

**CFMS-Field Trips-North extends this invitation
to all CFMS Society Members.**

Please let the Field Trip Leader, Jim Hutchings, know if you plan to attend.

A "CO-OP MEMBER" FIELD TRIP TO LOVELOCK, NEVADA

Hosted by Roseville Rock Rollers G & M Society

September 30 - October 1, 2017

- This trip is open to all rockhounds who agree to abide by the AFMS Code of Ethics, the directions of the field trip leader and practice safe rock hounding.
- Member's guests are welcome, but must sign waiver.
- Call the field trip leader beforehand to sign up and for further information.
- Remember to sign in with the field trip leader.
- A Consent and Assumption of Risk Waiver of Liability form must be signed upon arrival at meeting site.

There is a notable event taking place in Lovelock during the weekend of this trip. Be sure to book your motel or camping space as soon as possible.

TRIP LOCATION: Various locations in the vicinity of Lovelock, Nevada

DIFFICULTY RATING

Vehicle access & parking: 3 to 4 for vehicles, high clearance at least, 4x4 preferable, no motor homes or low slung vehicles

Collection or View Site: Most all sites are a 3 or 4 at the worst, some flat ground walking close to vehicles.

WHEN: Saturday and Sunday, September 30th and October 1st.

SPONSOR CLUB: Roseville Rock Rollers G & M Society

MEMBER'S GUESTS: Members guests are allowed. This is a public collecting area, anybody may collect at the area concurrent with our activities.

COLLECTION MATERIAL: Saturday - Hematite coated drusy Quartz, Magnetite, Emerald crystals, and Sunday - petrified wood if the site is still producing, exploring wood and common opal sites.

LEADER & CONTACT INFO: Please contact ahead of time: Jim Hutchings, Home 530-367-5108, Cell 916-995-7380 jhutchings22@hotmail.com

PROPOSED SCHEDULE:

Saturday, East of Lovelock to Coal Canyon Road to the Valley View mines, the Iron pit South of the Valley View, then end at the Oreana Mine off Limerick Canyon road at the Oreana Exchange off-ramp!
Sunday, North and West of Lovelock towards Sulfur

MEET: Meet at the parking lot under the Marquise for the C Punch Inn and Casino at the east end of Cornell Ave in Lovelock Nevada by 9AM! Departing shortly after 9AM Saturday and Sunday!

DIRECTIONS TO SITE/CAMP: Lovelock is East of Reno Nevada. You can estimate a four hour drive from Roseville to Lovelock. Or about 1.5 hours from Reno Nevada.

VEHICLE REQ'S: 2 wheel drive high clearance vehicles at least, 4x4 would be best! No trailers, motorhomes, or low slung vehicles.

CAMP/FACILITIES: There is a State Campground at Rye Patch Dam. Those coming in from Rye Patch Dam can meet us at the Coal Canyon Road Off-ramp south of the off-ramp just off I80 on Saturday only.

Otherwise, there are a number of Hotels and Motels in Lovelock! The C Punch, the Cadillac Inn and four or five others! Check, Hotels in Lovelock on the internet.

TOOLS: The collection methods will be varied. Rock picks, hand sledge and cold chisels would be appropriate at the Valley View mine and the Iron pit.

The emerald mine will be hand raking through tail piles of shards of quartz, looking for specimens. I would suggest that ¼ inch screens be used to check the float on the side of the hill and the ravines running below the exposure for stones eroded off over millions of years. The wood site may require some digging, so a pick and shovel might be handy.

Otherwise, gloves, safety glasses, day packs or bags to carry out specimens would be good to have. Some areas, depending on access, could require some exploring, so a day pack with snacks and water.

SAFETY CONCERNS: There are scorpions, snakes, and other common desert animals in the area. Common sense should be used when moving rocks or climbing hills. Do not put your hands where you are not sure that it is clear of creatures. The weather should be cool, and the snakes and scorpions should be at a minimum. Working around other people presents its own hazards, keep an eye out for people below you and above you.

Always carry a quality whistle! If you should become lost, or injured, stay close to where you realized you were lost and use the whistle.

CLIMATE/WEATHER: This is the transitional period for the desert to winter. Weather can change radically overnight. It is suggested that you plug "lovelock" Nevada in your Weather Channel App and check it each day up to the trip. Check in with me by cell phone for updates on weather if you see a weather concern. Obviously, snow over the summit on 80 is an issue, even if the weather is fine out in the desert....it's a desert...it's usually dry.

CLOTHING: Weather forecasts will dictate the necessary clothing.

OTHER REMARKS: If you do not contact the leader with phone and cell phone numbers, we will not be able to update you if conditions, schedules, or access changes at the site.

Dogs are welcome, as long as they are well behaved and under the control of the owner at all times.

These sites have been frequented over the years by rockhounds, and there are no guarantees that specimens are easily obtainable. This is a field trip to look for minerals that formed in the area, and may still be found if diligent effort is made to prospect for them!

Access to locations and weather can change and some sites may have to be abandoned. We won't know until the day or so prior to the trip so, **BE FLEXIBLE!** There are plenty of places to go, and minerals to chase in the area...we **WILL** have a good time!

FEES: There are no fees for these sites