

An Official Field Trip of Jacksonville Gem and Mineral Society

Saturday November 15, 2008

9:00 a.m. CST

Dothan, Alabama

What: Multi-colored chert and chert fossils

Meet: We will meet at 9:00am CST (Dothan time), which is of course 10:00 A.M. EST. At exactly 9:00 am, we will leave our meeting location and head to the dig site. We will meet at the McDonald's which is caddy-cornered from the Southeast Alabama Medical Center located at the intersection of highway 84 EAST and Ross Clark Circle...about 12 miles from the Georgia State line. Herb Whittington

Fee: There is no charge for the material.

Wear: It is best to wear long jeans as the chert and jasper material is very sharp when broken off in flakes. A good idea from a safety standpoint is to wear some eye protection. I wear a little welder's face shield which is clear plastic attached to a headband.

Tools: Some of the boulders are as big as cars; others are the size of a basketball. You will only need to bring a sledgehammer, a rock hammer and buckets. Bring a pry bar if you have one. Hope to see you.

Bring: It is always a good idea to bring a change of clothes, food and water and some first aid supplies.

Directions: Take I-10 approximately 232 miles to exit #130 which is US Highway 231 N (west of Marianna). Take US 231 N Dothan (bypass), go east to the intersection of Ross Clark Circle (US 231 Bypass) and US 84. Meet at the MacDonal'd's restaurant. Plan for 4.5 to 5 hours of driving time.

JGMS Field Trip Chair: Mickey Cecil