

Calumet Iron Mine

When: Sunday, August 13, 2023; 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Meet: 9:00 AM at the West side of the Salida Safeway (232 G Street, Salida, CO)

Recommended equipment: Rock hammer, shovel, pick, sunscreen, insect repellent, proper footwear, hat, safety glasses, plenty of water, and food.

Limit: 25 Attendees

The Calumet Iron Mine, near Salida, is a great location for collecting Epidote, Calcite, and Actinolite, with secondary occurrences of Magnetite, Diopside, Garnet, Uralite, Tremolite, Quartz points, and Malachite. There is even a possibility of finding Sapphires in the area.

This trip starts promptly at 9 AM in Salida. We will travel to the mine site as a group.

If time allows after collecting at Calumet, there are additional self-guided collecting areas on the way back to Salida. Location maps will be available. These three additional stops could yield Aragonite, Calcite, Actinolite, Albite, Quartz, Biotite, and Hornblende.

Please note that the Contintail Mineral Show in Buena Vista is on the same weekend. This is an option- not part of the Calumet trip - but folks may want to bundle the two events together. More information about the show can be found at <https://bvrocks.com/>.

A dispersed camping option in the area is being worked on for the evening of Saturday the 12th.

For the Calumet Iron Mine on Sunday the 13th, recommended equipment includes a rock hammer, shovel, pick, sunscreen, insect repellent, proper footwear, water, and food.

The Calumet mine is located at an elevation of 9,500 feet and requires a 1/2 mile uphill hike to the top. Collecting can be done at various mine tailings along the way. The area is moderate, with difficult terrain in some areas.

The Calumet trip starts promptly on Sunday at 9 AM at the West side of the Salida Safeway (232 G Street, Salida). Johny Reyes is running this trip, with an assist from Doran Adams. Their contact information is below.

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