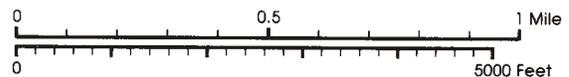


Bemis Stream Prospect

Town: Township D, Franklin County
Base map: Houghton 7.5' quadrangle
Contour interval: 20 feet



Type of deposit: Granite pegmatite.

Collecting status: Permission is required to collect minerals here. Contact owner to obtain release form: Timberlands Manager, Boise Cascade Corporation, Rumford, Maine 04276 (207-364-4521).

Minerals observed: albite (var. cleavelandite), bertrandite, beryl, cassiterite, columbite-manganocolumbite, damourite, elbaite (tourmaline) (green crystals), fluorapatite (blue and purple crystals), microcline, microlite, montbrasite, montmorillonite, muscovite, pollucite, quartz, spessartine (garnet), sphalerite, spodumene (crystals), tapiolite, wodginite.

Directions: *Driving:* From jct. of U.S. Rte. 2 with Rte. 17 in the town of Mexico, drive north 17.10 miles on Rte. 17 to settlement known as "Houghton." Turn left (just past field) onto dirt road, crossing bridge over Swift River. Proceed generally northwest (up Berdeen Stream valley) on gravel logging road for 6.30 miles (from Rte. 17) to bridge over Bemis Stream. Park on right just past bridge and road cut.

Walking: Walk down along Bemis Stream for about 0.25 mile to steep ledge on right (east side) at small gorge. Blast holes in this pegmatite ledge expose green tourmaline and other minerals.

Alternate route: If logging road is not passable, one can probably follow Bemis Stream Trail from nearby Rte. 17 to "Summit," where the logging road crosses Bemis Stream (see map).