

CFMS FIELD TRIPS-NORTH
FIELD TRIP TO HAWTHORNE & MINA, NV AREAS
Sponsored by Roseville Rock Rollers Society
OCTOBER 6 & 7, 2018

- **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.**
- **Call the field trip leader beforehand to sign up and for further information**
- **A Consent and Assumption of Risk Waiver of Liability form must be signed upon arrival at meeting site.**
- **The use of intoxicating substances during the effective hours of this field trip is expressly prohibited.**

TRIP DIFFICULTY RATING: Trip will require a High Clearance Vehicle at the least, a 4x4 would be desirable for access on poorly maintained and rutted roads. Vehicles should be equipped with good tires and a good spare tire, jack, and recovery equipment.

This is NOT a dude ranch, This not a casual day-in-the-park trip. This is some serious travel into remote desert locations, with long drives from site to site. If your vehicle is not reliable, this may not be the trip to take with it.

If your 2-WD truck does not have rear lockers you may find yourself sitting on the side of the road at some sites until we return. Loading heavy rocks into the bed of a pickup will help considerably with traction. No motorhomes, No trailers. Show up at the meet site with a full tank of gas, and plenty of food and water should you get lost or get stuck and require some hours of work to get “unstuck”!

Some sites may require hiking up to waste piles on the sides of hills. Some collecting will be in and around loose rubble and old mine metal and trash. Scouting the larger area is encouraged but carry FRS radios as described below.

I would caution folks to make any arrangements for ride sharing.... prior to the trip. It is rare that other participants have any room in their vehicles for additional passengers and their gear on the morning of the trip.

SPONSOR CLUB: Roseville Rock Rollers Gem & Mineral Society

MEMBER'S GUESTS: Allowed

LEADER & CONTACT INFO:

Jim Barton, CFMS Field Trips North Chairman, (916) 847-7321, geologistl@surewest.net. **MUST SIGN UP BY WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3.** Will be on the road after that date.

COLLECTION MATERIAL: Microcline Feldspar, Copper minerals, Black Quartz Crystals, Epidote, Epidote in Quartz, Epidote in Calcite, Cassiterite, Grandradite and Grossular Garnet. Fossils, and possible petrified wood. The roads in Nevada have been thrashed in the last few years. The actual sites and available material will depend upon access issues determined just before the actual trip.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE: Arrive Friday night or Saturday morning in Hawthorne, NV. You may depart anytime on Sunday.

MEET: Saturday morning we will meet in the parking lot of the El Capitan Casino in downtown Hawthorne at 9:00 AM, depart at 9:15, (There is only one main casino in Hawthorne on SR 95; can't miss it!). **Sunday** meet at the Casino at 9:00 AM. Depart at 9:15.

DIRECTIONS TO SITE/CAMP: East Interstate 80 through Reno to SR 95 South to Hawthorne, Nevada, via Yerington or Fallon. Drive time from Roseville should be around six hours

CAMP/FACILITIES: There are several hotels and motels in Hawthorne. The Best Western on the East end of town. The Desert Sands is a little less expensive, the Casino Hotel which is a Travel Lodge across the street from the El Capitan, The Monarch. A few "low rent" motels are available. There is Whiskey Flats, an RV park for those wishing to tent or RV camp. There is plenty of BLM land in the area for those who are roughing it. Contact the Chamber of Commerce for Hotel and RV contact information.

TOOLS: Shovels, rock picks, hand sledges and cold chisels. Collection bags, goggles, pry bars. Zip lock bags and paper towels for delicate specimens should you find some!

SAFETY CONCERNS: This is tough and dirty rock hounding! Bugs, snakes, tics, holes, mine shafts, nails, barb wire, and heaven knows what else is out there! This one is for the tough guys and gals, but it will be a great adventure. For safety and convoy coordination, we recommend you invest in the Family Radio Service radios (FRS). We will operate on channel 10, with no tone code (O). If you need help setting up your radio, bring it and fresh batteries to the meet site before 9 AM. We will have a safety briefing and drivers instruction for convoys at the meet site at 9 AM both days.

CLIMATE/WEATHER: Weather should be nice at this time of year. Rain or snow will limit our number of collections sites but should not shut us down. We could get a late season hot spell, so bring lots of extra water and check ACCU-WEATHER for long range and departure weather for "Hawthorne, Nevada"

CLOTHING: No flip flops or open toed shoes. Bring layered clothing with you, in the car, not in your hotel room.

OTHER REMARKS: We will NOT be entering old mine shafts or adits'. We will repeatedly warn you of the hazards of getting too close to adits' and pit edges. These are unstable, and dangerous. We will remind you that the Rockhound Ethics suggests that we take only the best of the best of available material, for personal use, and maybe a little for sharing. We would want to make sure that these sites remain...collectable... for the next expedition.

This trip is not designed for the collection of Lapidary materials. It is primarily an opportunity to locate and collect mineral specimens. We will stop at a few sites to better to understand the geology of the area. Most importantly, we are out to commune with the rocks where they live, get to know their feeding habits, their hiding places, and identify the clues they leave behind! We hope to help folks understand the lay of the land and learn how the desert mining districts work. This should be a lot of fun, especially for folks just getting into the rockhound game.