



The rock pile

Every student that comes to the Rice NW Museum can pick a free rock from our rock pile. There are many different types of rocks in the pile. There is agate, jasper, thundereggs, petrified wood, basalt, sandstone, mudstone, slate, marble, granite, and so much more. We frequently update the rocks, so you never know what you will find! Isn't it exciting to find your own rock?

Pick your favorite rock from the rock pile. Can you identify it?

The rock pile is found in the museum's Geological Walk. The Geological Walk contains large chunks of petrified wood, igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks.

You will find a large basalt column on the walk. It formed after a thick layer of basalt lava cooled and shrank into columns. How many sides does the basalt column at the museum have?