

Columbine Gem and Mineral Society 2025 Field Trips (8/2/2025)

Field Trip Rules

All field trips are open to current members of the Columbine Gem & Mineral Society. All participants are required to sign a current Field Trip Rules, Safety and Release of Liability Document. This document is also required for minor children (under the age of 18) of club members, signed by the parent or legal guardian. GUESTS (adults or minors) are not permitted on field trips due to liability issues.

In all cases:

1. Members are required to: sign up for field trips ahead of the field trip (unless otherwise noted in the field trip description); notify the field trip leader(s) if they decide to not attend after signing up; & notify the field trip leader(s) if they need to leave the field trip site early.
2. PETS are not allowed on field trips. Please be aware that mine owners may have pets on their sites – CGMS cannot restrict those animals
3. RETURNING TO FIELD TRIP SITES: When a field trip takes place on private property/claim, club members may not return to the site without the explicit permission and authorization from the land or claim owner(s).
4. COLLECTING: Collecting specimens is for non-commercial personal use.
5. Attendees acknowledge they are guests on someone else's property and must act as such – any attendee may be required to leave a field trip location by the Field Trip Leader/Coordinator for any reason including safety, disrespectful behavior, lack of following directions, physical limitations, etc.
6. MINORS: No minors under 18 are allowed on field trips unless otherwise noted in the field trip description.
7. Initial sign-up will occur at CGMS meetings.
8. In ALL cases – You are responsible for yourself, you must be fit for the accessibility and limitations
9. Anyone who signs up for a spot and cancels less than 2 days prior to the trip may be asked to wait until the next field trip season to participate in future field trips at the discretion of the board; on trips with limits of 15 people or less, no shows will not be allowed on current year field trips.
10. Field Trip Leaders must enforce any limitations/restrictions provided to CGMS by mine-owners. On all field trips Field Trip Leader/s are empowered to set any limitations/restrictions they deem necessary.

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| Location | Finds | Day/Time | Field Trip Leader | Accessibility | Limitations | Cost |
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| Royal Gorge Ranches | Mica, Rose, smoky, white quartz, feldspar, garnets | WEDS, May 7, 9 am meet at "Royal Gorge" instructions to come | Marcia Foky and Jim, Greg Sharpe | Easy – drivable, easy walking, gravel/dirt roads | Kids welcome; No more than 25 people; potential for rattlesnakes; hot and dry-bring water and food | Free (no leaving without telling leaders) |
| Hartsel Barite | blue barite | May 17, 9am meet in Hartsel; instructions to come | Michelle Putz; Patrick | Easy – drivable with high-clearance 2WD cars, short to moderate walk to site | Kids welcome; no more than 30 participants; sign up at least 3 days prior | Free (cost paid by club) |
| CGMS Picnic and Silent Mineral Action | Join us for a fun afternoon and buy some cool mineral specimens! | SATURDAY, June 14, 11:30-2 pm; Centennial Park Pavilion (adjacent to the Salida Hot Springs Aquatic Center at 410 W. Rainbow Blvd, Salida CO, 81201) | Stephen Morgan and Michelle Putz | FUN! Drive up and park nearby! Eat and visit! | None | CGMS will provide the burgers, hot dogs and buns. Please bring your own drinks and a side dish, snack, or dessert to share. |
| Sedalia Mine (collecting) | almandine garnets, magnetite, azurite, malachite, actinolite | June 19, 8:30 am; Meet in Salida; instructions to come | Perry Edwards | Easy to moderate: 2WD okay to drive to site. Approximately ½ mile up to top of mining area, fairly steep walking mining road. | No one under 18; No more than 12 participants; Boots over ankles; Dry, hot, steep; sign up at least 3 days prior | Free (donation to mine owner encouraged)** **Mine owner may consider taking people directly to garnet quarry but inquire closer to trip** |
| Sedalia Mine Tour | No collecting – tour only of 1,000 foot | June 20, 10 am, 11 am, or 12 pm instructions to come | Perry Edwards | Easy: 2WD okay to drive to site. | No one under 18; limited to 5 participants/tour; | Donation of \$15-50/person encouraged; |

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| | main adit with spurs | | | Approximately ¼ mile fairly steep walking road up to mine entrance. | Boots over ankles; MUST wear hardhat and bring 2 or more sources of light; sign up at least 3 days prior | bring hard hat (if you have one) |
| Calumet Mine | Epidote, Hematite, garnets, magnetite, actinolite, urallite, quartz, etc. | June 28, 9 am Meet in Salida; instructions to come | Norbert Laczko | Difficult - Steep ¼ to ½ mile hike required to access site; 2WD okay to drive to site | See accessibility column! Steep, rolling rocks/ boulders. No kids under 16 due to hazards limited to 25 participants. Sign up by June 20 | Free |
| Poncha Pass | Agate | July 10 (takes place of CGMS meeting)- see "Meetings" on www.Rockaholics.org for location | Michelle Putz (and Patrick Hardin) | Easy – park nearby, walk on rough surface | Kids welcome; no prior sign-up needed | Free (attendees should be members of CGMS) |
| Last Chance Mine - Creede | Amethyst; Silver-rich galena (argentiferous galena) | July 18, meet at 9:00 am in Creede, CO; instructions to come | Michael Hibschan | Moderate - exposed at high elevation. Dumps can be very steep and loose in places, potential rockfall, and toxic minerals | See accessibility column! – Bring good coverage / sunscreen, lots of water, snacks, etc. Limit of 15 people-Sign up by July 10; Children 10 and older are allowed to collect (ages 5-9 can go on a tour but not collect) | \$2/lb; collecting in a special club-only area not typically open to the public. Separate underground mine tours ranging in cost from \$10-20. |
| Mt. Antero** | Smoky quartz, if lucky | Aug. 17 (more info to come) | Joe Lyczak | Possibly EXTREMELY difficult | High clearance 4-WD or ATV/OHV ONLY | \$75 |

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| "Spanish" Arrasta | No Collecting – historic site and discussion | Aug 30, 10:30 am, Meet in BV; Instructions to come; go as a group to lunch after at Jan's Restaurant | Fred Jackson | Easy – 400-foot walk from county road; Need to carpool from La Gree's | Limited to 20 participants; sign up by the 6th | Free (plus lunch at Jan's Restaurant) |
| Florissant Fossil Quarry and F. Fossil Beds Natl. Monument | plant fossils; if lucky insect fossils | Sept. 13, 8 am Instructions to come | Michelle Putz | Easy - 2WD okay to drive to site | Kids welcome (if age <5, they are free); No more than 30 participants; carpooling sign up by June 2 | \$15-20 for 1 hour collecting PLUS park fee (\$10 -\$80)* Thunderbird restaurant for lunch or bring bag lunch |

*EVERYONE coming to the quarry must pay the fee, fee at park is per person or family, \$10/person for a one time pass, \$20 for seniors/\$80 for non-seniors annual America the beautiful all-park pass

** This will be Brian Busse's claim, not Craig Cardwell's. Please be aware: 1) there is a CGMS seniority sign-up for these trips, 2) we will collect \$75 by cash or check at sign up for these trips (written to CGMS) that is NOT refundable (unless the trip itself is canceled), and 3) sign up for available spots will be at the August 14 CGMS meeting, and 4) more info to come/or already sent by Joe Lyczak.