

CENTRAL OREGON ROCK COLLECTORS



COLLECTING ROCKS ON OCEAN BEACHES: WHAT TO LOOK FOR AND WHERE TO FIND IT

by Rock Seeker. Part 1

Taking a relaxing walk along a beautiful ocean beach is one of the easiest and most enjoyable ways of rockhounding. Strolling along wet sand, the sound of the waves and seagulls filling your ears while scanning for treasures the ocean has dispersed all over the beach.

There's nothing quite like it. You never know what kind of interesting things you might find.



Beaches are excellent places to find agates, jasper, hag stones, petrified wood and even fossils. The list of treasures to be found doesn't end there either. You can discover other collectible items on the beach such as glass balls or glass floats, beautiful and unique driftwood and of course, seashells. But there's nothing better than finding a large agate or a piece of naturally tumbled petrified wood that's been polished by nature herself.

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There are so many different types of rocks on the beach that are just waiting to be found. Below is a little information for the most common types of beach stones you'll most likely encounter.

Jasper is variety of Chalcedony, and is usually a brown, yellow, or reddish color. It's almost always multicolored and typically has very unique color patterns. What makes jasper so appealing to rockhounds are its unique color patterns and formations. Jasper can sometimes be a solid color but it's more often found mottled, spotted, ringed, or striped. People have been collecting jasper for thousands of years. Even though it's fairly common and affordable today, historically, jasper was a very valuable stone.

When rockhounding this type of beach stone, look for surfaces on the stone that are shiny when wet, but dull and porous when dry. The most common color of jasper that I've experienced are yellow and tan. Red jasper can also be common on some beaches. Green jasper is probably the rarest color to find. So if you find green jasper, you found a true gemstone!





May Club Meeting 2026

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

Doors open at 5:30pm, meeting starts at 6pm

Roger Severson speaking on
“The Incredible Clarno and John Day Formations”

Meetings are held at:
3800 SE Airport Way, Bldg 3, Redmond, OR 97756

If you won at Bingo please bring a
rock related item.
We will also have time for Show and Tell.

Club Meeting Dates

Make Sure to Mark Your Calendar
as some meetings are not on Wednesday

May 27th
June 18th



July 19th American Legion Park
for the Annual Picnic

August 19th
September 16th
October 21st
Holiday Party TBD

Projected CORC Field Trips 2026

Note: Field trip dates and locations are subject to change due to weather and fire conditions. Watch your email and the Club Newsletters for updates.



May

Congleton Hollow
Saturday, May 16

June

Pole Creek and Smoky Butte
Saturday, June 13
Sunday, June 14
Both locations each day



July

No scheduled field trip.
Annual Picnic July 19th at
American Legion Park

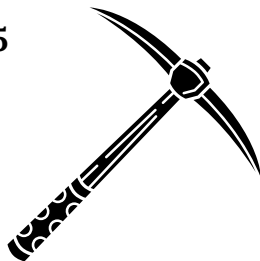
August

Richardson's Rock Ranch
Saturday, August 15
(Due to heat and fire danger
we do not go out and dig in
July and August)



September

**Fieldtrip to Ginger Sander's
Mine for Fire Opal**
Saturday, September 5
Sunday, September 6



October

Ochocco Jasper
(Walton Lake area).
Saturday, October 17
Sunday, October 18
**Subject to change due to weather
and available material*



*Looking forward
to some great
rockhounding!!!*



A Few Of The Common Words Used To Describe Rocks And Minerals And Their Definitions:

Rough:

Rough Is rock as it comes out of the ground and has not been worked yet.



Synthetic:

Synthetic Is the term given to stones that are man-made.



Stabilized/Treated;

Stabilized/Treated An impregnation of a resin to make the rock harder or more durable, so it can be cut easier. This does not affect the attributes of the stone-such as its color. Treated can also refer to process done to change the stones attributes, such as heat-treating, irradiation, dyeing, etc.



Translucent/Transparent;

Translucent materials allow some light to pass through them, but the light is diffused. The material appears to glow. **Transparent** means clear or light shines freely through the material.



Vug;

Vug This is a natural hole or hollow area in rock. Also called a pocket or cavity.

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The Garden
&
Gift Shop**

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Friday - Monday 10-4**

**Always looking for Volunteers
Contact:
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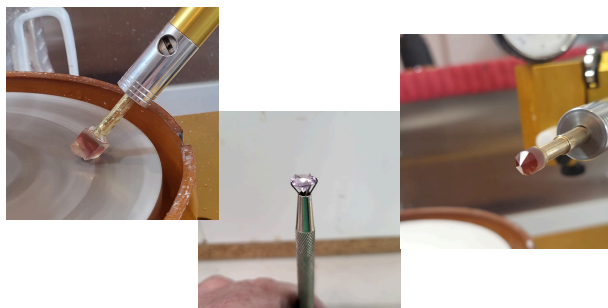
**Contact: Dan Siroshton
(541) 954-8234**

Faceting and Cabbing

Dale B. Barrett, lives in Redmond, is
offering to cut and facet stones for CORC
members at a very affordable price.

**Contact Dale @ 541-694-0325
or**

Email: Commandchief68@gmail.com



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Print the membership form from the CORC
website and mail it to:

Central Oregon Rock Collectors (CORC)

4817 SW Volcano Ave

Redmond, OR 97756

or bring it to the next meeting or field trip.

Annual membership dues are:

\$20 for individuals,

\$25 for household

and \$5 for juniors.

(Note: Junior memberships are for minors
who are accompanied by a club member
from a different household.

e.g. Grandparents, aunts, uncles)

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