Occurrence

[This links to the page for Saranac Mine](#)

Site Situation: accessible, road is strongly overgrown. Park along Hadington Road.

Site Features: trench, core samples

Primary Minerals: Hornblende, Feldspar, minor radioactives

Recommended Vehicle: Any. If you park along Hadington road.

aranas Mine Zircon Occurrence

[This links to the page for Saranac Mine](#)

Site Situation: accessible , need to cross along fence to garbage dump to get to site. The way to site is rough if following the fence through the bush. (Bears frequent in area, avoid night trips).

Site Features: trench

Primary Minerals: Zircons, thorite

Note: One of the best sites for black zircons.

Recommended Vehicle: Any. If you park along the highway near the garbage dump.

Essonville Fluoro-richterite occurrence

[This links to the page for the Essonville rc](#)

Site Situation: accessible, roadcut (rock is very tough!)

Primary Minerals: Fluoro-richterite (very rare mineral), mica

Note: one of the best areas in the world for large well formed Fluoro-richterite crystals

Recommended Vehicle: Any. Park near side road east of cut.

Rare Earth #1 Mine

[This links to the page for Rare Earth #1](#)

Site Situation: accessible, rough road to site.

Site Features: site is rehabilitated (shaft capped, dumps covered, adit blocked), some dumps. Minor elevated background radiation.

Primary Minerals: Albite

Recommended Vehicle: ATV. Road is not suitable for any vehicles due to unstable bridge. A possible back road exists that bypasses the bridge.

Rare Earth # 2 Mine

[This links to the page for Rare Earth #2](#)

Site Situation: accessible Very rough road to site. Some mineral claims in the area.

Site Features: some foundation ruins, shaft covered, extensive dumps along river & small dumps near adit, adit partially blocked. Elevated background radiation.

Primary Minerals: Albite

Recommended Vehicle: 4x4.

Wilberforce Molybdenite Mine

[This links to the page for Wilberforce Molly](#)

Site Situation: Private Property No Trespassing.

Minerals: Calcite, Molybdenite

Halo Mine

[This links to the page for Halo](#)

Site Situation: Private Property No Trespassing

Primary Minerals: Microcline, Quartz

Cardiff Uranium mine

[This links to the page for Cardiff](#)

Site Situation: limited access, No Trespassing Private property, need permission to cross farm & to visit the mine site

Site Features: mine rehabilitated, headframe removed & shaft capped, adits blocked, dumps hydro seeded, road to mine hydro seeded. Elevated background radiation.

Primary Minerals: Uraninite, Chondradite, Scapolite, Apatite, Fluorite, Mica

Recommended Vehicle: Any. If you park at the farm or before gate.

Wilberforce (Virginia) Graphite Mine

[This links to the page for Virginia](#)

Site Situation: accessible. Cross dam to reach site.

Site Features: many building foundation ruins present, overgrown dumps, short adit.

Primary Minerals: Graphite

Note: graphite specimens can be found near adit mouth north of the ruins

Wildlife Note: Bats present in adit, please do not disturb

Recommended Vehicle: Any. If you park by the dam.

American Molybdenite Mine

[This links to the page for American](#)

Site Situation: accessible with conditions, to cross home property you need permission

Site Features: open cut, small overgrown dumps

Primary Minerals: Molybdenite

Recommended Vehicle: Any. If you park by the home.

Desmont Mine

[This links to the page for Desmont](#)

Site Situation: accessible, Need pass bought at the Wilberforce general store.

site Features: multiple overgrown trenches, short adit, very extensive site but vastly overgrown

Minerals: amphiboles, titanite, calcite, molybdenite, quartz, zircon

Note: small well formed Molybdenite crystals can be found at adit mouth & dump

Recommended Vehicle: Any, up to the main road. 4x4 all the way to site.

Grace Lake Roadcut

[This links to the page for Grace Lake](#)

Site Situation: accessible, roadcut, tight shoulder park north of the roadcut

Primary Minerals: Diopside, Garnet, Tremolite, Quartz, Smoky Quartz

Recommended Vehicle: Any.

