

15. Crystalline Limestone

At the place where the Elliott Putnam Road meets the Garnet Lake-Johnsburg Road is a large "finger" of crystalline limestone. It is one of the finest exposures bordering a road in the Adirondacks. At one time the town highway department planned to straighten the highway but after drilling a number of bore holes decided to leave the rock alone. A short distance farther north along this rock exposure a seam of Serendibite was discovered. This is an extremely rare mineral found only in a few places worldwide -- one of the other places being the Island of Ceylon which once was called Serendip. (From this comes the word Serendipity coined by Sir Horace Walpole who described the travels of the Three Princes of Serencip as being replete with fortunate accidents..)

