

63. Chrystalline Falls

About five miles west along the River Road which follows close to the Hudson River is a stony outcrop over which a small stream courses. It has cut a deep channel in the rocky slope which consists of Crystalline Limestone of the Grenville Series. It is the oldest rock in the Adirondacks and has been metamorphosed from the original grayish limestone to a mass of calcite crystals. In some of this rock are flakes of pure graphite which has been mined at other places to serve as the lead for pencils.

About twenty years ago a dam near the base of Moreham Mt. to the North broke and the deluge stripped a wide swath of vegetation from the rocky surface. Nature is slowly covering the bare rock.

