



Dixie Mineral Council Field Trips

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An Official Field Trip of the Athens Rock and Gem Club (Athens, GA) (HOST)

An Official Field Trip of the (please enter your associated club's name here)

Saturday, February 16, 2019

9:00AM EST

Stoney Bluff

Girard, GA

TRIP: This is the Third Bi-annual trip to collect agate about 30 miles south of Augusta, GA. We will assemble in Girard, GA at 9 am in the vacant lot just south of the Post Office (do not park in the Post Office parking lot). The collecting site is only a few miles away.

COLLECTING: "Savannah River Agate"

BRING: Colorful, agatized material can be found on the surface at the site, but many people usually bring light digging tools and small pry bars to free larger boulders from the sandy soil. Leather gloves and safety glasses are recommended. Bring plenty of water and dress for the weather. **NOTE:** All holes must be re-filled before you leave.

CHILDREN (Yes): Children are allowed but must have adult supervision at all times.

PETS (No): Pets are not allowed.

FACILITIES: There are no facilities at this site and the closest facilities are several miles away.

DIRECTIONS AND WHERE TO MEET:

Directions from I-20 in Augusta, GA:

From I-20 in Augusta get onto I-520 (Bobby Jones Expressway) and head toward the south end of the expressway.

When you reach Exit 9 (Mike Padgett Hwy), exit and head south (most likely Hwy 56 at that point) approx. 15 mi. to McBean, GA.

Just beyond McBean turn left onto Hwy 23 and follow it SE about 14 mi. to Girard. GA.

Directions from I-16 just west of Savannah, GA:

Exit I-16 at US301/US25 (Exit #116) and head north approx. 10 mi to Statesboro, GA

Continue north on US 301 from Statesboro approx 20 mi to Sylvania, GA.

Continue north on US301 from Sylvania about 5 miles to junction with Hwy 24.

Turn left onto Hwy 24 and drive 14 mi to Sardis, GA.

In Sardis pick up Hwy 23 and drive 6 miles to Girard, GA.

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IMPORTANT: DMC field trips are open only to members of clubs within the SFMS that have provided their members with field trip liability insurance. SFMS club members are bound by the AFMS code of ethics (click [here](#) to read them), but the general public is not, and could jeopardize access to a collecting location. So unless the property owner has invited non-SFMS attendees, the general public is not allowed on DMC field trips. **Please do not post DMC field trip information where the general public can access it.**

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