Irondale Crystalline Roadcut

Site Situation: accessible, roadcut

Primary Minerals: Apatite, Augite, Calcite, Feldspar, Zircon

Recommended Vehicle: Any

Dwyer Mine

[This links to the page for Dwyer](#)

Site Situation: Private Property No Trespassing

Primary Minerals: Fluorite, Calcite, Apatite, Zircon

Richardson Fission Mine

[This links to the page for Fission](#)

Site Situation: Private Property No Trespassing

Primary Minerals: Fluorite, Uraninite, Apatite

Historical Note: One of the worlds Largest Uraninite crystal was found here.

Tripp Nu Age Mine

[This links to the page for Tripp](#)

Site Situation: Private Property No Trespassing

Primary Minerals: Uraninite, Fluorite, Zircon, Thorite

Schickler Fluorite Mine

[This links to the page for Schickler](#)

Site Situation: accessible. Need pass bought at the Wilberforce general store.

Site Features: ,cut, overgrown, hard to locate.

Primary Minerals: Fluorite, Scapolite, Apatite, Zircon

Recommended Vehicle: Any, up to the main road. ATV from there.

Clark Mine

[This links to the page for Clark](#)

Site Situation: accessible but need owners permission

Site Features: overgrown dumps, old machinery, cut, collapsed adit, small dumps.

Primary Minerals: Fluorite, Scapolite, Feldspar

Recommended Vehicle: Any. Up to the mine road. 4x4 or ATV from there.

Harcourt Graphite Mine

[This links to the page for Harcourt Graphite](#)

Site Situation: accessible, very overgrown road & site, difficult to locate

Site Features: overgrown dumps, building ruins, foundations, adit (unstable)

Primary Minerals: Graphite

Recommended Vehicle: ATV

Kemp Prospect

[This links to the page for Kemp](#)

Site Situation: accessible, but mineral claims are in the area

Site features: very overgrown trenches & pits. Highly elevated background radiation.

Primary Minerals: Thorite, Uranothorite, Pyroxene

Note: Unique site, background radiation quite elevated at the old trenches

Recommended Vehicle: 4x4.

Kenmac Chibougamau Mine

[This links to the page for Kenmack](#)

Site Situation: accessible, site very overgrown, hard to locate.

Site Features: small dump, overgrown trench

Primary Minerals: Magnetite, Uranothorite

Recommended Vehicle: ATV

Canada Radium Mine

[This links to the page for Canada Radium](#)

Site Situation: Private Property, No trespassing (updated 2017).

Site Features: dump, mill foundation ruins, few old machinery

Primary Minerals: Pyroxene, Calcite, Unakite, radioactives

Recommended Vehicle: Any, if careful.

Bicroft Mine

Site Situation: No Trespassing, need permission.

Site Features: mine rehabilitated, shafts capped, dumps remain along river, large parking area in front of mine. Elevated radiation readings at parking area & dumps.

Primary Minerals: Amphibole, radioactives

Dyno Mine

Site Situation: Private Property No Trespassing. Security Patrolled.

Site Features: mine rehabilitated, shafts capped, mill & buildings torn down, dumps covered up, Elevated background radiation at dump.

Primary Minerals: radioactives

Silver Crater Mine

[This links to the page for Silver Crater](#)

Site Situation: accessible, fee for collecting. \$2 Canadian per person. Very long walk to site, very rough road to site.

Site Features: Adit, mica pit, small dumps from adit, average dump from mica pit, exposed calcite outcrops, old ore sled, old ore cart

Primary Minerals: Betafite, Apatite, Calcite, Mica

Note: road is very rough, few vehicles can drive entire section. Recommend to park at farm & walk on foot.

Wildlife Note: Bats present in adit, please do not disturb in spring & fall

Recommended Vehicle: ATV

Faraday Hill Roadcut

[This links to the page for Faraday Hill](#)

Site Situation: accessible, roadcut

Primary Minerals: Tremolite, Calcite, apatite, Molybdenite, Uraninite

Note: Unique site, only on of few sites that has blue Apatite, crystals range from a few mm to a few cm

Recommended Vehicle: Any.

