

June 10 FMC "Double Header" Field Trip:

Phoenix Gold Mine AND Argo Mill & Tunnel, Idaho Springs, CO

Idaho Springs beckons us for a June 10th "double-header" field trip to Idaho Springs, where we will visit both the Phoenix Gold Mine AND the "Mighty" Argo Mill & Tunnel. The combination gets us into a legendary hard rock gold mine (Phoenix), and a monumental mill for processing gold (Argo Mill & Tunnel). This trip includes gold panning at both locations, and Argo will even seed your pan with a flake of gold. Each tour is a little over an hour.

This is a classic field trip that covers gold mining, ore processing, mining equipment (Argo has a great static display), history, and gold panning.



Credit: Phoenix Gold Mine



Credit: Argo Mill

50% of the cost for this special field trip is being shared by the club. It's worth remembering that the subsidy is made possible by the volunteer work and donations of FMC colleagues at the annual club auction, Rock & Rail show, and more. The subsidized price for this double-header field trip is \$22. The limit is 25 club members.

We'll meet up at the Argo Mill in Idaho Springs at 10:45 AM, then start our tours, which will include a break for lunch. Both sites have picnic pavilions - perfect for the boxed lunch you should bring or buy in town. We should be finished with the tours, lunch, and panning at about 1:30 or 2:00 PM.

Will Rehm is leading this trip and will send out directions and details to everyone before the trip.

For field trip questions, contact Will Rehm at: wmrehm8@gmail.com.

More information about Argo can be found at: <https://bit.ly/45ztkDu>

Glowing Yelp reviews about Phoenix: <https://bit.ly/3OKTJly>