

VOLCANIC Rock – spot it

- Volcanic basalt (igneous rock)
 - Dark colour
 - May have sparkly minerals in it
 - Very hard
 - The example here is made of fragments of basalt
- Volcanic tuff (igneous rock)
 - Light sandy colour
 - Layered or not layered
 - Soft and crumbly
- Limestone (sedimentary rock)
 - Light creamy colour
 - May see shell fragments in it
 - Soft



Wall at the Oamaru Public Gardens

Of course, because it's nature – there are some exceptions – this is where experience counts!

Check out our “becoming a rock detective” reference sheet to help you identify rocks you come across!