Annual Open House

Since 1968, the Rutgers Geology Museum has hosted an annual Open House and Mineral sale every January. The mineral sale is one of the largest in New Jersey, and has continued to draw hundreds of visitors every year.

**When and Where**

Held every year on the last Saturday in January. Events take place between 9 am and 4 pm in the Geology Museum and Scott Hall on the College Avenue Campus. Check out the following links for the address and directions.

- Geology Museum Location
- Scott Hall Location

**2016 Annual Open House**

The 2016 Rutgers Geology Museum Open House will be held on January 30, 2016.

- Open House Flyer
- Open House Schedule

**Mineral Sale**

Each year the Rutgers Geology Museum sponsors a gem, mineral and fossil show at the Annual Open House. Visitors can browse our selection for rare and beautiful rocks, minerals and fossils from New Jersey and around the world.

_Doors open at 9 am and payment can be made by cash, check and credit card._

**Lectures**

The Rutgers Geology Museum welcomes 4 distinguished professors and scientists from around the world to discuss the latest discoveries and advances in the fields of geology, paleontology, anthropology, astronomy and more. Talks are designed for the general public and there is sure to be something to interest everyone. Check the official Open House flyer for the times and listings.

**Kids Lectures**

The Rutgers Geology Museum will also offer our littlest visitors an opportunity to learn about the latest discoveries in science. Kids age 8+ can join the museum staff as they lead them through various earth science based hands-on activities. No registration is required but we suggest you come early as spots fill up fast. Check the official Open House flyer for the times and listings.

**Arts and Crafts Activities**

Several geography, anthropology and natural history themed make-and-take activities will be set up around the museum on Open House day. Visitors of all ages can partake in these free activities. Check the official Open House flyer for the times and listings.

**Explore the Exhibits**

The museum will be open for the entire length of the Open House and as always there is no admission fee. Visitors are free to peruse the exhibits, conduct a scavenger hunt...
or participate in one of the many activities that will be set up inside the museum. Check the official Open House flyer for the times and listings.

**Mineral and Fossil Identification**

If you have any minerals or fossils laying around that you aren't sure how to classify, this is your chance to have a geologist take a look! Just bring the specimen to the Open House and we'll see how we can help. Mineral and fossil identification is held in Scott Hall.

- Mineral and Fossil Identification Tips and Suggestions

**Volunteering**

Each year dozens of volunteers help make this event a success. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please fill out our Volunteer Application indicating the dates, times and activities you could assist with.

**Registration**

All Open House events are free and open to all ages. No prior registration is required for any of the events.

**Captioning Services**

CART (Communication Access Realtime Translation) captioning services will be provided for all of the lectures at the Open House. This service provides instantaneous translation of the spoken language into text and projects the text onto a screen for our audience. If you required assistance beyond the capabilities of the CART service, please contact the museum staff prior to the day of the Open House.

**Professional Development Credits**

The Geology Museum is registered as a provider with the NJ Department of Education and educators who attend the Museum presentations can receive credit toward their professional development requirements. Certificates will be handed out at the conclusion of each of the lectures. Please contact us at museum@rci.rutgers.edu if you have any questions about receiving professional development credits.

**Dining**

Coffee, tea, soda and light snacks will be available for purchase at the Open House. Lunch and other dining services will not be available at this event. Visitors can visit the Rutgers Student Center up the street from the Open House events to purchase lunch or walk over to Easton Avenue where a variety of restaurants are located.

**Parking**

Special arrangements are made so that Open House Visitors can park at any of the Rutgers parking lots that are nearby Scott Hall and the Geology Museum. Additional parking is also available on the metered spots on the local roads and in the parking decks in downtown New Brunswick labeled “P”. Please see the following map for more details.

- Open House Parking Map

**Past Open House Events**

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