

# Inter-Regional Rockhound Rendezvous and Field Trip

May 27 – 30, 2011

## Hampton Butte, OR

The **Northwest and California Federations of Mineralogical Societies** are hosting an Inter-Regional Rockhound Rendezvous and Field Trip to Central Oregon over Memorial Day Weekend 2011 for Petrified Wood, Agate and Obsidian!! And **all** AFMS society members and guests are invited.

**Directions: From the South** – Traveling east or west on US 20 turn north on Van Lake Rd. (mile marker 52) go north approximately 16 miles. Watch for camp signs as you approach Camp Creek road. Road is a maintained gravel road.

**Directions: From the North** – Driving from Prineville, Oregon go east on highway 380 to mile marker 44, turn south (or right) on Camp Creek road and drive south until you get to the junction of Van Lake Rd. Watch for signs (all but the last several miles are paved)

**Facilities:** The campground is a large pasture. This is a “dry camping” area and with porta potties. It can accommodate all sizes of motorhomes and trailers and is also very good for tenters. You will be camping on private property and need to follow some basic rules: No off road except camp area, no cutting of fire wood and **NO ROCK COLLECTING ON THE RANCH**. If you have questions check with camp host.

**Collecting Trips:** The organized collecting trips will start on Friday morning. All trips will leave at **8:30 AM, SHARP !!!**, from the campground. We will be running a maximum of 50 collectors to three separate locations on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. You will have to sign up each day on a first come first served. **THREE TRIPS WILL BE LEAVING FOR THE THREE LOCATIONS EACH OF THE THREE DAYS.**

### Schedule:

Thursday, May 26	Arrive at camp: Welcome potluck dinner and get together with camp fire.
Friday, May 27	Daily Field Trips #1 Hampton Butte #2 Paulina Area #3 Camp Creek Area. Evening: BLM * Talk on Geology of the Area USFS * Newly Discovered Calderas Camp Fire -
Saturday, May 28	Daily Field Trips #1 Hampton Butte #2 Paulina Area #3 Camp Creek Area. Evening : All Rendezvous Potluck Dinner and Camp Fire
Sunday, May 28	Daily Field Trips #1 Hampton Butte #2 Paulina Area #3 Camp Creek Afternoon and Evening: Rock Swap, Wood identification by Walt Wright.
Monday, May 30	Daily Field Trips Glass Butte. Open Day you may go to any of the collecting areas
Tuesday, May 31	Break camp to head for home or other adventures

Plan on several potluck dinners, and daily happy hours. Bring firewood for evening campfires. We plan on having a good time and collecting some good material. Please notify one of the Federation leaders early, but no later than May 20<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend. E-mail (or call) if you have questions or need more information. This will be a great opportunity for rockhounds from all over to meet one another, to share

stories, and information about collecting in their home areas. Be sure to bring material from your favorite collecting sites to show and share, trade or sell.

**Come join us for a great Inter-Regional Rendezvous of collecting, fun and fellowship.**

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**General Information**

Central Oregon is known for petrified wood, agate and thunder eggs. This Rendezvous will be to the Hampton Butte green petrified wood area, the Paulina area for pink, green and blue limb casts and to Glass Butte for a big variety of obsidian. Trip logs will be available to 8 to 10 other nearby sites for agate, thunder eggs, jasper and petrified wood for self guided collecting trips. These trips will include: Muary Mtn. jasper, Bear Creek petrified wood, Eagle Rock dendritic/moss agate, Ochoco thunder eggs, and several other petrified wood and thunder egg sites.

Daily Field Trips:

- All trips will leave at 8:30 AM (Pacific Time), **SHARP**, from the campgrounds. Assemble at 8:15 for details and instructions for each day’s trip. High clearance vehicles recommended to collecting areas.
  - All participants are requested to read and sign a Waiver of Liability.
  - We will divide up into small groups, each group going to a different site each day. Everyone will be able to collect at least once at each site. There will be a signup sheet each day for each site.
  - There is float collecting and digging. Bring the following tools: rock bags, rock hammer, shovel, small picks, hoe, rock scoop, spray bottle, safety equipment and what ever else you usually bring.
  - High clearance vehicles highly recommended to collecting sites. We will help arrange rides for those who need them.
1. Gas and supplies can be purchased in **Prineville** and at **Post** located on Highway 380 mile marker 25. E
  2. Motels; Best Western, Prineville Inn, (541)-447-8080, Stafford Inn, (541)-447-7100, Econolodge (541) 447-6231 Gas?? Groceries, etc.??
  3. RV-Parks - Crook County RV Park (541) 447-2599, Lake Shore RV, (541)-447-6059
  4. We will have a welcome potluck dinner on Thursday evening and the all Rendezvous Potluck dinner on Saturday evening. Bring food to share and your own plates, eating utensils, tables and chairs. Bring your favorite beverages and snacks to share for Happy Hour each afternoon. We will try to have a campfire each evening so bring firewood.
  5. Bring rocks and specimens, etc. from your favorite home collecting area to show and swap at the tailgate display. This will be a good time to swap maps, GPS readings and information about your favorite home collecting areas.
  6. There are a lot of other rockhounding opportunities within 100 miles of our Rendezvous site: sunstones, opal, petrified wood, other obsidian sites, geodes and more. The Rendezvous is a good way to start your summer collecting tour.

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**Attention Federation Directors, Field Trip Leaders and Bulletin Editors:**

Please announce this trip at your meetings and publish it in your newsletters. Please make copies of this 2 sided flier and give it to interested club members to get the word out early so people can start planning for this special field trip and get together.