

## **Saturday, October 8, 2011 - Field Trip To Alpena, Michigan, Lafarge Quarry**

Our club has been invited to join others from four clubs on a trip arranged by June Downing of the Kalamazoo Geological & Mineral Society. She will be your supervisor as the Field Trip Coordinator. This is a great opportunity for all ages to easily collect a variety of marine fossils with minimal work or tools in this large Devonian era limestone quarry. Specimens include **Petoskey heads, horn corals, favosites, brachiopods, crinoid stems, bryozoans, stromatolites, and** if you are very lucky, perhaps a **fish scale**. Fossils are very abundant in this quarry! If you are unfamiliar with some of them, Herrick Library's collection includes "Geology of Michigan," by John Dorr and Donald Eschman, with illustrations to help you.

*No age limit on this field trip!* Remember, when on field trips, the club is in need of material for our September show for Club Sales and Grab Bags.

**Required Safety Equipment:** Hard hat, **steel-toe safety boots**, safety glasses, reflective safety vest; long pants—no shorts. **Basic tools** are all that are needed: Garden claw, geologist pick, chisels, an old tooth brush for cleaning specimens. Additional considerations: wear appropriate clothing; gloves, rain gear, water, a snack if you wish and collecting buckets, boxes, egg cartons for fragile specimens plus paper toweling or newspaper for wrapping.

**Meet at Lafarge/Alpena Quarry at 8:30 a.m. in the Gatehouse parking lot, 1435 Ford Ave.** Each person will sign in and receive instructions from our local host, Don Oliver, who will then guide the vehicles into the quarry. You may collect **until 2:00 p.m.** You may wish to pack a lunch.

Mileage to Alpena from Holland is approximately 280 miles, so you may choose to travel there on Friday afternoon and stay the night. You may wish to join others at a local restaurant for dinner. This half-day field trip allows you to return home Saturday evening or stay over in Alpena if you wish.

**Friday night motel recommendation:** *Days Inn*, 1496 M-32 West, (989) 356-6118. Cont. brkf., pool, free wifi, Applebees nearby. 2 persons, 1 Queen, AAA/AARP (10%) approx. \$90 tax included. \$10 pet fee.

**You must be a current member and contact me at the below telephone number prior to October 1 if you plan to go. If you sign up and must cancel, let me know of your change of plans by that date as well.**

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