

## WHAT ARE UTAH'S TRUST LANDS?

In conjunction with Utah becoming a state (January 4, 1896), the federal government granted to Utah lands to be held and managed in trust to provide economic support for public education and other public institutions. There are currently about 3.4 million surface acres along with 4.6 million mineral acres of trust land. Trust lands are scattered, checkerboard fashion, throughout Utah. They are seen on most ownership maps as blue, square-mile sections. Although there are some large blocks of trust lands, most of the parcels are square sections of 640 acres each.

## School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration's offices:

### Main Office:

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### Southwestern Office:

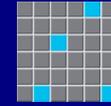
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### Central Office:

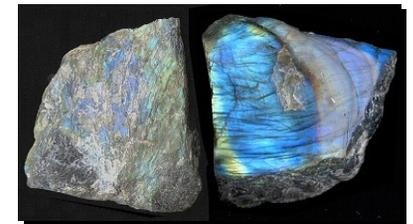
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*School and Institutional  
Trust Lands Administration*



## *Rockhounding Permit Program*



# Trust Lands Rockhounding Permit Program

If you are interested in obtaining a rockhounding permit for Utah's trust lands, please visit or call one of our offices listed on the other side of this form.

Permits are issued as follows:

<b>Individual or Family</b>	<b>\$10.00*</b>
<b>Association</b>	<b>\$200.00*</b>

\*Note: Fees are subject to change; please contact one of our offices for current price information.



Fees collected for rockhounding permits will go to Utah's Permanent School Fund and other trust beneficiary institutions.

## Regulations

Please be aware of the following regulations concerning rockhounding permit activities on Utah's trust lands:

Rockhounding on trust lands without a rockhounding permit is considered trespass, which is subject to penalties as outlined in Utah Code Annotated Section 53C-2-301. Keep your completed permit, showing your fees paid, with you while rockhounding on trust lands.

No material may be collected under the permit if you intend to collect for commercial purposes. If you intend to mine for commercial purposes, you must obtain a mineral lease or materials permit through our main office.



A rockhounding permit authorizes collection of up to 25 pounds per day up to a maximum of 250 pounds per year.

The permit does not authorize collection on trust lands being leased for the mineral you are collecting unless you obtain permission from the lessee. Please leave the premises if asked to do so by the mineral lessee or if the area is posted closed to rockhounding.

The permit does not authorize collection in areas where active mining operations are in progress.

## Does the Property Already Have a Mineral Lease On It?

You are required to check the mineral status of the area where you plan to collect. You may find out if a section of trust land is currently held under a mineral lease by contacting our main office. You will need to be prepared to give the legal description (township, range, section, and subdivision) of those lands.



You may also check the land status on our web site [www.trustlands.utah.gov](http://www.trustlands.utah.gov). On the web site home page: click on the Land & Lease Records, then click on Land Module. Enter the desired township and range and then click on the section of interest. Lease contracts will be shown in the lower left of the screen.

## Who Owns The Land?

Please be certain you know the ownership of the lands where you plan to collect. Land ownership could be trust lands, private, federal, or many other entities. Each entity will have its own regulations for rockhounding activities, so it is essential to know who the land owner is.

## Only Rocks...No Fossils!

The rockhounding permit does not authorize collection of vertebrate fossils or other exceptional fossils that are designated State paleontological landmarks. If you have any further questions about State paleontological landmarks, please contact the State Paleontologist at the Utah Geological Survey (801) 537-3300

As required under Utah Code Annotated Section 63-73-17, you must report the discovery of vertebrate fossils to the Utah Geological Survey and the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration.

The permit does not authorize collection on lands that are administered by other State agencies, such as; Division of Wildlife Resources, Division of Parks and Recreation, Dept. of Transportation, etc.

We suggest you obtain maps for the lands where you plan to collect. They are sold by various agencies, including the Utah Geological Survey, Bureau of Land Management, and some recreational outlets. Current trust lands ownership maps are also sold from our main office. You may need to order in advance depending on availability.

