



Stoddard Wells Field Trip

April 26th & 27th, 2014

This month we will be collecting specimens of jade, verde antique marble, blue dolomite, soapstone, tri-colored marble and other minerals in an area generally known as the Stoddard Wells Area. It is close, about 1 ½ hrs. travel time.

We will meet at the site where of the Victor Valley Gem and Mineral Club holds their annual Tailgate rock and mineral event. Camping here is actually quite nice and offers unique opportunities such as seeing the sunrises and sunsets that can only be enjoyed while camping and not seen in town. At night - seeing the stars in the sky is absolutely fantastic! You probably didn't realize just how many stars can be seen when the city lights are dim. And for non-campers - Victorville offers lots of lodging possibilities. It is close enough that you can make it a day trip.

This is a multi-club event among the Pasadena, Whittier and North Orange County clubs. On Saturday night we'll do a multi-club potluck at the camp site - followed by a campfire and fellowship. If the wind or rain prohibits outdoor dining we'll opt for a restaurant in Victorville.

Bring all the usual things for a field trip and prepare to dress in layers. April can still be cool in the morning and quite warm in the afternoon and downright cold at night.

Your safety is our main concern! The primary hazard is one of uneven footing. Take care where you step, whether walking up a hillside collecting specimens or stepping out of your car. Bring a walking stick for extra balance and for turning rocks over to check their color. Snakes have already come out because of the warm weather. Always look where you are putting your hands and feet so you don't scare the critters! Dress in loose jeans or pants and wear sturdy boots that go over the ankles. It's about being careful and still having fun.

This planned field trip, as with any plan, is subject to unexpected changes. If you are planning to join us I strongly urge you to let me know you are coming. Please call me at (626) 260-7239 or you may email me at joenmar1@verizon.net. I hope to see you out there!

..... **Lost Somewhere in California**

Joe Goetz
Fieldtrip Chairman



Suggested Packing List for a one day Field Trip

updated April 5, 2014

- personal medications
- first aid kit
- walking stick
- hat
- gloves
- jacket, layered clothing
- sunscreen
- hiking boots
- comfortable shoes
- extra socks
- short sleeve shirt
- long sleeve shirt
- glasses, sunglasses, contact lens, etc
- water - one liter for every 2 hours
- lunch and snacks
- cell phone
- car cell charging cords
- camera, extra battery
- something to carry collected rocks in: 3 gal bucket, knap sack or canvas carrying bags
- paper towels and plastic containers for crystals and delicate specimens
- hand cleanser
- toilet paper
- rock pick/ hammer
- pocket knife
- 5 gallon bucket or crate back at the car to consolidate your transported specimens
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Optional

- area Topographical Maps
- jumper cables
- rock scoop sticks
- rock chisel or heavy pick
- tow strap
- rock identification and collecting books
- 110v cell phone charging cord
- binoculars
- walkie-talkie FRS type radio with sub-channels (ie: channel 4-10)
- tool box for car maintenance
- extra plastic bucket or crate for collected rocks
- reading material
- GPS
- shade umbrella
- folding chair
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Some Discount Motels

Listed are some of the motels listed for the Victorville area. Prices listed are from the Internet and subject to change and availability. Those with a star have been recommended by our members. If you stay at a motel, please give us feedback!

Victorville Travelodge - \$46
12175 Mariposa Rd, Victorville, CA
(760) 241-7200

Hilltop Inn & Suites - \$48
16901 Stoddard Wells Road, Victorville, CA
(760) 243-1463

Red Roof Inn Victorville - \$52
13409 Mariposa Rd, Victorville, CA
(760) 241-1577

Motel 6 - \$55 ★
I-15/Barstow FWY and Stoddard Wells RD
16868 Stoddard Wells RD, Victorville, CA
Ask for 10% senior discount
(760) 596-4000

Campground with toilets and showers

Shady Oasis Kampground
16530 Stoddard Wells Rd.
Victorville, CA. 92395
760-245-6867
shadyoasisvv@yahoo.com

Internet Resources:

<http://www.motels.com/>
<http://www.travelocity.com/>





Stoddard Wells Area Field Trip

April 26 & 27

Directions from Pasadena

Allow 2 hours to get to the camping / meeting area.

1. Drive 37.5 miles east on I-210 / CA 210 Foothill Freeway toward San Bernardino.
2. Merge onto I-15 N via EXIT 64A toward Barstow. Travel 44.9 miles
3. Take the Dale Evans Parkway exit, EXIT 161, toward Apple Valley - keep right onto Dale Evans Parkway
 - A. **Reset your odometer trip meter to zero** at the end of the off-ramp as you turn south on Dale Evans Parkway.
 - B. You will pass the green-roofed buildings of the county juvenile detention facility on your left.
4. **At 1.6 miles** - you will come to the intersection of **Stoddard Wells Road**. There is not a stop sign on Dale Evans Parkway, but there is for traffic on Stoddard Wells Road. Turn left onto Stoddard Wells Road, going east. Check your odometer at this point.
5. Continue 7 miles on Stoddard Wells Road. The road becomes a graded dirt road along the way. Look for signs = wood stakes painted yellow with a round paper plate attached to it - assuring you that you are on the right road. Note: when we use this method and there is a turn from the road - there will be an arrow on the paper plate or stake indicating the turn, and the next stake will be 6 or 8 feet along on the road you are directed to turn onto.
6. In 7 miles you will come to our camping/meeting place on the right. This area may have vehicles and campers parked off of the road a couple hundred feet in a flat area. The turn into this area will be marked with the same signs and there should be people with our club's blue shirts and hats. If in doubt, ask anyone you see in this area if this is the lapidary field trip site.



Map To The Stoddard Wells Field Trip Meeting Site



Wider view of the Stoddard Wells and Victorville area

