

FIELD TRIP to WGMS Honey Onyx Claim, November 1st and 2nd



The first Field Trip this month will be to the Whittier Gem & Mineral Society's Honey Onyx Claim, located just east of Barstow. The honey onyx is still there but it is hard rock mining. If you have any or have seen it, you know that it is well worth the effort involved. Usually we use our Claim as a base of operations for daily field trips to the surrounding collecting areas. The access to the camp area requires unlocking a combination lock and opening a locked gate. The combination is XXXX. After you pass through the gate, you must lock it behind you (this is very important). Follow the "P/W" signs to the camp.

YOU WILL FIND A COMBINATION LOCK ON THE GATE. THE COMBINATION IS XXXX.

There will be guided field trips on both Saturday and Sunday and we will leave from the Oak Tree Inn (each day at 8:00-8:30 AM). To get to the Oak Tree Inn take the Ghost Town Rd exit off of the 15 freeway, turn right, turn right again and go past the gas station and you will see the motel on the right. Saturday evening we will meet at Peggy Sue's Restaurant for dinner.

Materials which may be collected: honey onyx, red moss agate, petrified wood and palm root, algae agate, and other unnamed agate, jasp-agates, jaspers, fossils, etc.

Tools: rock pick and bag for general collecting: sledges, wedges, chisels, pry bars, etc. for those rockhounds who really want to get serious with the honey onyx, hand-held radios for car-car communication. See the Field Trip First Aid and Member Handbook on the Member Tools page of the web site: www.pasadenalapidarysociety.org.

Supplies: Barstow is very close. For beginning rockhounds (without campers, trailers, etc.) you may wish to stay in a motel in town and drive to the Club Claim each morning – many of the regular folk on the trip stay at the Oak Tree Inn (760-254-1148 ext. 400) <http://oaktreeinn.com/> the address is considered in Yermo, CA.

Contact: Joe Goetz at (626) 260-7239 for questions or further information.

