

Lavic Jasper Field Trip

There are few places you can go and, once there, you park and step out of your vehicle and start collecting immediately. Lavic is one such place. In the bowl where our camping area is, there are smaller pieces of jasper in various colors and patterns. Whether a new person to rockhounding - or a veteran - it is always a pleasure to collect this unique jasper material! A word of caution: When you're new to rockhounding you'll want to pick up every little piece you see (so-called "Hoovering"). That is fine, except you'll fill your container all too quickly, won't leave any for the next collector, and you'll soon learn about another type of rock called "*leaverite*". Leaverite is rock which is defined as it is rock that is not as good for grinding or tumbling as others in the area - so just "leave 'er right there". What will happen in short order is you'll become more discriminating in the quality of the jasper than just collecting quantity of jasper and other cutting rock.

The area to explore is quite a large one - it actually starts a couple of miles to the west. While the area to the west has been collected less, the jasper is more widely scattered there. It is more concentrated closer to camp. We will collect near camp and to the area to the south of the railroad tracks - after which we will explore the area to the north across the freeway into the Southern Cady Mountains for all of the different mineral materials that can be collected there. Besides all the great rock to collect is the chance for our members to see places and things in our desert that one just can't enjoy from a car window on the freeway at 70mph. In my opinion one of the best reasons for coming on the field trips is the development of new friendships and people who will guide you as you start this great hobby!

You may ask "What should I bring?" Well, you should bring a hat, a container (3 gallon bucket or a canvas bag), lunch, plenty of water to drink, sunscreen, gloves, first aid kit and a rock hammer (if you don't have one you may be able to borrow one from a club member).

The camp area and the collecting sites in the immediate area are accessible by a standard car, but a high clearance vehicle is needed and 4 wheel or all-wheel drive is best for exploring the optional areas into the South Cady's. We typically will carpool from our base camp in those cases. Folks without high-clearance vehicles will jump in with those who do have such vehicles. Sharing the gas expense is always welcome.

If you're camping you need to be self-contained, meaning you'll need to have everything you need including restroom facilities of some sort. Or if you're not camping but would like to be there for both days you could stay in Barstow at one of the many lodging possibilities and drive to the campsite. Maps, directions to the base camp, contact phone numbers, a list of items to bring and some motels are on the Calendar page of the website for the March Field Trip.

Be at the camp site before 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 19 and Sunday, March 20 if coming for the day. We'll leave a note in camp as to where we went first if you are not there in time. And of course you could try to call us on the cell phone to either let us know if you are a tad late or to find out where we will be.

We will enjoy a pot-luck dinner in the camping area on Saturday night. Bring a dish and firewood to share, your tableware, beverages, chairs and a lantern or two.

If you enjoyed the show and want to know where some of the materials came from and have an adventure as well, this is the trip for you.

..... Somewhere in California

Joe Goetz

Field Trip Chairman

Directions To Lavic

From Pasadena - Updated 3/1/2016

Note: Allow at least 2 hours and 45 minutes of driving time to arrive at Lavic.

1. It is about a 2 hour drive from Pasadena to Barstow. Begin by driving 37 miles east on I-210 to I-15 North (Toward Barstow).
2. Drive 67 miles north on I-15 to Barstow. As you get into Barstow watch for the signs for I-40, which exits to the right. If you are stopping in Barstow for breakfast at Denny's 1201 E. Main Street in Barstow, be mindful of the time - it is a 45 minute drive to Lavic.
3. Drive 32.5 miles east on I-40 and exit on Hector Road.
4. Turn south (right) on Hector Road and an immediate left on the next paved road which is National Trails Highway.
5. Drive approximately 9 miles. At this point you will be parallel to I-40.
6. Just before the road makes a left turn to cross north over I-40 there is a graded dirt road and a wide, flat area on the right side of the road. Turn right here and look for other field trip participants.
7. Camp is just south and east of this wide area on a dirt road that descends into a wide, shallow bowl. If you have been to Lavic before you are welcome to drive into camp. Look for yellow signs with P/W (for the Pasadena and Whittier clubs) If this is your first time, someone will be checking for you at the wide area at 8:00am. You are also welcome to call the field trip leader or one of the club members on a cell phone or hand-held radio (on channel 4-11) and let them know you are there - and wait for someone to come to guide you down to the camp.
8. It is important that you notify the field trip leader that you are coming on this field trip, in case you have difficulty finding the meeting site or have car trouble. If you have notified the trip leader that you are coming and are not able to do so at the last minute - call and notify the trip leader that you will not be there so he or she does not hold up the trip waiting for you.

The field trip leader for Pasadena on this trip is **Joe Goetz. Cell: (626) 260-7239**

Other helpful cell numbers: Carolyn Duncan (909) 455-4360 or Ellen Ferrell (727) 512-0381



Suggested Packing List for a one day Field Trip

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- personal medications
- first aid kit
- 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, canvas carrying bags
- paper towels and plastic container for delicate specimens
- hand cleanser
- toilet paper
- rock pick/ hammer
- pocket knife
- 5 gallon bucket back at the car to transport specimens
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Optional

- area Topo 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 4-11)
- 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 that our members have stayed at and are able to recommend. Prices listed are from the Internet and subject to change and availability.

