

UPDATED ITINERARY FOR 2016 PETRIFIED WOOD FIELD TRIP NEAR HOLBROOK, ARIZONA

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- ***Attending this field trip is limited.***
- If you are planning to attend, we need to know so we can add your name to the list!
- Email your name, names of those in your party, cell phone number and your club affiliation to pasadenalapidary@aol.com.
- This field trip is suitable for all types of vehicles.
- Bring water, sturdy shoes, hat, gloves, layered clothing, rain jacket (this is monsoon season in Northern Arizona), at least (3) 5-gallon buckets, camera, lunch, a full tank of gas, FRS radio on channel 4.11.
- The base hotel is the Motel 6 at 2514 Navajo Blvd, Holbrook, AZ. (928) 524-6101. Senior rates available.
- Detailed itinerary and maps will be distributed each morning.

Friday, September 2nd – Drive to Holbrook, AZ.

1. Route 1 - On your own: The fast route is 8.5 hours (plus stops for gas, photos, food and such) via I-40 east from Barstow, CA, through Needles, Kingman, Flagstaff and Winslow.
 - A. It's worth driving through Seligman on old U.S. Route 66 on the way.
 - B. If you have time, stop and walk through La Posada, the historic Santa Fe Railroad hotel in Winslow.
2. Route 2 - group trip: Our vehicle will take the route less traveled - through Phoenix, Globe and Snowflake. It is 9.5 hours (plus stops for gas, photos, food and such). If you opt for this longer route, and want to travel with a group of us, meet at the Lowes Hardware in San Dimas at **5:45am** (633 W. Bonita Avenue). Look for the PLS banner. Get breakfast at the McDonalds at this location.
 - A. We'll leave at 6am and head east on I-10 to Quartzsite, where we'll stop for gas and a stretch at the Pilot in Quartzsite, AZ (take the first Quartzsite exit, turn left and then right on Main St.
 - B. After this quick stop we'll continue east on Main Street and rejoin I-10 East. We'll continue through Phoenix to our lunch stop in Mesa, AZ. Continue on the I-10 through Phoenix toward Tucson. Merge onto US-60 E via exit 154 toward Mesa/Globe. Then 7.63 miles and take the Country Club Drive exit. Turn left onto Country Club Drive to Denny's at 1150 S. Country Club Drive, Mesa AZ. We expect to be there **just after noon** on Friday.
 - C. After lunch we will continue east on U.S. 60 to the Copper City Rock Shop in Globe about **2:15pm**.

- D. About **3pm** we will continue east on U.S. 60. The highway winds through the scenic Salt River Canyon and up along the cliffs to the Mogollon Rim and to the old lumber town of Show Low, where we will turn north on AZ-77 into the pioneer town of Snowflake, arriving about **5pm**.
 - E. At Snowflake we will take a detour to a private ranch where we will have the opportunity to collect up to 100 pounds of petrified wood. 50# is equal to a loaded 5 gallon plastic bucket, and we will collect a donation for collecting of \$20 per bucket. A map to the location will be distributed at the Copper City Rock Shop. *This stop is pending approval from the property owner.*
 - F. After collecting in Snowflake we will make a leisurely drive into Holbrook, to our hotel for the night.
3. Overnight at the Motel 6 in Holbrook. Arrive at your own pace - but guarantee your reservation for late arrival.
 - A. There is a Denny's next to the motel that gives a discount to Motel 6 guests. Those on this trip are welcome to plan breakfast and dinner meals here. They can also make lunch sandwiches if you don't bring your own fixin's.

Saturday, September 3rd – Holbrook Area

1. Pack a lunch and meet in the motel parking lot after breakfast at 9am. Sign mandatory releases and receive the day's itinerary.
2. Drive to Petrified Forest National Park Visitor's Center. View video and exhibits.
3. Self-drive tour (28 miles) of Petrified Forest National Park (\$20 per car fee. Leave any petrified wood items in your motel room before you leave Holbrook). Enjoy our picnic lunches on our own in the park.
4. About 1pm we will visit a factory in St. Johns that makes petrified wood products.
5. At about 1:45pm we will head for the Dobell Ranch to collect petrified wood. We'll be there for about 1-1/2 hours. Visit the historic Dobell Museum.
6. Drive to visit Jim Gray's Petrified Wood shop near Holbrook. Use the restroom and visit their shop and yard full of petrified wood.
7. When you are ready, drive on your own the short distance to Holbrook. Drive through this old Route 66 town. Check out the Wigwam Motel at 811 W. Hopi Drive in Holbrook and return to our motel.
8. Dinner on your own or at Denny's. (6pm?)

Sunday, September 4th – Holbrook Area

- Pack a picnic lunch and meet in the motel parking lot after breakfast at 9am.
- Drive to Meteor Crater where, about 50,000 years ago, an iron-nickel hunk of space rock struck here, leaving a giant crater nearly one mile across, 2.4 miles in circumference and more than 550 feet deep. We have negotiated a 50% discount for admission - \$11 per adult and \$6 per junior. Let them know you are with the Pasadena Lapidary Society group. Visit the crater and view the meteor specimens and museum.
- Lunch location TBD. Afternoon of collecting petrified wood on a private ranch and other areas near Joseph City.

- From here you are free to head out to other interesting places - such as those in the Navajo Nation, Flagstaff, the Grand Canyon and the Walnut Canyon National Monument (3 Walnut Canyon Rd, Flagstaff, AZ). Try your hand at gaming at the Twin Arrows Navajo Casino Resort at 22181 Resort Blvd, Flagstaff, AZ.
- Or you can return to our motel for a casual farewell dinner at Denny's. (6pm?)

Monday, September 5th Labor Day Holiday —

Return to your home or other northern Arizona locations at your leisure!