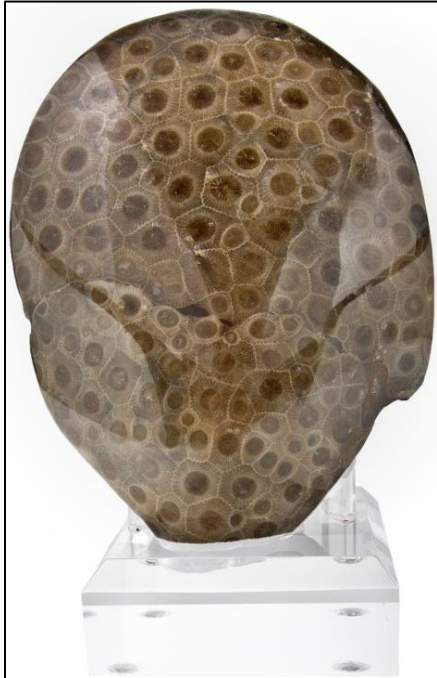


Fossil Colonial Coral – Petoskey Stone

The Petoskey Stone, also called Hexagonaria (6 sides), is a fossilized colonial coral that existed 350 million years ago during the Devonian age when Michigan was covered with warm, marine water. The soft tissue of the Hexagonaria coral was replaced by calcite, silica, and other minerals, causing each chamber to harden. These stones can be found in gravel pits, along beaches and even in back yards in many Michigan cities from Traverse City to Alpena. ^{B13}



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