

Rock Mission!

Rocks are all around us and come in many shapes, sizes, and colors, but we often do not notice them. To a rockhound though, rocks are very interesting and each rock tells a story about the Earth. Professional rockhounds are called geologists.

Steps to complete this mission:

- 1) Find an open space. This can be in a park, the wilderness, out a window or your backyard. You choose!
- 2) Find rocks to observe. Fill out the fields below with your findings.

Date:

Time:

Location:

Weather (check one):



Is your rock smooth, jagged, or rough?

What colors do you see in your rock?

Now get the rock wet. Do you see more colors?

Can you leave a scratch/line in the rock with your fingernail? Can you break pieces off the rock with your hands?

Use the space below to draw the rocks, using colors if possible.



Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to go outside! You may be surprised at how much fun a simple focused moment in nature can be. Please share with family and friends!



Post your parks/backyard nature photos and tag them with #NatureSceneInvestigator to win prizes from Inside the Outdoors Foundation.



Photos from Orange County locations posted on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram are eligible. Winners will be chosen quarterly.



For a complete listing of fun and safe parks and play areas in Orange County, visit:
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