

SVGMS Field Trip News

Field Trips - 2017

June 17, 2017

Vulcan Quarry – Stafford, VA

The Northern VA Mineral Club has invited the SVGMS members to attend a joint club field trip to the Vulcan Quarry in Stafford VA.

This is a Regionally Hosted - Commercial Mining Field Trip

Minimum Age Requirement is 16 or older.

Safety Mining Gear is required, - see SVGMS field Trips, History, and Classification for Details. At a minimum; Hard Hat, Safety Boots, Protective Clothing, Gloves, Eye Protection

GPS Address; **100 Vulcan Quarry Rd. Stafford, VA 22556** Note; it takes approx. 2 hrs 15 minutes from Waynesboro to the Stafford Quarry. Allow enough time.

Time: 7:30 am at the Quarry for Sign In and Safety Briefing (required)

Collecting: 8:00am to Noon

Each participant must sign an Assumption of Risks waiver (attached) to enter the quarry to collect. This will be collected at the Safety Review prior to entering the quarry.

Minerals in the Quarry: <https://www.mindat.org/loc-24573.html>

Our invitation requires me to confirm the number of SVGMS members who intent to go on this Field Trip. PLEASE, send me an e mail (livingearthtreasures@gmail.com Memo: Vulcan Trip) to confirm your name on the list of participants. **Final cut off is June 6.**

If for some reason the trip is canceled, I will notify everyone through e mail as quickly as I am informed.

Commercial Mining Field Trip opportunities are becoming more and more infrequent, due to legal and liability concerns. Take advantage of this invitation.

Hope to see you on this one.

July 15, 2017

George Washington National Forest – Backyard Field Trip – Burnsville, VA

This is a SVGMS Sponsored Field Trip

Age Requirement: None, but All children 16 and under must be accompanied by a parent/adult.

Distance; 1 hr. 30 minutes from Waynesboro, VA

Time: 10 am – 3pm

Description: This is a Field trip for Mineral collector's and Lapidary's and those who slab, cab, and make jewelry. A mineral import dealer has agreed to have an inventory reduction sale of over eight tons of US and imported rough material. This is a onetime event and it may be the only time you see these minerals available in VA. It is open only to rock club members, no non-club persons, no dealers, not open to the public.

A signed liability waiver will be required to enter the property.

Some of the material that will be for sale is; Orbicular Ocean Jasper (Madagascar), Vogesite Jasper (South Africa), Red & White Striped Jasper (South Africa), Labradorite (Madagascar), Purple Lepidolite (Namibia), Misty Mountain Jasper AKA: Royal Savannah jasper (Madagascar), Pietersite red & gold variety(Namibia), Tiger Eye – AAA Thick Plates (South Africa), Blue Tiger Eye/Hawks Eye AAA Thick Plates (South Africa), Kabamba Jasper – Stromatolite (Madagascar), Sunset Jasper – Mugglestone (South Africa), Koi Jasper (South Africa) limited qty., Montana Moss Agate (USA), Rainbow Obsidian (Mexico), Mahogany Obsidian (Mexico) limited qty., Dendritic Tree Agate- limited qty., Fluorite Green & Purple – limited qty., Calcite Multicolored (Mexico), Red Crazy Lace Agate (Mexico), Rosetta Stone – Rosetta Lace (Mexico), Purple Molina Agate (Mexico) limited qty., Pink & Red Leopard Skin Jasper – Orbicular Rhyolite (Mexico)

If you want to see what these look like; use Google Search, type the rock name, click on Images. All material is in its rough form.

More information is forthcoming, stay tuned.

Other Potential SVGMS Field Trips for 2017;

- Fossil Collecting Field Trip – Western VA
- U.S. Silica Mine, Montpellier, VA
- Willis Mtn. – Kyanite Mine, Dillwyn, VA
- Rose River, Syria VA – Fall
- Virginia Department of Minerals, Mining and Energy, Charlottesville, VA

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Field Trip Cancelations; *Weather and Collecting Environment conditions play an important factor in all field trips. If poor collecting conditions creates an increase of safety hazards of any field trip, the trip will be canceled or postponed due to safety concerns.*

The Earth is like a big box of rocks. you just never know what you're going to get.