

Fossils



Brachiopods - these are fine examples of some of the Brachiopods - sea shells - commonly found in the Alpena, Michigan area. From top to bottom, and left to right we have a *Mucrospirifer*; an *Atrypa*; Middle row *Strophodonta* and an *Athyris ebora*; bottom row is a *Cyrtina* and a *Siebertella*.

All of these are quite common in the Devonian deposits of Alpena. These Brachiopods were all found in the LaFarge Quarry near Alpena MI.

Corals (actually coral reefs) make up a large part of the limestone sediments across the northern Lower Peninsula. Corals such as this solitary coral are commonly found in the sediments. This fine specimen was found at the Rockport Quarry, also near Alpena MI.



Dunkleosteus an armor plated fish of the Devonian. This articulated pair of external armor plates was found on a large boulder in the LaFarge Quarry in Alpena. A great find, these plates once covered the head of the primitive Devonian fish. Some of the fish reached 30 ft. long. This photo shows the plates after restoration. The plate at the lower left is about 3 cm x 6 cm. Found by Alex Iwanow

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