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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!



Does the Price of Gold Matter to Prospectors?



Gold is generally considered a time-tested safe-haven asset, the price of which has historically held up well in times of high inflation, market volatility and geopolitical uncertainty. Gold is a finite resource, and therefore increases in value over time. Knowing this, many investors turn to the precious metal in an effort to protect their money. And those holding it in their portfolios were rewarded in December 2023

when the **price of gold hit an all-time high of \$2,135 per ounce!** For those of us afflicted with gold fever and who enjoy prospecting and mining as a hobby, the price of gold doesn't make much difference. Most small-scale prospectors seem to get much more pleasure from the process of finding the gold rather than selling it. It's the thrill of the hunt! And, of course, all the great memories you make in the great outdoors. Plus, it's just plain old fun buying a new [highbanker](#) or [gold wheel](#). Even if you have no intention of selling any of the nuggets or fine gold you recover, you still might be wondering where the price is going from here.

Whether or not gold has reached its peak is a point of contention. What drives the price of gold can be confusing and conflicting. While other commodities are mostly driven by supply and demand, gold is often affected by the psychological effects of economic downturns. Gold prices are affected by numerous economic factors such as: • Value of the U.S. dollar • Demand for gold • Gold production • Interest rates • Geopolitical factors. [Article continues here...](#)

Gold Pup Mini Highbanker and Pump

What is Pot Hole Gold?

When you think about pot holes, you probably picture annoying driving hazards in the middle of the road that you try to avoid at all costs. That hole in the asphalt can cause a flat tire and help throw your car's alignment out of whack! But a pot hole in a rock that's located in a gold-bearing stream or river is something you DON'T want to steer clear of the next time you're out prospecting. You can expect to find rock potholes that are natural gold collectors in just about any river that has a rocky bed, especially if it's made of limestone, granite, or lava. Some holes are a few inches in diameter and depth, others can be quite large.

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Le Trap Sluices



Years ago, the Le Trap sluice was originally made from

The Gold Pup Mini Highbanker is a two stage high banker that really catches the fine gold. It ships with a 12 volt 1100-gph pump, 3 feet of recirculating hose, built-in spay bar and adjustable legs for easy slope control. Sluice is 26 inches long x 6.5 inches wide with miner's carpet and hinged Hungarian riffles for easy clean up. Top hopper is 14.5 inches long x 6.5 inches wide. Perfect size to fit in a plastic tub (not included). All you need is a 12 volt lawn mower battery and a small pail to catch the waste rock and you'll be ready to use the [Gold Pup Highbanker](#) in the desert, in your favorite stream, or at home in your garage or shop. This sturdy aluminum unit is built in the USA and costs less than \$270!



SAVE! DEMO Gold Wheel + 10" Highbanker Kit

Looking for USED EQUIPMENT? Now is your chance to SAVE \$ on a lightly used [Desert Fox Automatic Spiral Gold Panning Machine](#) that includes a 5 amp power supply, OR choose a practically new [10 inch Mini Power Sluice Set Up Kit](#). Both made in the USA and both great deals!



Manual Rock Crusher SHIPS FREE!

The Crazy Crusher brand Rock Crusher is 100 percent steel, and it is 100 percent made in the USA! The jaws are made of 3/8 steel, and the face has horizontal welds across them that not only help grip and pull down rock pieces, it also prevents wear on the actual jaws. On the moving jaw, vertical "teeth" were added to help dig in and crack the hardest rocks! The adjustable jaw moves from a 1/2 inch opening to all the way closed, for that final grind to get your samples as small as you can for testing. The very bottom of the jaws is what does the "grinding" of the rock into sand sized particles and smaller, some so small it is "air borne." Eventually, like all things, the jaws can wear away, but with this style of adjustable jaw, you can keep moving it in tight for a long time! Also available with hitch mount (shown). Although this item was first invented and patented for crushing ore in the field, this handy machine has also been discovered by artists for the purpose of crushing glass for artwork,



durable ABS plastic in Canada, and otherwise known as the River Robber Sluice. Now it's even better because it's made in the USA using original molds! This sluice cleans out in seconds -- no matting, miner's moss or carpets -- and is an amazing gold trap! Le Trap sluices run well in faster water as well as in low pressure water flows. Ideal for fine gold recovery and stream sluicing. Choose from a wide variety of sluices and highbankers. [Shop Le Trap sluices here.](#)

Garrett Metal Detectors Find Treasure



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. It's so easy to have your metal detector ready to go in its carry bag with extra coils, a digger or scoop, headphones, and spare batteries. [Check out Garrett detectors, coils, pinpointers, and accessories here.](#)

Snake Gaiter Protection



Thousands of people in the USA are struck each year by

also known as "frit glass." [Crazy Crusher video and more here.](#)

History Nugget: Queen Mine Tour Bisbee, AZ



Whether it's mining for gold, silver, lead, zinc or other precious metals, it's always fun to follow in the historic footsteps of the old time miners. To do exactly that and learn how copper and other ore was first mined in Bisbee, Arizona, take the underground Queen Mine tour.

Outfitted with hard hat, miner's headlamp and a neon vest, visitors ride 1,500 feet into the mine and learn about equipment, techniques, dangers and a century worth of history. Tour guides are actual retired miners, so you know you'll get the real highlights of working underground. You'll learn about blasting with dynamite, the role of mules, and even how miners went to the bathroom while working in the mines!

Electricity changed the world from a predominantly rural society to the industrial age, and copper wire was needed to carry that electricity— and lots of it. Thanks to the insatiable demand for electricity, Bisbee was one of the greatest copper camps in the world. In nearly 100 years of continuous production (late 1880s until the mine closed in 1975), the local mines produced metals valued at \$6.1 billion (at 1975 prices). This staggering amount of wealth came from the estimated production of 8,032,352,000 pounds of copper, 2,871,786 ounces of gold, 77,162,986 ounces of silver, 304,627,600 pounds of lead and 371,945,900 pounds of zinc. [Article continues here...](#)



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