

## Crew finds 150-ton boulder likely left by glacier

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A glacial erratic rock estimated to be 300,000 pounds and two million years old lies 30 feet below ground after being fully unearthed on Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2014, at the Courtyard by Marriott construction site in Everett, Wash. A geotechnical engineer who was called out to examine it, Kurt Merriman, told The Daily Herald it's a glacial erratic, a giant rock left behind by a glacier maybe 18,000 years ago. The boulder is bigger than an SUV, weighing an estimated 150 tons. (AP Photo/The Herald, Ian Terry)

Workers digging an underground garage for a new hotel in Everett, Washington, recently struck something big about 30 feet below the surface.

This week they uncovered it—a boulder that's thousands of years old and bigger than an SUV, weighing an estimated 150 tons.

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The site superintendent for the Halvorson Construction Group, Ben Hansen, says it may give the boulder to the city to try to find it a home.



An excavator digs around a glacial erratic rock discovered at the Courtyard by Marriott construction site last Thursday and then fully unearthed Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2014 near the intersection of Colby Avenue and Wall Street in Everett, Wash. (AP Photo/The Herald, Ian Terry)

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