



FIELD TRIP to WGMS Honey Onyx Claim

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Where: The field trip will be to the Whittier Gem & Mineral Society's Honey Onyx Claim, located just east of Barstow, and to other sites in this area. We use the Claim as a place for camping and for gathering on Friday evening. Take I-15 from Barstow to Fort Irwin Road. Turn right at the end of the off ramp. To access the camp area you will unlock the gate on this road. The lock combination is 4321. After you pass through the gate, you must lock it behind you (this is very important). Follow the "P/W" signs to the camp.

Meet: 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.

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

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.

Overnight: Camping is available at the WGMS Claim. Also, 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 Oak Tree Inn each morning – many of the regular folk on the trip stay at the Oak Tree Inn (760-254-1148 ext. 400), the address is considered in Yermo.

Map: See next page.

Directions To The Meeting Location From Pasadena

- Drive 37 miles east on the 210 Freeway.
- Merge onto I-15 North toward Barstow.
- Drive 67 miles to Barstow and keep left to take I-15 N toward Las Vegas.
- Drive 10 miles and take exit 194 Calico Road toward Yermo.
- Turn right onto Calico Road and turn left onto Yermo Road.
- Then 0.31 miles to the Oak Tree Inn - 35450 YERMO Road.

Allow 2 hours driving from Pasadena or 10 minutes from Barstow.

