

Flatirons Mineral Club Coming Attractions August and September 2023

Annual Club Picnic – Saturday, August 19

This year's annual picnic is at Harlow Platts Park, the same place as previous picnics. The main pavilion is located just south of the South Boulder Recreation Center at 1360 Gillespie Drive in Boulder. The picnic starts at 11:00 am. Folks with last names beginning with A-M are asked to bring a covered dish and folks with last names beginning with N-Z should bring a dessert. Roll-up sandwiches and beverages will be provided by the club.

At the picnic, we will fill grab bags for sale at the Denver Gem & Mineral Show and our annual December club show in Longmont, plus honor our Rockhound of the Year and present other awards.

Upcoming FMC Field Trips from Will Rehm, field trip chair

It's been a great field trip season so far, and there's plenty more to come! Below is a summary of the remaining trips for 2020 - but first a **HUGE SHOUT OUT** to our recent trip leaders, including **Anita Colin** who ran the Hartsel Blue Barite trip, **Tony Bubb and his daughter Emilyn**, who led the Big Thompson trip, and **Rebecca Stetson**, who ran the Florissant Fossil Quarry and National Monument trip. It's exciting to work alongside such talented folks who are so passionate about Geology. **Thanks Anita, Tony, Emilyn, and Rebecca!**



August 13, Calumet Iron Mine, Salida

Led by **Johny Reyes** with an assist from **Doran Adams**. This is a collecting trip across some steep terrain that is expected to yield epidote, calcite, quartz points and more. This promises to be a popular trip - in fact **it is already full!** Thanks, Johny and Doran, your leadership is immensely appreciated.



September 30-Oct 1, Crawford, Nebraska

Led by **Brian Walko**, this is a joint FMC, Colorado Mineral Society, and LGMC weekend trip to collect agate, opal, and chalcedony. When we surveyed FMC members to plan the 2023 field trip season, this was one of the top trips everyone wanted. Stay tuned as details are worked out and the trip is officially released.



October 7, Dinosaur Ridge, Morrison, CO

Gerry Naugle is our trip leader for a special trip that focuses on the Bone Wars, a topic that Gerry spoke about at one of our spring FMC meetings. It's as much an educational meetup as it is a field trip, and with Gerry's leadership, it promises to be a lot of fun. Stay tuned for details and the release of this trip later.



October 21, North Table Mountain, Golden, CO

Another FMC favorite, especially when led by **Dennis Gertenbach**. FMC participants will hike in to find zeolites and associated minerals. Our friends from the Colorado Mineral Society will be alongside us. Please watch for more information as the date approaches.

Wanted: Field Trip Photos

During field trips this summer, consider taking photos during your trip and pictures of your finds to include in future newsletters. Please send your best ones to Dennis Gertenbach at gertenbach1@gmail.com.

Volunteer for the Denver Show – Get in Free!

This year's Denver Gem & Mineral Show will be **September 15-18** at the Colorado Convention Center, with the theme of **Gem Minerals: Nature's Bling**. The show needs volunteers to make this year's show a success. Jobs include selling grab bags, pins, and posters; helping to set up before the show or tear down after the show; or volunteering to "work anywhere." And we need volunteers at our club table during the show.

By volunteering, you will get into the show for free and have your parking fees/bus expenses reimbursed. To find out more or sign up to volunteer, please contact Anita at anitacolin@hotmail.com.

Because of the Denver Show, there will NOT be a club meeting in September. Monthly club meetings will resume in October, with the first monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 10th.

Other Rockhounding Events and Activities in the Area

Here are other activities of interest in the area for rockhounds of all ages.

