

Magnetite Ridge Field Trip

Where: Magnetite Ridge, about 2 miles west of Tarryall, Colorado in Pike National Forest.

When: Saturday, June 24, 2023. Meet at 10 am just south of the Tarryall Schoolhouse along Highway 77 at the south end of town (39.120113, -105.474423).

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Limit: 40 people

Signup: Please signup via the FMC website (<https://flatironsmineralclub.org/>) in the Field Trip section

About the Site: Magnetite Ridge is a pegmatite outcrop that contains magnetite crystals. It also has common pegmatite minerals, including mica, quartz (which is triboluminescent), and pink feldspar. We will park along a dirt road, suitable for all vehicles, and walk a few hundred yards to the ridge. When you see a black rock, check it with a magnet and see if it's magnetic. This is a great site for kids!

What to Bring:

- Magnet
- Water
- Sun protection
- Rock pick and chisel
- Something to carry your specimens in
- Lunch
- Clothing suitable for Colorado's mountains – be prepared for sun or rain or cold or wind.

Other Info: If you are attending the Hartsel Blue Barite trip on Sunday, June 25th. You may want to consider camping. It's only 40 miles from Tarryall to Hartsel.