

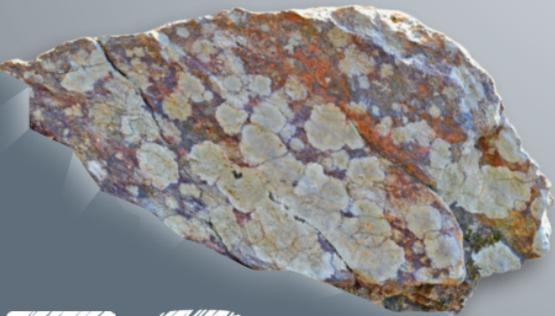


# What Do You Lichen?

Lichens are really two organisms (fungus and algae) living together. The fungus provides the structure and the algae makes the food. Lichens come in many shapes and colors. **Can you find these different types of lichen on your next hike?**

## Crustose

...are thin like **crust**. They grow slowly and are some of the oldest living organisms on earth.



## Fruticose

...are the most three dimensional lichens, sometimes looking like small **fruit** trees or strands of hair.



## Foliose

...look like dry and wavy **foliage** (leaves). It may look like salad on a stick, but don't eat it!

