

**IDAHO FALLS GEM AND MINERAL CLUB**  
**FIELD TRIP, EVENTS & ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE FOR 2018 (UPDATED 6/11/18)**

Proposed Field Trips			
Date	Site	Prospect	Wagonmaster (WM) and Comments
May 27-29 Memorial Weekend	Learning days and field trips: Depending on conditions field trip may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hammond Canyon</li> <li>● Methodist Creek</li> <li>● Ramshorn</li> </ul>	Agate, jasper, and horn coral fossils	<b>WM:</b> Gerry Gibeault <b>Dry camp</b> at the Gibeault's in Moore. Limited water and power are available. You can do day trips instead of camping if you choose. <b>Difficulty level:</b> Easy to very hard depending on the site
June 2-3			
June 9-10	Hidden Canyon, Dubois	Wonderstone	<b>WM:</b> Kean Cardwell, Bill Schiess <b>Day trip</b> <b>Difficulty level:</b> Easy
June 16-17	Bear Gulch, near Kilgore	Obsidian	<b>WM:</b> Gerry Gibeault <b>Day trip</b> <b>Difficulty level:</b> Moderate. Expect to walk up some steep hills <b>Meeting place:</b> Dubois rest stop at 9am <b>Information:</b> Bring water, lunch, bug spray
June 23-24	Pogo Claim - Cancelled	Pogo jasper and agate	<b>WM:</b> <b>Cancelled</b> due to potentially really bad roads <b>Day trip</b> <b>Difficulty level:</b> Easy
June 23-24	Big Southern Butte	Obsidian	<b>WM:</b> Gerry Gibeault <b>Day trip</b> <b>Difficulty level:</b> Moderate. Expect to walk up some steep hills - Rough drive and hard walking. <b>You MUST have a good  4-wheel drive.</b> The road is long, rough, and steep! <b>Meeting Place:</b> US 20/26 intersection north of Atomic City at 9am <b>Information:</b> This is mostly a sight-seeing trip. The obsidian site is up a steep hill, but you will have a great view from the car if you don't want to climb hills. Bring water, lunch, and bug spray.
July TBD	Gilmore, hosted by Gary Beardall. Activities include: knapping and possible field trips that include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Agate Mountain claim</li> <li>● Nicolita Mine and ghost town</li> </ul>	Agate, opalite	<b>WM:</b> TBD <b>Dry camp</b> at Beardall's near the Gilmore ghost town. <b>Difficulty level:</b> Easy
July 7-8			
July 14-15	Red Hills, Pass Creek	Agate	<b>WM:</b> Tim Holmes

			<p><b>Day trip</b> - this will be a good opportunity for a weekend <b>dry campout</b>. Access is by a fairly smooth and flat dirt road.</p> <p><b>Difficulty level:</b> Easy to moderate. Expect to walk up some gentle hills.</p> <p><b>Meeting place:</b> TBD</p> <p><b>Information:</b> Bring water, lunch, bug spray. Those who sign-up will be contacted with further information.</p>
<b>July 21-22</b>	Lime Creek Hole in the Rock Challis Bench	Agate, jasper	<p><b>WM:</b> TBD</p> <p><b>Camp</b> at Challis Hot Springs</p> <p><b>Difficulty level:</b> Easy to moderate</p>
<b>July 28-29</b>			
<b>TBD</b>	<b>Steak Fry</b>	Angus steaks	<b>WM:</b> Tom Strong
<b>August 4-5</b>	Specific location TBD	Travertine	<p><b>WM:</b> TBD</p> <p><b>Day trip</b></p> <p><b>Difficulty level:</b> TBD</p>
<b>August 11-12</b>	Mackay Mine Hill Tour	Some copper ores	<p><b>WM:</b> TBD</p> <p><b>Day trip</b></p> <p><b>Difficulty level:</b> Easy</p>
<b>August 18-19</b>	Blue Jay Mine, Leadore	azurite-malachite	<p><b>WM:</b> TBD</p> <p><b>Scouting/day trip</b></p> <p><b>Difficulty level:</b> Expected to be hard</p>
<b>August 25-26</b>	Copper Queen Mine	malachite	<p><b>WM:</b> TBD</p> <p><b>Scouting/day trip</b></p> <p><b>Difficulty level:</b> Expected to be hard</p>
<b>TBD</b>	<b>Learning Days</b>		
September 1-2	Labor Day		
<b>September 8-9</b>	Spar Canyon, Challis	Lace agate	<p><b>WM:</b> TBD</p> <p><b>Scouting/day trip</b></p> <p><b>Difficulty level:</b> Expected to be hard</p>
<b>September 15-16</b>	Phillipsburg area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gem Mountain Sapphires (Fee)</li> <li>• Crystal Park</li> <li>• Tour Granite Mine ghost town</li> </ul>	Sapphires, quartz crystals, garden rocks	<p><b>WM:</b> TBD</p> <p><b>Camp</b> in or near Phillipsburg, MT. Fee is charged to pan for sapphires. The Forest Service charges a day-use fee per car. The Granite mine tour is free.</p> <p><b>Difficulty level:</b> Easy</p>
<b>September 22-23</b>			
<b>September 20-30</b>	Texas Springs, Nv	Limb casts, petrified wood	<p><b>WM:</b> TBD</p> <p><b>Difficulty level:</b> Unknown</p>
<b>TBD</b>	Club Sale		
<b>October 6-7</b>			
<b>October 13-14</b>	Owyhees, Or	Owyhee jasper, plume, wildhorse jasper, fossil leaves	<p><b>WM:</b> TBD</p> <p><b>Dry camping</b> available in area campgrounds, full service camping near Caldwell</p> <p><b>Difficulty level:</b> Moderate</p>
<b>October 20-21</b>	Cary/Little Wood River	Cary lace	<b>WM:</b> TBD

			<b>Day trip or camp</b> <b>Difficulty level: Moderate</b>
October 27-28			
December TBD	<b>Christmas Party</b>		