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**To visit Lessor's Quarry, you must submit the application found on the Perkins Museum of Geology website under *Visiting Lessor's Quarry***

**Visit Lessor's Quarry at Your Own Risk; please read information below.**

Geology Department faculty members who most frequently use the site warn against having a group larger than 25 individuals, that is, the total of students plus instructors/chaperones. Larger groups must divide the group-size accordingly for maximum safety; otherwise, people are forced to unstable sections of the site. We recommend that leaders have several adult chaperons. Individuals may visit the Quarry, but must also follow the rules stated below.

EVERYONE, including adults, should stay AWAY from all edges! In addition, there are parts of the Quarry that are especially unsafe. The south, east, and west walls of the site are loose and crumbling and prone to rockfalls. This has been exacerbated by Vermont's extreme weather conditions. Some walls, especially the west wall, have life-threatening overhangs. The safest sections of the site are the north and the center. What may look stable to the naked eye, could very well be unsound, therefore, teachers, please prevent students and chaperones from going close to unstable Quarry walls. It is best to stay at ground level and discover the many fossils on the ground and face of the Quarry.

As always, absolutely no hammers are allowed at this site. Hammering and attempts to sample the site destroy the delicate features preserved in the rock. Please . . . only viewing, sketching, or photographing should take place at Lessor's Quarry.

Please do not allow anyone to remove loose or fallen samples. It is tempting for visitors/students to each want just one sample, but the loose and dislodged pieces are as much a part of the resource as the solid, intact Quarry itself. Therefore, only allow students to take digital images or make drawings rather than removing samples. Although the quarry is a large rock site, it is, nonetheless, breakable and finite. Do not remove any Quarry fragments.

The road to the Quarry is privately owned and leads to a private residence, so please park in the small lot off the road so as not to block the driveway.

