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Rockhounding Nevada: A Guide To The State's Best Rockhounding Sites (Rockhounding Series)





Synopsis

A complete guide and source-book brimming with advice on collecting and preparing gems and minerals.

Book Information

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Almost any of the rock hounding guides are short on detail. Most are geared towards beginners. Which is fine. As long as the buyer is aware of this.For rock hounding and mineral collecting in Nevada. Your best options are one the following or both. First buy the Minerals of Nevada book.It is a compilation of multiple sourced scientific research products, and written communication from mineralogy field collectors. Put out by UNR (University of Nevada Reno, and the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology). In some cases it will give explicit location data. Top maps are a must for best use. And really you should be using them already anyway in Nevada.Route #2..Go to the Nevada Bureau of mines and geology office, or use their website and get the county guides for Nevada. These will give you excellent info on mines and deposits in Nevada. Many you can download for free of there site. Also you can get individual reports, and maps at the office or the website. Or at least order those that are not download able from the site. Most of the report and guides were written 30+ yrs ago, but the info in many cases is still very useful. Much of the info in Minerals of Nevada was pulled from these guides and reports.Personally I would so both options. And I have.I am a professional mineral collector and seller/dealer.Also when rock hounding in Nevada remember that most locations have more then one thing to collect. So keep your eyes open!Also many great collecting locations are in abandoned mines. If you are not comfortable going in them. It is best to stay out. Think safety first in this case! Do not take your kids in them, or your animals! That is just a recipe for disaster!Now that I have put that out there. Get out there and enjoy rock hunting!

The good.- Well written & entertaining. I would definitely want Mr. Kappele sitting at a campfire with me on a field trip. He is knowledgeable and a great storyteller.- I have the Kindle edition, so it is portable without adding bulk in my backpack.- I have no doubt that beginner and experienced rockhounds alike will find this guide quite useful to have along for their first few trips into any part of Nevada. The bad.- There are several photographs in the book but they are in black & white. Rather low definition B&W at that. The two color photographs on the front & back covers are beautiful, but the B&W photographs dispersed throughout the guide might as well be photos of coal lumps or mud clods. Maybe this is only in the Kindle edition, I don't know.- The author early on states that he has omitted the locations of turquoise because "any good mines would be off-limits and any areas not in production would be played out!" Now that's a paraphrase, but wow. Tell me the location and the situation and let me make my own decision to go or not.Other than the turquoise omission it is reasonably comprehensive covering everything from marble & chert to black opals.

The treasures we found out in the desert with this guide are amazing! It told us exactly what was there, how to get there, and how rough the terrain might be! Extremely accurate for the directions (front map is a bit off). Excellent field guide, I'd recommend it to any rockhounder. I actually had several Nevada natives tell me they never knew about some of these places. Had a great time! The fossil hunts were particularly fun and so rewarding to find a handful of real fossils right out in the wild!

My husband and I have been on several rock hounding adventures suggested in this book. Nice pictures and great description of the areas. The areas are well defined and overall easy to find. It has really been a lot of fun. It is like a map to adventure. I would definitely recommend.

i like this book it starts you looking in the right direction but some of the places that it sends you to have been closed by the Navy for years and a lot of the sites are on active claims, other than that at least it gets you started Very nice book. We've been to several sites and the directions make them easy to find. I am sad to say, however, that sites 2 and 3 in the book are no longer accessible. The road leading to the speedway has a big gate with several "no trespassing" and "private property" signs. We didn't see any other way in to the locations either.

Great book with additional information from first edition. Going to use it in field and planning for rock and mineral trip to Nevada. I like that the author encourages feedback on sites. Good extra book to have to add to the Gem Trails of Nevada exploration.

This book was very informative and gave easy-to-use directions. I only gave four stars because it would have been helpful to have the pictures of the rocks and gems in COLOR. They would be much easier to identify.

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