

GOLD PROSPECTING EXCURSION

THE GUIDED GOLD PROSPECTING EXCURSION IS A FUNDRAISING PROJECT ORGANIZED BY THE ENCHANTED CIRCLE GATEWAY MUSEUM. THE EXCURSION FEE SUPPORTS OUR BUILDING CAMPAIGN. THE DAY EXCURSION IS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY TO A PRIVATE GOLD CLAIM. IT WILL PROVIDE PARTICIPANTS THE EXCITEMENT OF RECOVERING GOLD FROM A STREAM USING THE EQUIPMENT AND HARD EARNED EXPERIENCE PASSED DOWN BY THE OLD-TIMERS IN THEIR SEARCH FOR GOLD. TRANSPORTATION IS FROM RED RIVER TO THE CLAIM VIA JEEP. THE GOLD YOU FIND IS YOURS TO KEEP. THE EQUIPMENT NECESSARY TO EXTRACT GOLD FROM THE STREAMBED IS PROVIDED AS WELL AS VIALS TO DISPLAY YOUR GOLD.



YOU WILL WORK A PRIVATE CLAIM IN THE MOUNTAINS ABOVE RED RIVER, NEW MEXICO. WE WILL TRAVERSE A RIVER AND CLIMB BY JEEP TO OVER 10,800 FEET. THE TRAIL WAS BLASTED OUT OF ROCK IN THE LATE 1800'S TO ALLOW PASSAGE FOR PACK MULES CARRYING SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT TO THE GOLD FIELDS. NOT MUCH HAS CHANGED SINCE; THE TRAIL IS A LITTLE WIDER BUT THIS IS STILL RUGGED AND ISOLATED COUNTRY. ABANDONED MINING CAMPS AND LOG CABINS STILL REMAIN, THOUGH AGED WITH THE PASSAGE OF TIME. WE WILL USE PRACTICES AND EQUIPMENT SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE OLD-TIMERS. YOU WILL BE INSTRUCTED ON THE USE OF THE GOLD PAN, SLUICE, BASIC GEOLOGY AND HOW TO READ A STREAM TO FIND WHERE GOLD IS LIKELY TO HIDE.

I LOOK FORWARD TO PROVIDING A RARE EXPERIENCE WHILE WE VISIT ABANDONED GOLD CAMPS, PAN FOR GOLD AND LEARN ABOUT THE RICH HISTORY AND GEOLOGY OF THE AREA.

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THERE'S STILL GOLD IN YONDER MOUNTAINS

Expectations

Yes, there is still gold to be found. Even though the old-timers did their best to claim it for themselves, they didn't get it all. This excursion will prove that you can still find gold if you know where to look.. But the nature of prospecting dictates that gold can be of any size and quantity. Our experience has shown that, as in the past, the majority of placer gold is tiny flakes. Not too uncommon are "pickers" - small nuggets large enough to pick up with your finger tips. Occasionally pea size nuggets will reluctantly reveal themselves.



If you are prepared, the day will be enjoyable and a wonderful learning experience you won't soon forget.

What You Need to Bring

Exercise in the mountains will give you a healthy appetite. Bring sandwiches, water and snacks. A wise mountaineer must plan for the worst circumstances so as not to be caught unprepared. For your part, you should plan to dress in layers; this will allow you to be comfortable throughout the day, removing extra clothing as the day warms or adding layers if a shower passes over.



Mountain streams are cold but not unbearable, ours is usually less than six inches deep. Wear shoes which you don't mind getting wet. However you should try to avoid cold feet; the best protection is waterproof foot gear to keep your feet dry and warm. In the excitement it is likely that you will end up in the water... so bring an extra pair of dry socks. You can wear garden gloves to protect your hands, waterproof is nice but not necessary. Wear sunscreen. Even though we will be in the shade most of the day, the intensity of the sun is much greater at this altitude.

Be Physically Ready

The claim is located at an elevation of 10,400 feet so it is wise to acclimate before attempting to work at this elevation. Visitors who have arrived recently from sea level should expect to spend at least three days in the area to allow their body to acclimate before this trip. We will not do distance hiking but even normal activity at this elevation can be difficult. The stream where we will prospect for gold is about 100 yards and a drop of about four stories from where we park.



We follow an easy path getting there. At the end of the day, getting back up is a task you must be capable of handling. You won't be rushed, stopping for breaks is encouraged. Cell phone coverage is spotty, emergency vehicles can't make the trip and air evacuation is unlikely in this terrain.

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