Ludlow Motel - \$50-\$70 (only 9 miles from the camp area)
25635 Crucero Road, Ludlow, CA 92338
(760) 733-4463

Route 66 Barstow Hotel - \$30
921 East Main Street, Barstow, CA CA 92311
(760) 256-9331

Budget Inn - \$36
1111 East Main Street, Barstow, CA 92311
(760) 256-1063

California Inn - \$42
1431 E Main St, Barstow, CA 92311 (Formerly Comfort Inn)
(760) 256-0661

Motel 6 Barstow - \$38
150 Yucca Avenue, Barstow, CA 92311
(760) 256-1752?

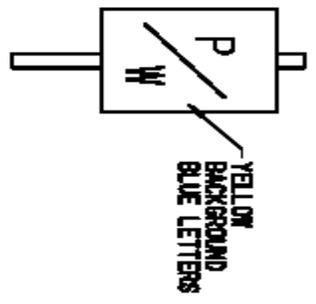
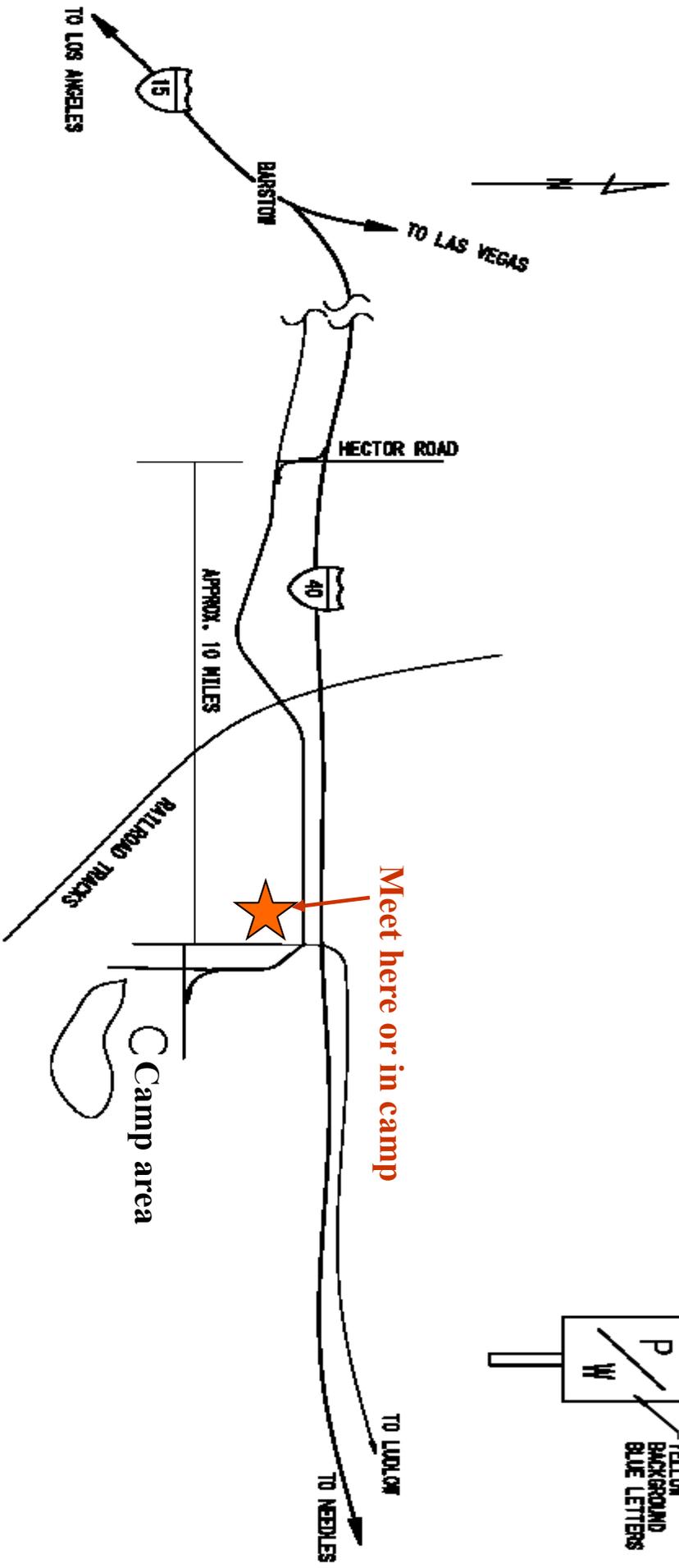
Super 8 Barstow - \$33
170 Coolwater Lane, Barstow, CA 92311-3222
(760) 256-8443

Campground with toilets and showers

Newberry Mountain RV and Motel Park*
47800 National Trails Hwy., Newberry Springs, California 92365
Phone: 760-257-0066 Mobile: 909-877-5243
<http://www.newberryrvpark.com/>

** Members have stayed at the RV and tent park area and recommend it, but have not stayed at the motel.*





GET TO CAMP BY 8:00 - 8:30 AM.

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