CN Dump

[This links to the page for the CN Dump](#)

Site Situation: accessible, rock dump, located in the town of Bancroft near York River. Very easy to access site. In 2010 an information sign was posted at the site.

Primary Minerals: Nepheline, Albite, Sodalite, Calcite, Biotite, Zircon, Graphite

Note: The rock originally came from the Goulding Keene Quarry near the York River. Site location is very safe & recommended for kids.

Recommended Vehicle: Any.

Greyhawk Mine

[This links to the page for Greyhawk](#)

Site Situation: limited access, can reach site from behind Kawartha Dairy in Bancroft by using the ATV trail. The trail passes right beside the site.

Site Features: 3 dumps (2 along swamp, one along ATV trail), foundation ruins. Slightly elevated background radiation.

Primary Minerals: Magnetite, Quartz, Tourmaline, Uraninite, radioactives

Recommended Vehicle: Any up to Kawartha Dairy. Need ATV from here.

Madawaska mine loop roadcut

[This links to the page for the Madawaska rc](#)

Site Situation: accessible, roadcut

Primary Minerals: Calcite, Hematite, Quartz, Smoky Quartz, Pyroxene

Note: botryoidal Hematite was found here

Recommended Vehicle: Any.

Madawaska Faraday Mine

Site Situation: Private Property No Trespassing. Security Patrolled

Site Features: mine rehabilitated, buildings torn down, foundations left, shafts capped, adits blocked, massive dump covered, some machinery remains.

Primary minerals: radioactives, uraninite, Uranophane, beta-uranophane, hematite, calcite, zircons, fluorite, anhydrite.

Note: the site is un-accessible & dumps are covered.

Historical Note: This was a mine in a true sense, with underground workings & almost a city for the miners above ground. This was the largest mine in the Bancroft Area. Many mineral samples from the underground working are in museums around the world.

Burleigh Falls Roadcut

[This links to the page for Burleigh](#)

Site Situation: accessible, roadcut

Primary Minerals: Barite, Calcite

Recommended Vehicle: Any.

Hickey Mine

[This links to the page for Hickey](#)

Site Situation: limited access, Private Property, need owners permission to view site

Site Features: open cut, overgrown dumps

Primary Minerals: Sunstone, Quartz

Recommended Vehicle: 4x4.

Bower's Point roadcut

[This links to the page for Bower's](#)

Site Situation: accessible, roadcut

Primary Minerals: Scapolite, Augite, Calcite

Note: site very overgrown difficult to locate in summer

Recommended Vehicle: Any.

Diamond Lake roadcut

[This links to the page for Diamond](#)

Site Situation: accessible, roadcut. Park west of the cut down the hill.

Primary Minerals: Scapolite, Calcite, Augite & Pyroxene

Recommended Vehicle: Any.

Cancrinite Hill

Site Situation: Private Property. No Trespassing.

Site Features: pit, dump

Primary Minerals: Cancrinite, Sodalite

Davis Hill

Site Situation: Private Property. No Trespassing.

Site Features: pit

Primary Minerals: Nepheline, Biotite

Lilly Robertson

Site Situation: Private Property. No Trespassing.

Site Features, pit & trenches.

Primary Minerals: Corundum, Nepheline

Princess Sodalite Mine

[This links to the page for Princess Sodalite](#)

Site Situation: Private Property, need permission to visit, no collecting.

Site Features: quarry, small pit

Primary Minerals: Sodalite, Nepheline

Historical Note: The Sodalite from the quarry is commonly associated with Bancroft's mineral history.

Goulding Keene Quarry

[This links to the page for Goulding](#)

Site Situation: No Collecting, in Provincial Park Boundary. Site can Still be visited.

