Donating to the Geology Collection

We welcome donations to the Geology Collection, to help us better build and represent North Carolina’s geological diversity. We prefer specimens that have good location data, including date of collection and collector. Samples should be from North Carolina, although we will make exceptions for display specimens. Donations are tax-deductible, although we can’t provide an appraisal.

We also provide a place for North Carolina’s geologists to archive specimens, especially those that have been part of peer reviewed and published studies. Especially welcome are the research collections of university geologists who have overseen thesis research in North Carolina. We urge retiring geoscience professors to consider archiving thin sections, hand samples and field notebooks with us.

We do not accept:
- Radioactive minerals or asbestos minerals
- Any human artifacts such as arrowheads or potsherds
- Rocks that “look like something.”
- Materials illegally obtained in National Parks or on private property

Thanks,
- R. Chris Tacker, Ph.D., P.G.
Research Curator of Geology at the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences