

# CANON CITY GEOLOGY CLUB

## New Hope Amethyst Claim FIELD TRIP RULES and DECORUM

**READ ALL GUIDELINES THOROUGHLY FOR THIS FIELD TRIP**

**Trip Leader/Contact information:** TBA

**This field trip is limited to 15 high clearance 4WD vehicles – 35 attendees**

**Time/Place to meet/Sign-in:** meet at **9:00am**, leave Hwy 9 meeting/parking place at 9:20am promptly, all vehicles must enter the claim together.

**Time to Leave Claim/Sign-out:** leave at **2:00pm**, all vehicles must leave together from claim. IF YOU CANNOT STAY UNTIL 2:00PM DO NOT ATTEND THIS FIELD TRIP.

**Car parking/meeting lot for sign-in and carpooling:** from Hwy 50, turn on Hwy 9, ½ mile, wide spot on left of road.

**Collectables:** amethyst crystals both single and cluster groups, other possible associated minerals include: smoky quartz, unakite, epidote, calcite. **Amethyst consumption is limited to 5 pounds, a scale will be available.**

**Approx. Mileage/Travel Time:** from Cañon City (1-way): 30 minutes

**Required Fee or Recommended Donation:** none

**Hazards:** rattlesnakes, cacti, lightning, dehydration

**Terrain:** relatively flat with gently sloping mountainsides – Piñon/Juniper/Cholla forest

**Difficulty:** very easy walking/hiking

**Elevation:** approx. 6500-7500'

**Vehicle Required:** high clearance 4w drive

**Equipment Suggested:** regular rock picks (large and small), pry bar, shovels, hand spade and 3-prong hand rake as well as something to carry your finds/newspaper to wrap your treasures. Also suggested are: 1st aid kit, sunscreen, hat, hiking boots, gloves and safety goggles.

**Water Availability:** none, bring plenty of fluids and a snack/lunch.

The collection period, depending on weather will be from approximately 9:30AM-2PM.

**Facilities:** none

**Nearest Town/Gas:** Cañon City, 10 miles away

## NHAC Description & Guidelines

The intent of the NHAC claim is to provide an area for all Club members, but especially those with minimal experience, to collect minerals with a reasonable expectation of finding worthwhile specimens. **Please rotate in and out of the different amethyst vein areas, so to give all a chance to work those areas. Spend no more than 1 hour in one spot.** Please abide by the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies' Code of Ethics. See our website: [canoncitygeologyclub.com](http://canoncitygeologyclub.com)

## Guidelines

- You MUST be a current member of the CCGC to participate in this field trip and sign a Release of Liability form.
- This visit is at YOUR OWN RISK. The CCGC will not be liable for injuries or loss of property.
- All CHILDREN must be under Parent/Guardian supervision at all times.
- We allow HAND DIGGING ONLY. No explosives or machinery of any kind can be used.
- Digging will only be allowed in a vertical direction to minimize producing an overhang that will have to be remediated.
- All holes must be refilled or left protected before you leave. Anyone who digs must be available for reclamation.
- All parking will be in a designated area only.
- Please pick up all TRASH, even if it is not yours.
- Visits to the NHAC is by scheduled field trips only. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO RETURN ON YOUR OWN.
- **Respect ranchers' property:** to access the NHAC, we must cross two private ranches using their ranch roads. We require that all participants enter at the same time and leave at the same time.
- IF you are the lead car, **LEAVE ALL GATES AS YOU FOUND THEM**, if they are open when you get to them, leave them open, if they are closed and latched when you get to them, close and latch them behind the last car entering. Be careful to **watch for livestock and domestic animals, do not drive faster than 15mph on roads.**

We will request your name, email address, phone number, license plate number and signed waiver form. New for 2018: you must also provide a signed certification form for each person that will be collecting.