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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!



Look for Indications of Past Placer Mining

One of the most frequently asked questions has got to be “What signs should I look for when out prospecting that will indicate good gold in the ground?”

Unfortunately, there is no simple “one-size-fits-all” answer. Gold occurs in so many different types



of deposits, therefore, indicators in one place for one type of deposit don't always work very well for another. But in general, one of the very best places to look for gold today are in places where old-time miners successfully found it in the past. Sometimes there are very obvious signs of their digging and mining. Old-timers never got all of the gold, and they for sure didn't have the arsenal of tools and equipment like we have today! The following man-made indicators of previous prospecting might help in your modern-day quest for gold:

- **Ground cuts** are basically the trenches in the ground from which ground sluicing gets its name. These narrow trenches carried the water and gravels to the sluice box, and sometimes they were the sluice boxes themselves. Sometimes gold that escaped the sluice box is left within these cuts.
- **Stacked rocks.** In narrow and steep locations there was little room for the miners to move the rocks away. Instead, miners of yesteryear were forced to stack the rocks into walls alongside the stream where they were working. Sometimes unworked gravels lie underneath these stacked rock walls. Keep an eye out for situations where these walls sit on gravel and not on the bedrock itself. [Article continued here...](#)

Black Magic for Fine Gold Recovery

How to Know if It's REAL Gold

Fool's gold, iron pyrite, mica... no matter what you call it, at first glance it looks like real gold and sparkles like real gold in the sunlight or when viewed under water, but how do you know FOR SURE if those gleaming flakes are worth something... or exactly nothing? Real gold retains its yellow sheen even in shadow, whereas fool's gold does not. Also keep in mind that gold is one of the heaviest elements known. Pure gold has a density (specific gravity) of about 19, which means that it weights about 19 times as much as an equivalent amount of water. On the other hand, mica, often mistaken for gold, has a specific gravity of about 2.3. Real gold sinks to the bottom of a gold pan; flakes of mica typically float. Gold is soft and malleable. It can be cut with a knife and won't splinter. You can even "dent" it with a pin. Fool's gold, though, is hard and flaky. [Article continued here...](#)



The original Black Magic sluce is the industry leading concentrate cleanup machine. It out performs any other type of finishing machine of its type. HOW DOES IT WORK? The Black Magic is similar to a “miller table” and creates a positive static grip of contact with the gold particles that

keep the gold from being swept off or down the table. The length of the table allows an ample amount of time for the gold particles to settle and grip onto the proprietary neoprene rubber matting, and the narrow 8 inch width allows for a controlled uniform flow of water. With the proper water flow, the table allows you to recover even the smallest particles of gold. Made in the USA! [Black Magic sluices and bucket kit here.](#)

Power Sluce Kits and Highbankers



Process more material and get more gold! Time to step up your gold mining efforts? [Check out power sluce kits and highbankers here.](#) A power sluce or highbanker is basically a sluce box with height and mobility and a pump. It is mounted on a 4-legged stand that gives the sluce box the correct slope. Instead of positioning in the creek like a hand sluce, pump the water up from the stream into the sluce or highbanker. Made in the USA!

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Metal Detecting is Family Fun!

Sluce Setter



The water resistant [Sluce Setter Digital Pitch Gauge](#) is for gold miners who realize the importance of consistently getting the correct pitch on their sluce box. This varies based on the water volume, water speed, and amount and type of material you run. Once you figure out what pitch keeps all the gold but doesn't clog up the box, you'll want to check the pitch every time you reset.

BEWARE! It's Snake Season



If you know you will be venturing into an area where snakes live, you can protect your lower legs with snake gaiters—the best layer of defense against deadly fangs! Many southern and western states, especially Texas, Arizona, Nevada, California, Florida, and more, are home to a wide variety of venomous snakes such as rattlers and water moccasins. It's better to treat ALL snakes as if their bite is deadly and avoid them, but sometimes you might inadvertently surprise a snake—and they may strike out! Don't take a chance.

Metal detecting is one of the easiest, most profitable, and fun ways to find gold and other metallic treasures such as coins, jewelry, and relics. There are many thousands of passionate detectorists around the world already enjoying the



rewarding outdoor activity of metal detecting. Get your family in on the fun this summer with a [Garrett metal detector](#).

History Nugget: Consolidated Gold Mines Tour in Dahlonega, Georgia



If you've ever wondered what it must have been like to be a hard rock gold miner in the 1800s, the underground tour at Consolidated Gold Mines in Dahlonega, Georgia will shed some light on that—very little light as it turns out. Although

modern electricity now allows guided tour groups to descend 200 feet and follow the original ore cart tracks, over a 100 years ago the massive tunnel system was pitch black, cold, and wet. Miners of yesteryear used weak lantern light or candles as they blasted quartz veins to uncover huge deposits of gold. Wear a jacket, closed-toe shoes, and you'll be comfortable. Expect a few drops of water to drip on your head now and again! [Article continues here...](#)



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