

↖ Net of dolomite veinlets in altered serpentine. Gallery #3.

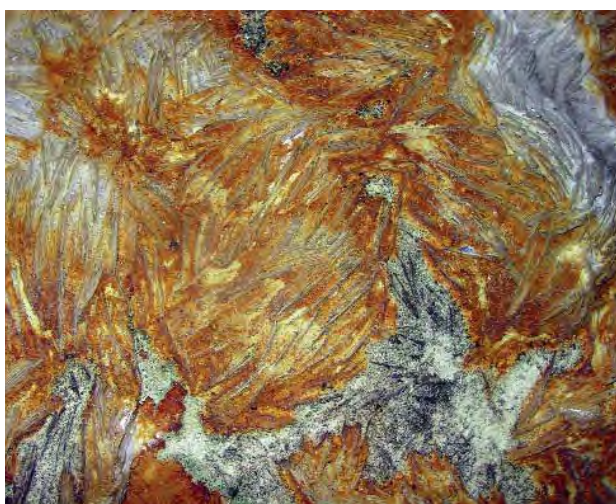
↑ Dolomite vein in contact with parent serpentine (right), which is altered to listvenite (left).

← Nickel arsenide next (covered by green annabergite) in a dolomite vein. Gallery #3.

↙ Wall of a very large cavity in a barite vein.

↓ Secondary white arsenates on a mine wall. Gallery #3.

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↘ Galenite crystals in white massive barite. Gallery #3.

↓ White barite crystals on a druse of honey-yellow fluorite. This vein in gallery #3, which yielded many remarkable specimens, was discovered only a few years ago.

↙ Entrance to gallery.

↘ Author (third right) with participants of the trip to the Belorechenskoye ('White River') barite deposit.

Our short story about the Belorechenskoye is almost over. Of course, we were not able to talk about all minerals that were found here and made a tour of only one gallery, but it is impossible to cover everything in one article. If you come to the Caucasus, you will be able to see everything with your own eyes. Nowhere else in the European part of Russia, the beautiful nature and very picturesque and interesting geology match in such a harmony. No interested mineral collector left this place empty-handed – after all the Belorechenskoye has no analogs in the number of cavities with crystals. It is surprising that even 30 years after the mining works were finished in this area, more new cavities are found here year after year. For example, in Spring of 2006, Moscow school students uncovered a cavity with very beautiful gold-colored barite right in the central gallery – the place where hundreds of people had walked by and did not notice anything...

