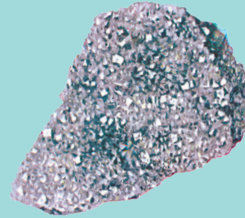


# YOUR FIRST ROCK HUNT

## TRY IT →

It's time to start your first rock collection! Be sure to pick your rocks carefully and keep them in a safe place because you'll be using this collection for all the activities in this part of the book.



### WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- A dry day, a strong backpack, twelve bags or containers that close easily or an empty egg carton, a permanent marker and a roll of masking tape to make labels, a water bottle and a snack (rock hunting can make you hungry!), a small shovel and gloves, safety goggles or glasses, your rock-hunting map, a compass (even if you have a smartphone with GPS), and a camera.

**STEP 1** Put your gloves on and let's go! Walk along the trail looking for rocks. You don't want to pick up every one you see (your pack will get very heavy), just the ones that catch your eye.

**PRO TIP** Don't just look for rocks along the trail. Look all around you—by trees, near the lake, in the streams (but not too deep!), even on the side of a big rock mountain (but not too close to the edge!). You want to gather as many different types of rocks as you can. If some rocks are tough to get, use your shovel. Remember, you are a Rock Hound on the hunt!



**STEP 2** When you pick a rock, put it in its own bag or container. Take your marker and masking tape and number the bag or container. If you're using the egg carton, you can put the number on the inside top of the cup.

**STEP 3** Now look at your map. Mark on the map where you picked up the rock, using the same number that you put on the bag or egg container cup with that rock.



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