Site Features: open cut, water filled (1-2 feet deep)

Primary Minerals: Nepheline, Albite, Sodalite, Calcite, Biotite, Zircon

Note: The material at the CN Dump in Bancroft comes from this quarry.

York River Skarn

[This links to the page for the Skarn](#)

Site Situation: No Collecting, in Provincial Park Boundary. Site can Still be visited.

Site Features: outcrop/exposure

Primary Minerals: garnet, diopside, vesuvianite, calcite

Egan Chutes Occurrences

[This links to the page for Egan](#)

Site Situation: No Collecting, in Provincial Park Boundary. Site can still be visited.

Site Features: outcrop/exposure, pits, trenches

Primary Minerals: corundum, sodalite, nepheline

Historical Note: rare blue Corundum is best associated with this site

Morrison Quarry

[This links to the page for Morrison](#)

Site Situation: No Collecting, in Provincial Park Boundary. Site can Still be visited. No Motorized Vehicles on mine road.

Site Features: 3 pit (1 main & 2 smaller), overgrown dumps, tramway ruins, wooden building ruins

Primary Minerals: Nepheline, Hackmanite, Biotite

Davis Quarry

[This links to the page for Davis](#)

Site Situation: accessible, permission from land owner required. No Motorized Vehicles on mine road, park near highway 28 & walk to site on foot.

Site Features: overgrown dump, open cut (water filled), building ruins near quarry

Primary Minerals: Nepheline, Biotite, Hackmanite, Zircon

York River Corundum Occurrence

[This links to the page for York River Corundum](#)

Site Situation: No Collecting, in Provincial Park Boundary. Site can Still be visited. No Motorized Vehicles on road to site.

Site Features: small pits, small trenches, campsite, collapsing cottage

Primary Minerals: Corundum

Note: This site requires a very long walk to reach it.

Historical Note: rare blue Corundum is best associated with this site

Highway 28 Roadcut

[This links to the page for Highway 28](#)

Site Situation: accessible, roadcut.

Primary Minerals: Quartz, Calcite

Recommended Vehicle: Any.

Rankin Mine

[This links to the page for Rankin](#)

Site Situation: accessible

Site Features: open cut, 2 trenches

Primary Minerals: Magnetite, Pyrite

Note: The Pyrite is quite rotten when left on the surface

Recommended Vehicle: Any, up to the mine road.

Childs Mine

[This links to the page for Childs](#)

Site Situation: accessible, but require owners permission.

Site Features: 3 open cuts, multiple trenches

Primary Minerals: Magnetite, Pyrite

Note: hard to locate site, very overgrown.

Recommended Vehicle: ATV up to the beaver dam.

Bessemer Mine

[This links to the page for Bessemer](#)

Site Situation: accessible

Site Features: shaft (water filled & fenced off), 3 open pits, open cut, large dump, foundation ruins

Primary Minerals: Magnetite

Historical Note: was the first iron mine in the Bancroft Area.

Note: small Magnetite octahedrals can be found here

Recommended Vehicle: any, if careful. Up to the property gate.

Hardwood Lake Roadcut

Site Situation: accessible, roadcut

Primary Minerals: Actinolite

Recommended Vehicle: Any.

Burgess Mine

[This links to the page for Burgess](#)

Site Situation: accessible, no collecting during deer hunting season

Site Features: large dump, open cut, foundation ruins

Primary Minerals: Corundum, muscovite

Recommended Vehicle: Any, if careful.

Logan Corundum Occurrence

[This links to the page for Logan](#)

Site Situation: accessible, but hard to reach site, need 4X4, or walk long distance deep in the woods.

Site Features: occurrence, 2 open cuts, large dumps

Primary Minerals: Corundum

Note: site is remote, bears more frequent, take caution

Recommended Vehicle: Any, up to Burgess Mine. 4x4 or ATV to Logan.

Craigmont Mine

[This links to the page for Craigmont](#)

Site Situation: Private Property, conditionally accessible, do not block main road & ATV trail, need owner's permission

Site Features: very extensive site, massive dumps spread over long distance, multiple open cuts, a long adit, concentrator ruins

Primary Minerals: Corundum

Historical Note: Was once the worlds largest corundum mine.

