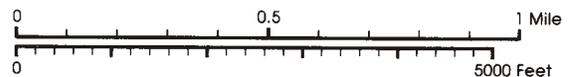


Perry Agate Locality (Loring Cove Locality; Perry Beach)

Town: Perry, Washington County
Base map: Robbinston 7.5' quadrangle
Contour interval: 20 feet



Type of deposit: Mineralized cavities in basalt.

Collecting status: Open for collecting, but permission must be obtained from Walter Loring (Loring's Auto Body), whose residence and shop are located next to the collecting site. Address: P.O. Box 328, Perry, Maine 04667 (207-853-4744).

Minerals observed: analcime, apophyllite(?), calcite, copper(?), datolite, malachite(?), natrolite, prehnite, pumpellyite, quartz (agate, amethyst, bloodstone, chalcedony, etc.), saponite, stilbite.

Comments: The occurrence of agate, amethyst, and other minerals along this section of the Maine coast was reported by Jackson (1837). Specimens can be found on the gravel beach at Loring Cove, or in the neighboring sea cliffs. The outcrops on the north side of the cove are basaltic lava flows of the Devonian

Perry Formation (Abbott, 1986). Cavities lined with the minerals listed above are exposed by erosion of these amygdaloidal basalts. Considerable searching may be necessary to find agates on the beach, since they are not as abundant as formerly, and tend to be concealed by a nondescript brown exterior. Most of the minerals reported from Loring Cove probably can be found in other nearby outcrops and beaches, but permission to collect should be obtained from the owners.

Directions: *Driving:* From the jct. of U.S. Rte. 1 with the Lewis Cove road in North Perry, drive south approximately 0.80 mile on Rte. 1. Go left at fork in road, onto unnamed paved road (Rte. 1 curves to right at this point). Drive 0.75 mile southeast to next fork in road. Turn left and continue 0.45 mile on road to Loring Cove (cove will be seen on right at 0.40 mile). Stop at Loring's Auto Body to obtain permission and directions for walking the short distance down to the cove.