
The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc

DMC Program of the SFMS Field Trip Committee

THE JANUARY 2010 FIELD TRIP HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO OCCUR DURING NOVEMBER OF 2010.
THERE WILL NOT BE A SCHEDULED DMC FIELD TRIP DURING JANUARY . . . DMC

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An Official Field Trip of The Mid-Ga. Gem & Mineral Society, Macon, GA (HOST)
An Official Field Trip of the **GEORGIA MINERAL SOCIETY**
10:00 AM EST
Saturday, February 6, 2010
Hogg Mine, Troup County, Georgia
FEE SITE

The Hogg Mine was in operation between 1942-1960 mining beryl to produce beryllium. It has been open to collectors off and on since the 1960's.

WHERE: The Famous Hogg Mine outside LaGrange, in Troup County, GA

WHEN: Sat., Feb. 6, 2010

TIME: 10:00 am EST

COLLECTING: Rose quartz, tourmaline, beryl, mica books, & quartz crystal. The Rose Quartz will star if cut correctly, and some of the beryl can be gemmy Aquamarine.
Also see this for pictures, http://www.dixieuehedral.net/content/hogg_mine.pdf

FEE: Adults-\$17.00 & children under 18 are free. Upon arrival you will be required to sign a waiver of liability.

WHAT TO BRING: A pick, shovel, rock hammer, chisels, scratching tools, screen, buckets, and of course plenty of water and food. There is a PORT-a-Potty on site. Being February, dress in layers could be cold!

We have been lucky and had beautiful, clear and even warm weather in Feb. but extra clothes and boots might be useful if it's muddy or the weather turns.

There are roads and paths. Cliffs, ditches and new pits have been dug. There is loose material under the leaves that take little effort to recover. Using a rake to push back the leaves might be useful and a crack hammer will help to find tourmaline imbedded in quartz.

Directions to our meeting place:

From Atlanta, take I-85 south to La-Grange. Get off on Hwy. 219 also Whitesville Road (Exit 13) and go south (left) about 2.2 miles from I-85. We will be meeting at Smith's Corner Store (The CITGO on the Left) at the intersection at Whitesville Rd. and Bartley Rd.

From Macon, take Highway 74 to Thomaston, Ga., continue on highway 74 after Thomaston until you get to highway 109, turn left (west) on to highway 109. Take I-85 south just before you get to LaGrange. Get off on Hwy. 219 also Whitesville Road (Exit 13) and go south (left) about 2.2 miles from I-85.

Drive Time: Allow 1 hour & 15 min from Atlanta at I-285 and I-85 connection on the South side.

Where to Stay: Days Inn, the address is 2606 Whitesville Road, LaGrange, Ga. 30240 (also Hwy 219). It's exit 13 off of I-85. Phone 706-882-8881 for reservations. Also at exit 18 (Hwy. 109) on I-85 there are many hotels and restaurants. Hotels; Holiday Inn Express, Americahost, Jameson Inn, Comfort Inn, and more. Restaurants; Applebees, Crackerbarrel, Waffle House, and more.

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DMC FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE:

Year - 2010

January - *Moved to November*

February - Mid-Georgia Gem and Mineral Society (Macon, GA)

March - Western South Carolina G&MS (Greenville, SC)

April - Montgomery Gem & Mineral Society (Montgomery, AL)

May - Columbia Gem & Mineral Society (Columbia, SC)

June - Tennessee Valley Rock and Mineral Club (Chattanooga, TN)

July - Lowcountry Gem & Mineral Society (Charleston, SC)

August - Carroll County Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. (Carrollton, GA)

September - Augusta Gem & Mineral Society (Augusta, GA)

October - Gem and Mineral Society of Lynchburg Virginia, Inc.

November - Middle Tennessee Gem & Mineral Society (Murfreesboro, TN)

December - OPEN

Year - 2011

January - OPEN

February - Rome Georgia Mineral Society (Rome, GA)

March - Gaston County Gem, Mineral & Faceting Club (Gastonia, NC)

April - OPEN

May - OPEN

June - Northeast Georgia Mineral Society (Cornelia, GA)

July - Gem and Mineral Society of Franklin, NC (Franklin, NC)

August - OPEN

September - OPEN

"Field trips are open to all members of associated clubs of the DMC program of the SFMS Field Trip Committee and to all members of SFMS member clubs who have provided their membership with SFMS liability insurance. Because of insurance requirements, members of the GENERAL PUBLIC are NOT invited on this or any DMC program field trips!"

DMC Program / SFMS Field Trip committee's purpose:

To collect field trip information from it's member societies; schedule and coordinate field trip dates; disseminate field trip information to all member clubs so that each member society may publish this information as one of their "official" scheduled field trips.

Please reply by e-mail to:

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World Wide Web site for the DMC is:

<http://www.gaminal.org/dmc.htm>

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"Earth first...we'll collect on the other planets later."