Recommended Vehicle: Any, up to mill ruins. ATV along mountain.

Jewelville Corundum Occurrence

Site Situation: accessible, but need permission if you choose to cross private property.

Site Features: shallow pits & trenches, site largely overgrown, some old trucks nearby, site hard to locate

Primary minerals: Corundum

Recommended Vehicle: Any, up to Jewel Ville road. None after.

Beryl Pit (Quadeville east mine)

[This links to the page for Beryl](#)

Site Situation: accessible, fee for collecting site, permit obtainable from the Quadeville general store

Site Features: large pit, decent dumps, rock floor area, many different minerals to be found

Primary Minerals: Beryl, Tourmaline (Schorl), Cleavelandite, Quartz, Amazonite, Fluorite, Garnet, Euxenite-Y

Historical Note: One of Al Capone's cottage hideout is nearby.

Recommended Vehicle: Any, up to parking area.

Quadeville West Mine

[This links to the page for Quadeville West](#)

Site Situation: accessible but visit only by appointment, fee for samples

Site Features: pit, dumps

Primary Minerals: Rose Quartz, Beryl

Ruby (Jewel) Mine

[This links to the page for Ruby](#)

Site Situation: accessible, very hard to reach, tough terrain, un-accessible to vehicles

Site Features: small quarry, cut, small overgrown dumps

Primary Minerals: Garnet

Recommended Vehicle: ATV, or dirt bike.

Marmorata-Madoc-& Kaladar

Marmoraton Mine (Marmorata Iron Mine)

[This links to the page for Marmorata Iron](#)

Site Situation: Used to be Limited access through certain CCFMS clubs. As of now no access (2018)

Site Features: open pit, huge water filled pit (very deep), steep quarry walls, abandoned buildings, abandoned machinery, mine machinery, massive dumps.

Primary Minerals: Magnetite, Garnet, Epidote, Calcite, Pyrite

Ackerman Gold Mine

[This links to the page for Ackerman](#)

Site Situation: accessible

Site Features: small dumps, one large dump, trench, filled in shafts, foundation ruins

Primary Minerals: Arsenopyrite, Quartz, Pyrite

Recommended Vehicle: Any, up to beginning of mine road. From mine road start use ATV or go by foot.

Note: This site is located about 90 meters from the road so there is no need for planning to drive in, its more then close enough to walk.

Highway 7 Roadcut

Site Situation: Un-accessible.

Primary Minerals: Fluorite

McIlroy Mine

Site Situation: Private Property, No Trespassing

Site Features: small dump, trench, filled in shaft, limited collecting potential

Primary Minerals: Fluorite, Barite

Recommended Vehicle: Any, up to end of road.

Bailey Mine

Site Situation: Private Property No Trespassing

Site Features: shaft (fenced off, some water filled also), overgrown dumps

Primary Minerals: Fluorite, Barite

Historical Note: This was the first operational Fluorite mine in the area.

Kaladar Marble Quarry

[This links to the page for Kaladar Marble](#)

Site Situation: accessible

Site Features: two small quarries some distance apart, open cuts

Primary Minerals: Calcite, Diopside, Talc

Recommended Vehicle: Any to a point-4x4 all the way, the road is an ATV trail that is well maintained, but there are washed out sections

International Mine

[This links to the page for International](#)

Site Situation: accessible, located under power lines

Site Features: overgrown & filled shaft, small pit, minor dumps

Primary Minerals: Arsenopyrite, Mica

Recommend Vehicle: Any, park near power lines

Just a quick note. Many of these sites have adits. The Ministry of Natural Resources in Ontario is monitoring bat populations in these adits, so if you plan to enter them do so in the summer. The fall to spring time is the worst for bats, so try & avoid entering adits during that time.

Hope you all enjoyed. Hope it was informative. If any of you have been to any of the above sites & the access conditions have changed please contact me. I will make changes as i get new access info.