

Inter-Regional Rockhound Rendezvous and Field Trip

May 20 – 25, 2009

Davis Creek/Lassen Creek, CA

The Northwest and California Federations of Mineralogical Societies are hosting an Inter-Regional Rockhound Rendezvous and Field Trip to Davis Creek/Lassen Creek, over Memorial Day Weekend 2009 for **OBSIDIAN!!** And all AFMS society members and guests are invited.

Directions: **From the south** - Take your favorite route to Alturas, CA in the far northeast corner of California. From Alturas, go north on US Route 395. Approximately 22 miles from Alturas is the small town of Davis Creek. Continue another 11 miles to FS Access Rd. 30. **From the north** – Take your favorite route to Lakeview, OR in south central Oregon. From Lakeview go south on US Route 395 approximately 22 miles to FS Access Rd. 30. Here you should see the first orange paper plate with arrows that direct you to camp. Turn and follow this road and the orange paper plates 5.5 miles. Turn right and cross the small bridge. After you cross the bridge you will see the Lassen Creek Campgrounds on your left, turn left into the campground.

Facilities: The campground is a large meadow with some large pine trees and two small streams. This is a “dry camping” area with one very nice pit toilet. It can accommodate all sizes of motorhomes and trailers and is also very good for tenters. At Davis Creek there is gas and some groceries, and a great place to get ice cream on a hot afternoon. At Alturas and Lakeview there is gas, food, motels RV Parks and medical facilities.

Collecting Trips: The organized collecting trips will start on Thursday morning. All trips will leave at **8:30 AM, SHARP**, from the campgrounds.

Schedule:

Wednesday, May 21	Arrive at camp.
Thursday, May 22	Daily Field Trips Welcome potluck dinner and get together
Friday, May 23	Daily Field Trips Tailgate displays
Saturday, May 24	Daily Field Trips Tailgate displays All Rendezvous Potluck Dinner
Sunday, May 25	Daily Field Trips
Monday, May 26	Break camp to head for home or other adventures

Plan on several potluck dinners, and daily happy hours. Bring firewood for evening campfires. We plan on having a good time and collecting some good material.

Please notify one of the Federation leaders early, but no later than May 16, if you plan to attend. E-mail (or call) if you have questions or need more information. This will be a great opportunity for rockhounds from all over to meet one another, to share stories, and information about collecting in their home areas. Be sure to bring material from your favorite collecting sites to show and share.

Come join us for a great Inter-Regional Rendezvous of collecting, fun and fellowship.

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General Information

Davis Creek/Lassen Creek is the premier California obsidian collecting area with an abundance of a great variety of beautiful obsidian. This area is noted for sheen obsidian: multi-colored rainbow, electric blue, green, mahogany-gold, silver, gold and pink sheen. Also to be found is mahogany, lace, double flow and needle obsidian. This area is located on Buck Mt. in the heart of the Modoc National Forest. The altitude ranges from 5000 to 7000 feet. A free permit is required for collecting which will be available at camp. In addition to the daily collecting trips we will have potluck dinners, happy hours, speakers, evening campfires, knapping demonstrations, tailgate displays, map exchange, and a great rockhound get-together.

This trip is open to all members of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies and their guests. This trip is hosted by Northwest and California Federations of Mineralogical Societies. Everyone who agrees to adhere to the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies Code of Ethics, abide by the direction of the field trip leaders, and practice safe rockhounding is welcome to attend.

Safety Note: Obsidian is Mother Nature's glass and like glass it shatters and is extremely sharp. Goggles or safety glasses, long sleeve shirts and gloves are strongly recommended.

Daily Field Trips:

- All trips will leave at 8:30 AM (Mountain Time), **SHARP**, from the campgrounds. Assemble at 8:15 for details and instructions for each day's trip. High clearance vehicles recommended to collecting areas.
 - All participants are requested to read and sign a Waiver of Liability.
 - We will collect at 4 to 6 different sites for sheen obsidian: multi-colored rainbow, electric blue, green, mahogany-gold, silver, gold and pink sheen. Also to be found is mahogany, lace, double flow and needle obsidian.
 - We will divide up into small groups, each group going to a different site each day. Everyone will be able to collect at least once at each site. There will be a sign-up sheet each day for each site.
 - There is float collecting and digging. Bring the following tools: rock bags, rock hammer, shovel, small picks, hoe, rock scoop, spray bottle, safety equipment and what ever else you usually bring.
 - High clearance vehicles highly recommended to collecting sites. We will help arrange rides for those who need them.
1. There are full hook-up RV parks in Alturas and Lakeview. There are motels in Alturas and Lakeview. E-mail Dick Pankey for names and phone numbers.
 2. We will have a welcome potluck dinner on Thursday evening and the all Rendezvous Potluck dinner on Saturday evening. Bring food to share and your own plates, eating utensils, tables and chairs. Bring your favorite beverages and snacks to share for Happy Hour each afternoon. We will try to have a campfire each evening so bring firewood.
 3. Bring rocks and specimens, etc. from your favorite home collecting area to show and swap at the tailgate display. This will be a good time to swap maps, GPS readings and information about your favorite home collecting areas.
 4. There are a lot of other rockhounding opportunities within 100 miles of our Rendezvous site: sunstones, opal, petrified wood, other obsidian sites, geodes and more. The Rendezvous is a good way to start your summer collecting tour.

Attention Federation Directors, Field Trip Leaders and Bulletin Editors:

Please announce this trip at your meetings and publish it in your newsletters. Please make copies of this 2 sided flier and give it to interested club members to get the word out early so people can start planning for this special field trip and get together.