

October 16, 2014

CARGO MUCHACHO MOUNTAINS - Directions for Field Trip, November 2014

From Highway 10: Just West of Blythe take Highway 78 South. At the intersection of Ogilby Road (S34) turn left (South) and continue to where Ogilby once stood beside the RR crossing. A couple of hundred yards before you cross the RR turn left on American Girl Mine Road (Graded gravel). The Am. Girl Mine Road will be marked with a sign at the highway.

From Highway 8: West of Winterhaven and Yuma, at the intersection of Ogilby Road (S34), turn north and travel to RR crossing. A couple of hundred yards beyond the RR tracks turn right at American Girl Mine Road (the road will be graded gravel and maintained and will be clearly marked).

Follow American Girl Mine Road a few miles toward the base of Cargo Muchacho Mountains to an obvious forks in the road. At that point there will be a sign directing you to the camp of Bob and Bonnie Walstrom. We will have a 14 foot camp trailer (Nomad) off to the right of the forks in the open area. No wood or water available in the area.

Note: BLM has designated all the area to the West of S34 as GROUP Camping. All of the area to the East of S34, including the Cargo's are designated as DISPERSED camping. The camping locality is relatively flat and provides a large OPEN area in which to set your camp up with space between individual campers.

Collecting Information: Beyond the camping area, most of the roads are appropriate for 4X4s only and can be very rough at times. We can partner-up with those who have 4-wheel drives and room. The collecting area in the Chocolate Mountains, north of our camp, will also require high-clearance vehicles. Most of the collecting will be of dump materials. However, at the American Boy Mine, along with surface material, heavy hand tools might be useful to get at the better in-place material.

November 2013 was the last time we collected this area. At that time everything was open without gates or signs. It must be noted that the large open pits of the American Boy and American Girl Mines are patented private property. Some hiking will be required to reach a number of the collecting areas. The plan is to visit most of the areas presented in the talk at the 2014 NCMA meeting. I will have a list of minerals one might be expected to find for each locality.

Schedule:

November 25: Tuesday Morning: We drive north to the Chocolate Mountains to collect willemite, cerussite, wulfenite and other minerals at the Paymaster and President Mines. Afternoon: We visit Vitrefax Hill near our base camp in the Cargo Muchacho Mountains to collect kyanite, andalusite, schorl, garnet etc

November 26: Wednesday we collect the Guadalupe Mine east of camp for gold, calderonite, perite, pottsite etc. We visit the American Boy Mine (open Pit) for gold, wulfenite, perite, kettnerite e t. We visit the American Girl Mine (open Pit) for copper minerals, duhamalite etc.
November 27 (Thanksgiving Day): Thursday morning we visit the Little Bear Mine near our base camp for calderonite, vanadinite, wulfenite and gold.

In the evening we cook our T Bone steaks in camp.

Contact me if you have questions.

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