

Granite Quarrying in Vermont

① Location: Quarry workers tried to locate large amounts of relatively pure granite with minimal cleavage (splitting in layers).



For over 300 years granite has been quarried in Vermont. Robert Parker began commercial production of granite. Today only one of the original quarries remains active and is located in Barre, V.T.

④ Bulldozers are used to transport the smaller cut chunks of granite



② Once desired rock is found, hydropowered jets and explosives are used to break the rock from its rock-bed for easier precision cutting



③ Wedges, hammers and diamond tipped saws are used to break the rock into 30ft. by 12ft chunks weighing up to 20 tons.

