

CENTRAL OREGON ROCK COLLECTORS



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

by Rock Seeker. Part 2

Agates



Agates are a very unique translucent gemstone with beautiful color patterns and banding. Structurally speaking, agate is a banded form of finely-grained, microcrystalline Quartz. There are many distinctive styles and patterns to agates, but each stone is unique, with no two agates ever being the same.

When looking for agates on the beach, make sure that the sun is in front of you. If you get the angle of the sun just right, and since agates are translucent, it will appear as if the agates are filled with sunlight, making them easier to spot.

Beach agates are typically smaller in size. By the time they've reached the point on the beach where you can find them, they've been worn down into much smaller stones than when they began. So if wondering how to find large agates, look for areas with basalt flows close by. This may be where the agates are originating from, as opposed to traveling great distances in rivers and streams. Oregon beaches are very well known for their agates.

Petrified Wood

Petrified wood is actually a kind of fossil...a wood fossil! This wood fossil forms when the wood is covered by sediment and is protected from decay by eliminating oxygen and other organisms. Then groundwater that's rich in dissolved minerals flows through the sediment.

The mineral rich water replaces the original wood with silica, calcite, pyrite, or other inorganic material such as opal. What's left behind is a fossil of the original woody material. What's amazing is that the wood fossils often show excellent details of the original bark and wood.



When looking for petrified wood on the beach, remember that there will still most likely be visual evidence of the old wood. Most pieces of petrified wood either have parallel lines of wood grain or even tree rings on them, depending on how the piece of wood was cut. Fresh petrified wood is tan or yellow in most cases. Some older petrified wood samples may turn dark red or even black.

Be careful not to confuse petrified wood with other common types of beach stones like mudstone, siltstone and sandstone. These stones also have parallel lines on them, but are also much softer than petrified wood.

Fossils



Besides petrified wood, there are many other kinds of fossils you can find while rockhounding on the beach. At the beach, the most common kinds of fossils that you'll find are fossils that are embedded

in cliffs and in rocks or concretion type fossils. Typically, you would need to use a rock hammer and/or a chisel to dig fossils from out of a cliff or rock face. But please keep in mind that many beaches, if not most of them, have very strict restrictions on chiseling out or digging fossils out of a cliff. Be sure to know the local laws before you dig.

If you believe you are searching in a legal location and are wondering what kind of tools you might need as a new rockhound, check out my Ultimate Guide to Rockhounding Tools.

When looking for fossils at the beach, your best bet is to look for the round concretion fossils. These are often times very numerous and easy to find. When looking for concretions on the beach, look for round rocks with light colored stripes or markings. With concretions, the surrounding rock has begun to erode, exposing the encased fossil that's inside. It is very common to find fossils of a variety of shells, shark teeth or even bone!

