

Dear Members,

I am pleased to announce that the drop-down menu that appears at the top of every page has been modified on the website to improve your member experience...

I have added Mouse hover over Tooltips to all of the menu items underneath the two major items named "Index" and "Resources".

The items under the main menu group "Resources" have been changed as follows:

1. The links for "Equipment Required" and "Equipment Suppliers" now appear under the sub-group named "Equipment".
2. The links for "Code of Ethics", "Health & Survival Tips", "Safety Tips", and "Trip Type Definitions" now appear under the sub-group named "Tips".
3. I added A new group named "Rock ID" containing Links for "Finished" and "Raw" material.

These new links will currently take you to a page showing a construction worker. I am investigating several tools that allow searching of photographs by keywords on a web server. My idea for rock identification is to have a searchable index to photographs of material by keywords such as color, mineral name, hardness, location found, common name, etc. Your suggestions for other types of keywords would be welcome.

I recently received over 800 photos of raw material organized in folders named for the location where found. Each photo has a name that describes the material. I have a collection of photographs finished material that I use to identify polished stones. I will start with these collections and publish them on the website whenever I have found the appropriate tools to use.

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome.

Happy rock hunting,

Rock Dog