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Nuggets of News and Knowledge

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Whether you are new to gold prospecting or an experienced old-timer, whether you have just started swinging a metal detector or have been digging targets for years, get the most out of treasure hunting with these nuggets of news and knowledge— tips, ideas, new products and more!



Gold Field Indicators

When prospecting an area that's known for gold, put yourself in the boots of the old-timers who came before to help you decide where to begin. Look at your site from all directions and think about what they could and could not do way back then. Your modern-day equipment and knowledge are a lot



more advanced than what they had to work with, so you're already a step ahead! Many times miners jumped in with both feet and started mining to beat the other guys. But being in a hurry meant they could have missed a lot, or moved on too quickly from their original discovery before it was completely worked out. Considering the lay of the land will reveal important clues that can help you better formulate a plan when you're out in the field. Here are a few things to look for:

Host rock (or bedrock) could be shale, diorite, granite, quartz, clay or other material. Keep an eye out for changes in the area's host rock and notice the direction in which it's running.

Contact zones occur when a rock or mineral cuts or crosses the host rock. Generally, gold is deposited along contact zones, which can be a few inches or several hundred feet wide. If bedrock in your area runs north to south and you notice a color change in material that runs east to west, you've found a contact zone.

Outcroppings are a lump of high ground with weather-worn rocks which are generally rounded and usually situated on ridges, but can be located anywhere. Especially look for iron staining on outcroppings.

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Rock Tumbler Basics

Are you in the market for a rock tumbler, but not sure what type to buy? A **ROTARY** tumbler has a system of barrels that rotate around a metal cylinder to tumble and polish the rocks inside. It's easy to use and creates smooth, polished stones in 30 to 45 days. Rocks often come out with a rounded shape regardless of what they looked like when they went in. A **VIBRATING** rock tumbler doesn't actually "tumble" the rock. Instead, the cylinder that holds the rocks vibrates - creating friction between the rocks and the grit material. Because the rocks are moving less, they are polished much more quickly than with a rotary tumbler, usually within 7-10 days. A vibrating tumbler polishes, but does not change the shape of your stones. [More](#)

Ditch lines of yesteryear were generally dug into and run along somewhat level ground. Very close to diggings, especially in hilly or steep terrain, they may have been cut loose to wash downhill. Follow the old water ditches and see where they end up.

Exploratory trenches were not used for water but most of the time were deeper and would often circumnavigate a rich area that may be throwing gold from clay lines, pockets, quartz seams and any other local contacts. Trenches were dug simply to expose any contacts that may be present. As a contact was crossed, old-timers checked it out in both directions for values.

Rock cairns are piles of rock or stone used for claim corners. Standing high on a slope looking down is a great vantage point from which to spot cairns and other man-made landmarks. By locating a historic claim, you definitely have a great place to begin!

NEW! Build It Yourself Hand Dredge



Are you a do-it-yourself type? If so, build your own X-Stream Hybrid Pro Hand Dredge and save! Your Kit includes complete written step-by-step instructions on how to make a hand pump using parts in this kit, plus a detailed list of items you will purchase from a local hardware store. FREE BONUS! Each kit includes a DVD of the movie "Gold Men." It's a funny spoof on Discovery channel's "Gold Rush" TV show. [Video and details about the Hand Dredge Kit here.](#)

NEW! 48" Highbanker + Hopper Dredge Box

This highbanker setup includes a sluice box with adjustable legs and a hopper box. Proudly Made in the USA out of strong yet light-weight .080 gauge 5052 aircraft aluminum. The unique elongated 45 degree z-riffles are great for trapping gold. Up front ribbed matting for fast gold ID and down below is expanded metal over ribbed miner's carpet. The expanded metal helps keeps the gold in the box and prevents the rocks from knocking it loose. Aluminum hopper box has a 2" dredge inlet, a spray bar with built-in adjustable water flow and pressure port controls. **Ships FREE!** [Details here.](#)



NEW! Survival + E

[on Rock Tumblers here.](#)

\$49.98 Basic Pinpointer



Best used in conjunction with a full-size metal detector, a pinpointer is simply a hand-held wand that's used to focus in (or "pinpoint") your target. No one wants to waste time digging giant holes, so instead use a pin pointer to help unearth metal items located by your larger detector. [Shop pinpointers here.](#)

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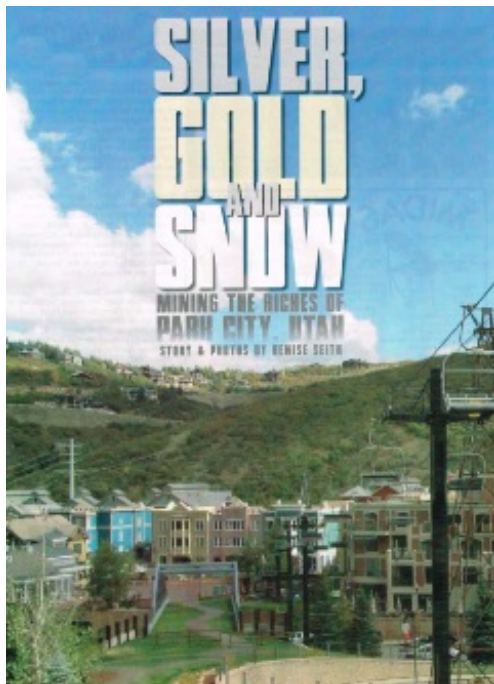
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History Nugget: Park City, Utah



Seventeen years ago, Park City, Utah was the place Olympic athletes and thousands of spectators visited to "go for the gold" during the 2002 Winter Games. More than 150 years ago, however, an even larger group of people rushed to Park City seeking a different precious metal—silver. The first mining claim was filed in December 1868, and for over a century, the abundant veins found in the Wasatch Mountains surrounding the small town produced about \$400 million in silver. When the mining industry slowed down in the 1920s and 30s, Park City's

winter sports ramped up. Good money continues to be made today—with snow and tourism. Silver mining, though, is the town's legacy, and still very much honored around town. [Article continues...](#)



Still have buckets of concentrates left over from summer that need to be processed? Panning by hand is difficult and tedious, however, when set up and operated properly, the Blue Bowl can recover Gold as fine as talcum powder! Used by thousands of gold miners, the Blue Bowl Concentrator makes easy work of what would take hours, and does a more thorough job of removing the black sand from the gold dust. [Videos and details about the Blue Bowl found here.](#)

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