Field Trip to Congleton Hollow



June Club Meeting 2026

Thursday, June 18, 2026

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



Speaker: To be determined

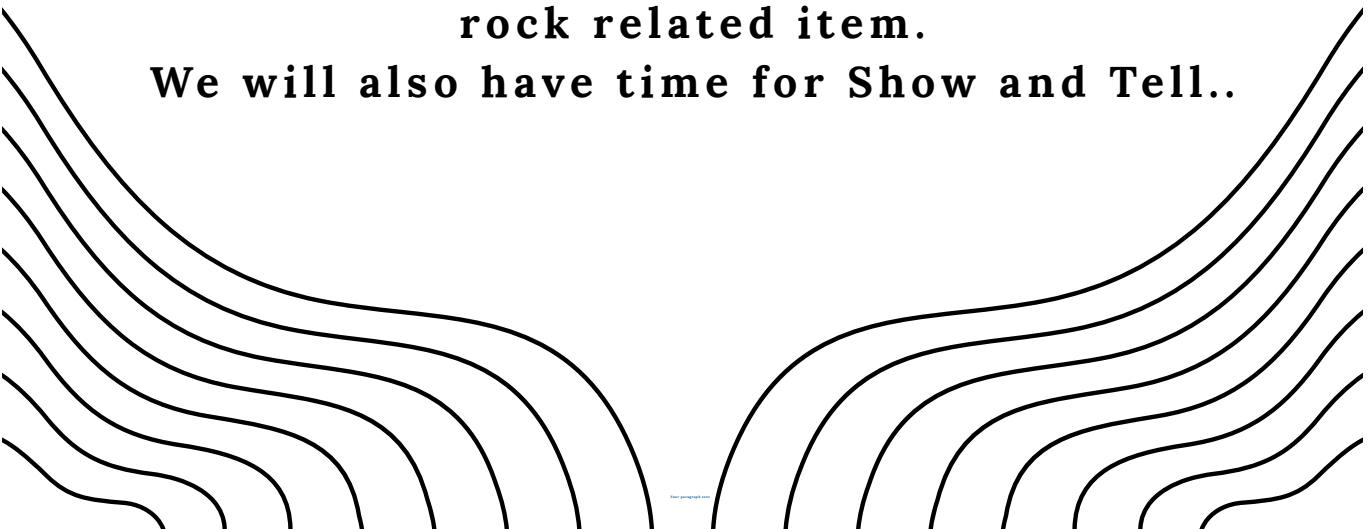


Meetings are held at:

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

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.

June

Pole Creek and Smoky Butte

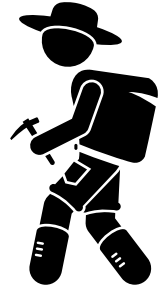
Saturday, June 13

Sunday, June 14

Both locations each day

**We will be meeting at Rays in Prineville at 7:30
for the safety meeting.**

High clearance 4 wheel drives will be needed.



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 Precious 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!!!***





ANNUAL CORC PICNIC

Sunday, July 19th

11:00 - 2:00

**American Legion Park 850 SW Rimrock Way,
Redmond, OR 97756**

2-3 Raffles!!!!

Silent Auction!!!!

**Support the club and bring rock related items
for the auction.**

***Silent Auction and how it works: Pick up the silent auction
form at the next meeting, or send us an email and we will
email a form to you.***

Bring your filled out form and your item to the picnic.

All Proceeds Go to Support the Club.



Be a Vendor

**Club members, if you want to sell your items, bring a table
and canopy, we will have space around the perimeter of the
picnic area for you to sell your rocks and
rock related items.**

**A canopy, if you use one, must be held down with sand or
water, no stakes in the grass “per the city”.**

Please be respectful and leave your dogs at home.

Come join the fun!!!!

Lots of food!

Main dish provided by Baldy's!!

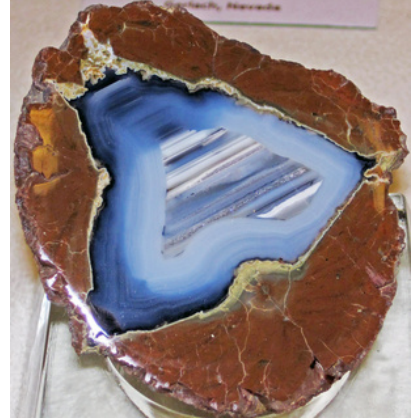
Bring a side dish or dessert to share.

**Mark Your Calendar for
Upcoming Events**

**Prineville Pow Wow
80th Anniversary**

June 17th to 21st

**Crook County Fairgrounds
1280 S Main St., Prineville, Oregon**



**Madras Rock
and Gem Show**

June 25th to 28th

Fairgrounds, Madras, Oregon

ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Come Visit
The Garden
&
Gift Shop**

**Open:
Friday - Monday 10-4**

**Always looking for Volunteers
Contact:
petersengardenmuseum@gmail.com**



CigarBoxRock Lapidary

63291 Nels Anderson Rd
Bend, Or

Open Tuesday- Saturday

9:00am - 3:00 PM

CBR@Bendnet.com

541-389-9663 Or

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a Rock Cut?**

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someone
that can
help you out!

**Sanding/Polishing
Slabs/Thundereggs**

.50/square inch

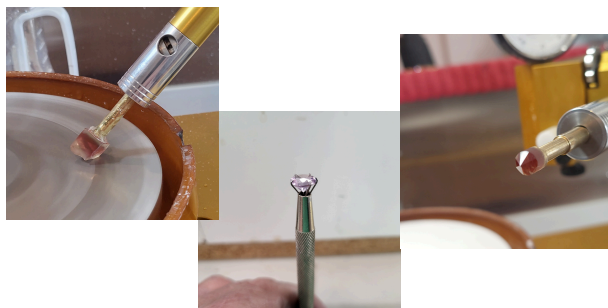
**Contact: Dan Siroshton
(541) 954-8234**

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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CORC website**

(corockcollectors.com)

Renew by MAIL or IN PERSON.

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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