

Florissant Fossil Quarry and Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument, Florissant, CO Field Trip

When: Saturday July 29, 2023

Time: 10:00 AM

Meeting Place: Florissant Fossil Quarry
18117 Teller County Rd 1
Florissant, CO 80816

Number of Participants: 30

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Come prepared for adventure as we hunt for fossils at the [Florissant Fossil Quarry](#), where fossilized leaves, bugs, and even fish can be found. The team at the quarry provides the paper shale already gathered. They will show us how to split it open, and how to preserve the fossils we find. All tools are provided but if you have tools that you prefer to use with paper shale feel free to bring them.

We'll also visit the nearby [Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument](#), which boasts huge fossilized redwood stumps, lovely hiking trails, and spectacular scenery. We will have a picnic lunch, then go on a short tour.

These sites offer unique opportunities to understand the processes of fossilization, the basins that helped form the geology here, and the history of the Eocene period when these fossils were deposited, some 34 million years ago (MYA).

The Flatirons Mineral Club is generously paying for 50% of this trip. That brings the per person cost (includes both sites) down to just \$12.50 for ages 16 and above and \$7.50 for below 16. Thanks FMC!