

Fort Drum Crystal Mine / Rucks' Pit
Ft. Drum, Florida
Saturday & Sunday, November 22 & 23, 2008

WHAT: Fossil, calcite, and combination fossil/calcite collecting trip

WHERE: Fort Drum Crystal Mine, Fort Drum, Florida.

WHEN: Saturday & Sunday, November 22 & 23, 2008

ITEMS COLLECTED: There are well-fossilized and calcified marine shells. The sand and shell matrix rock is in the Nashua Formation (Pleistocene) and is composed of well-calcified shells. Any cavities within these fossils may contain calcite crystals. Honey colored calcite crystals up to 1" in length can be found within large fossilized clamshells. Small calcite crystals within shells are very common. Fossilized bone and teeth, although rare, can also be found at this location.

DIRECTIONS: Go south on I-95 to Vero Beach and take exit 147 onto State Road 60. (It is shorter going through Orlando, but you have to drive through Orlando.) At Yeehaw Junction, turn left or south on Hwy 441. Ft. Drum is on Hwy 441 approximately 15 miles south of the intersection of Hwy 60 and 441 (Yeehaw Junction). Go south of Ft. Drum General Store about 0.5 mile and turn east on 304th St. Go about 2.75 miles to the quarry entrance (north side of the road). Look for the Fort Drum Crystal Mine at the entrance.

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