- **August 4-6 (Friday-Sunday)** is the **Creede Rock & Mineral Show**. Over forty exhibitors will be showing and selling an array of gems, geodes, fossils, silver ore, turquoise nuggets, Australian opals, beads, jewelry, and stone carvings. All types of rock and mineral specimens from around the world will intrigue viewers, buyers, collectors, and rockhounds of all ages. <https://www.creede.com/rock-mineral-show>
- **August 5 and 6 (Saturday & Sunday)**. The **Mines Museum of Earth Science** (1310 Maple Street in Golden) is holding their **Art, Artifact & Mineral Sale**. They will have an assortment of "no longer needed" items of all sorts, plus up to 75% off retail prices on some items in the gift shop. Saturday from 9 am to 4 pm, Sunday from 1 to 4 pm. Also, that weekend, **Saturday, Aug. 5**, 1-4 p.m., will be their quarterly "**Mineral ID Day**". Children or adults are invited to bring in a specimen or two to get an expert's opinion on its identification.
- **August 10-13 (Thursday-Sunday)** is the Buena Vista **Contin-Tail Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Show**. This annual show is Colorado's largest outdoor show and features over 100 vendors of gems, minerals, jewelry, fossils, lapidary art, and more set up in the beautiful valley of Buena Vista, Colorado, at the Buena Vista Rodeo Grounds. Parking and admission at the show are always free. There will be food and beverages available from mobile food vendors. <https://xpopress.com/show/profile/211/buena-vista-contin-tail-gem-mineral-fossil-show>
- **Saturday, August 12** is **Summer Family Days** at the **Western Museum of Mining and Industry** at 225 North Gate Blvd in Colorado Springs, featuring outdoor machine demonstrations, blacksmith demo, gold panning and more! Enjoy all the outdoor activities for only \$5 per car. (Regular admission applies for indoor activities.)
<https://fareharbor.com/embeds/book/wmwi/items/118727/calendar/2023/08/?flow=41147&full-items=yes>
- **August 15 (Tuesday)**, 6:00-8:00 pm, is the **Dinosaur Ridge Fireside Chat** at the Dinosaur Discovery Center. **Dr. Lou Taylor** will present a program about *Amphicoelias: Update on the Ghost Dinosaur*. Registration fee is \$12; for more information, see <https://dinoridge.org/event/fireside-chat-with-dr-louis-taylor-vertebrate-paleontologist/>.
- **August 17-20 (Thursday-Sunday)**. **Dinosaur Ridge** invites you to become a working paleontologist on the **Triceratops Gulch Project**. Experience what it's like being part of a research team on a real working paleo dig site. You will receive on-the-job training and contribute to the ongoing work of Glenrock, Wyoming's Paleon Museum. For additional information, including fees, see <https://dinoridge.org/programs-and-events/travel-and-field-programs/>.
- **August 17-20 (Thursday-Sunday)** is the free **Woodland Park Rock & Gem Show**. There will be a gem and mineral auction on Friday and Saturday evenings, starting at 6 pm.
<http://woodlandparkrockandgemshow.com/>
- **August 18-20 (Friday-Sunday)** is the **Lake George Gem & Mineral Show**, sponsored by the Lake George Gem & Mineral Club. 30+ vendors, plus local specimens, rocks, minerals, fossils, gems, beads, jewelry, lapidary, and more. <https://www.lggmclub.org/>

- **September 15-18, (Friday-Monday)** is the **Denver Gem and Mineral Show**, part of the **Hardrock Summit** mineral and gem show, at the Colorado Convention Center. The 2023 theme is “Gem Minerals: Nature’s Bling”. Sponsored by the Greater Denver Area Gem & Mineral Council, it will include displays and demonstrations by area gem and mineral clubs, plus special museum displays from around the country (admission charge). <https://www.denvermineralshow.com/>

Activities during the Denver Gem and Mineral Show

- **September 7-11, Just Minerals & Crystals Event, Summit Conference & Event Center**, 411 Sable Blvd., Aurora/Denver (free admission).
- **September 8-16, Colorado Mineral and Fossil Show**, at the Crowne Plaza DIA, 15500 E 40th Ave., Denver (free admission).
- **September 8-17, Denver Mineral, Fossil, Gem & Jewelry Show**, at National Western Complex and Denver Coliseum (free admission).
- **September 15 (Friday)**, 6-9 pm is the **Mines Museum of Earth Science Annual Open House**, featuring hors d’oeuvres, desserts, and cash bar. You must be 21 or older to attend.