

HGMS-Sponsored DMC Field Trip

Please join us for an **HGMS-sponsored DMC (Dixie Mineral Council) dig at Hogg Mine** in LaGrange, Georgia, on **Saturday, July 28th, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** You could find **Aquamarine, Rose Quartz, Smoky Quartz, Tourmaline, Beryl, Amethyst** and more! For information on the Hogg Mine, see www.hoggmine.com.

Description and Collecting: The Hogg Mine started out as the Oxford Mine in 1942 to mine beryl to produce beryllium. Commercial operations shut down in 1960. The site has been opened off and on since then for specimen mining and is currently managed by Chris Painter. The site is a surface mine pit approximately 650 feet long with an east – west orientation. The parking area is at the east end of the pit. As you enter the pit from the parking area there is a trench approximately 150 feet long and to your right. Here has been found large green Aquamarine beryl and pockets of green Aquamarine beryl. As you enter the main pit area, there is a tailing or spoil pile to your left that came out of the pit in front of you. There have been several large nice gemmy Aquamarine beryl specimens come from this area. The main pit in front of you has a plethora of treasures, Rose Quartz, Smoky Quartz, banded Quartz, Beryl in matrix with the quartz, Tourmaline in matrix with the quartz, etc. The last area of note is at the western end at the back of the pit. There has been a new smaller pit dug in the last year and some very nice Blue Aquamarine Beryl has been found. The new pit was dug because an old drilling report had indicated that Amethyst was found. There are pieces of Amethyst coming from the new pit.

Tools: Bring all the tools you have: pick, shovel, screen, rock hammer, hand sledge, rock chisel, bucket, hand cart, etc. The Hogg does sale some tools in limited quantities. It would be a good idea to bring an extra change of clothes. The pit can be muddy and wet.

Food and Water: You are welcome to bring your own food, but the mine does sell hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks. The lunch plate is \$8.00. **You must bring your own drinking water.**

Agreement and Release Form: Click on the following link and print the Agreement and Release form for digging at the Hogg Mine. Please fill in the information requested. Fill in the lines “On This Date(s)”, “Name(s)”, and “Signature”. Make sure all the names of the people in your family who will be digging are included on the “Name(s)” line. **Remember to bring your completed form to McDonald’s.** [Agreement and Release HOGG](#)

Where We Will Meet: Meet at McDonald’s at 2408 Whitesville St, LaGrange, GA 30240. This is at Exit 13 on interstate 85 in LaGrange.

Directions and Drive Time: The best way to determine driving directions and time is to enter the McDonald’s address above into the directions destination block in Google Maps and

enter your home address in the starting point block. GPS coordinates: 32deg 59' 29", 85deg 01' 50" / 32.9914014deg, -85.029692deg.

When We Will Meet: Please be at the McDonald's at least between 8 and 8:30 am (you can arrive earlier if you wish). I will collect your completed Agreement and Release forms and give them to the Hogg Mine representatives. At 8:15 am, the first caravan will go to the mine. The first to arrive at McDonald's and sign in will be in the first caravan. The mine is approximately 3 miles from McDonald's. If you do arrive late and no one from the mine is at McDonald's, text or call the number I provide below.

Fee: 17 years old and up are \$35 per person (\$10 per person if we have more than 10 adults), 16 years old and younger dig for free. At the mine, we will count the adults to see how many we have above 10 – that will determine what it will cost per person to dig. For example, if we have 10 adults, it would cost \$35 per adult to dig. If we have 14 adults, that would be \$490 (\$140 above \$350) and it would cost \$10 per adult to dig. If we have 10 or less, we dig for free. My count right now is 11 and maybe 2 more. Once I get a total and collect the extra, I will pay Chris.

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Here's some photos from previous digs:

