Rock and Mineral Tracking Sheet

One page per specimen. Required: specimen number, date, location and one photo. Everything else can wait until you are home. rockidentify.net/guides/rock-and-mineral-tracking-sheet

SPECIMEN

Specimen number		**Date found**	
Finder		**Storage box / tray**	

LOCATION

Place name			
GPS (lat, long)		**Site type**	☐ beach ☐ river bar ☐ road cut ☐ quarry pile ☐ landscaping gravel ☐ other
In place or loose?	☐ in bedrock ☐ loose on surface ☐ dug up	**Size (mm) / weight (g)**	

PHOTOS TAKEN

☐ whole specimen with scale	☐ close-up of texture	☐ existing broken face	☐ wet	☐ other angle

OBSERVATIONS

Color (wet / dry)		**Luster in angled light**	☐ glassy ☐ waxy ☐ dull/earthy ☐ metallic ☐ pearly
Grain size vs fingernail	☐ too fine to see ☐ visible ☐ coarse	**Layers, bands or foliation**	☐ none ☐ flat layers ☐ wavy bands ☐ sheets
Holes or vesicles	☐ none ☐ few ☐ many	**Break surface**	☐ none visible ☐ shell-like ☐ flat faces ☐ rough/granular
Magnet response	☐ none ☐ weak ☐ strong	**Rough hardness note (common rocks only)**	☐ fingernail scratches ☐ coin scratches ☐ steel nail scratches ☐ nothing scratches

CANDIDATES FROM THE PHOTO TOOL

#	Candidate name	Visible evidence for it	Evidence against it
1			
2			
3			

Confidence	☐ low ☐ medium ☐ high	**What would settle it**	

NOTES

Photos cannot show hardness, streak, density, magnetism or chemistry. Do not scratch, heat, taste or put acid on a specimen you value. Keep this sheet with the specimen. A free account on rockidentify.net can save up to 200 specimens with photos, results and notes.