



The Maine Mineral & Gem Museum, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, celebrates the mineralogy of Maine and enlightens visitors as to the origin of Earth and beyond through dynamic exhibits, educational programming, and scientific research—all designed to fire the imagination. The 15,000 square foot museum has four galleries and nineteen permanent exhibits showcasing the world's most comprehensive collection of Maine minerals, as well as Earth's foremost collection of meteorites from the Moon and Mars.

## Maine's Mining Gallery

The first floor of the MMGM wanders through ten exhibits dedicated to the history of Maine mining and Maine's distinctly unique mineralogy. From an interactive feldspar mine blasting experience to the exceptional displays of stunning tourmaline from The Big Find and Modern Mining, visitors will get an in-depth look at Maine, from the ground up.



## Space Rocks: The Stifler Collection of Meteorites



This high-tech gallery showcases an internationally renowned meteorite collection featuring otherworldly space rocks from Mars and the asteroid belt, and holds more meteorites from the Moon than every natural history museum in the world – combined.

## Maine's Treasures

The second floor of the MMGM introduces Special Topics including micro-mounting and radioactive minerals, and segues into a beautifully displayed overview of Maine minerals from A to Z. The famous Perham's store captured as a snapshot in time contains some of Perham's most prized minerals from their collections. The galleries continue through the upper region of the two-story Critical Zone diorama, the Lapidary Arts exhibit which explores the exacting precision of gem cutting, and the dazzling Hall of Gems; a pinnacle exhibit with a striking collection of exquisite, one-of-a-kind jewelry pieces and Maine gemstones.



## The Discovery Gallery

Lined with drawers filled with a rotating cast of minerals, rocks, and fossils, this gallery is an interactive, hands-on classroom and community learning center. This gallery enables visitors to experience the incredible breadth of Maine's geology and mineralogy.



## FAST FACTS

<b>Museum Size</b>	The MMGM contains 19 different interactive exhibits in four galleries within a 15,000 square foot space on three floors.
<b>Admission</b>	\$15 for adults; \$12 for seniors (60+); \$12 for Veterans and active duty military; \$10 for students; Free-of-charge for children 12 and under.

<b>Overall Collection</b>	57,781 in total.
<b>Minerals</b>	37,940 specimens; 15,124 were mined in Maine.
<b>Gems</b>	300+ superlative examples of Maine gems, primarily beryl, quartz, and tourmaline.
<b>Spheres/Carvings</b>	The R.F. Ritchie collection of polished spheres, as well as figurines carved from Newry, Maine tourmaline by the firm of Gerhard Becker total more than 1,000 specimens.
<b>Rock Garden</b>	Open to the public year-round, the outdoor rock garden provides an introduction to Maine's geology with 26 specimens from around the state.
<b>Rock Lithology</b>	Inside the museum is the renowned Feininger Lithology Collection, which contains nearly 1,000 pristine and trimmed igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic rocks.
<b>Fossils</b>	Approximately 270 fossils are represented at MMGM; 134 originated in Maine.
<b>Artifacts</b>	Nearly 400 mining-related artifacts are part of the MMGM's permanent collection.
<b>Meteorites</b>	<p>The MMGM houses approximately 6,000 extraterrestrial rocks (originating from the Moon, Mars, and Asteroid Belt).</p> <p>A centerpiece of the MMGM is the Stifler Collection of Meteorites – among the world's preeminent collections. It contains the largest single mass from the asteroid Vesta, the five largest pieces of the Moon in existence on Earth, the largest collections of Mars meteorites, and the oldest igneous rock in the solar system – 4.5+ billion years old.</p>
<b>Library</b>	10,000 books, periodicals, maps, and recordings with a focus on Maine minerals and geology.