

2017 Big Bear Fieldtrip Report

The sun was barely peeking above the horizon when our slumber was rudely interrupted by the most annoying alarm clock. Clearing the cobwebs was helped with a strong cup of coffee. Lunches packed and put into the truck and we were off (just ask anyone in the club). We arrived a bit before 9:00am and most were already there. The question about the adventure pass was answered and maps gotten. A brief safety talk was given then we all got into our vehicles and lined up.

We parked at the marble collecting site, folks got ready to go up the road to the collecting site. I told the group I wouldn't be going with them as I had twisted my ankle the day before and it was quite sore. After the group returned about a hour later we all headed for the limestone tailings pile in Holcomb Valley. The road was seemingly long, bumpy and dusty. Before long we all arrived soon folks were going and climbing up and down on the tailings pile getting samples of dendritic limestone. Many were comparing what they found. We had lunch there as it was peaceful with the tall trees and such.

The next and last place we went was to the little quartz crystals location. Soon we were parked and the parade of rockhounds started with renewed spark and vigor. Time passed and just a little before 4:00pm the first began to trickle back. We got to see what people found and see if they were happy with what they found. They were happy and soon one by one they got into their vehicles and left for home. By 4:45pm we were on our way content with the knowledge that the 18 were happy with the experience. The weather for our day in the mountains was crisp and cool making for a great and pleasant day in the field whether collecting or not.

Going somewhere.....

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