

This month we are going to a place close to home - the Stoddard Wells area!

Duration: Saturday and Sunday, 8:30am to 5:00pm. A potluck or a run into a Victorville restaurant will be planned for Saturday night. And later, weather permitting, a campfire back at camp (not in the restaurant)!

Material: There is jade, verde antique marble, blue dolomite, soapstone, tri colored marble and other collectibles in the area.

Travel: It is only about a 1- ½ hour drive from Pasadena and there is a fair amount to be collected!

Bring: Bring all the usual things like a hat, sunglasses, lunch, sunscreen, water, rock hammer, a bag to put rock into and dress in layers. April can still be cool in the morning and quite warm in the afternoon and downright cold at night.

Overnight options: It is close enough that a day trip is easy to do, however camping offers unique opportunities such as seeing the sunrise that can only be enjoyed while camping and not seen in town. As well as sunset can be spectacular after a day of collecting and exploring. 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. Camping at the site of the Tailgate Mineral Show is actually quite nice. And for non-campers Victorville offers lots of lodging possibilities - even a close-by Motel 6..

Safety: Since the snakes have already come out because of the warm weather. The common sense things such as not putting your hands where you can't see or not walking between two large bushes because it is a place snakes like to lurk. And dress in loose jeans or pants and wear boots that go over the ankles and of course be aware and look carefully at your surroundings. It's about being careful and still having fun.

More details, maps and directions will be posted on the web site and distributed at the April Program Meeting. Watch your email and the web site for any change in plans. I hope to see you out there!

Lost somewhere.....

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