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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!



## Historic Gold Areas to Strike it Lucky

The big gold rushes of the 19th century have long since ended, but in most cases you can still prospect for the precious metal in these same historic areas. If you're interested in giving recreational gold mining a try but not sure where to go, here are some key locations where you can still find the yellow metal by gold panning or metal detecting.



Since gold was found in these areas, likely the old-timers didn't get it all— so you may get lucky and strike it rich (or at least catch gold fever)! Rules and regulations differ from state to state, so always be aware of the local laws. And if you want to [metal detect](#) on private land, you'll need permission from the landowner. Keep in mind this is a very short list of locations to get you started.

• **Crow Creek, Alaska.** If you are heading to the 49th state and want to look for more than just incredible scenery and wildlife, you might want to try your hand at panning for gold in Crow Creek. The first claims of gold are said to have been made in 1897 near the mouth of the stream. The discovery of gold near the Chena River in Fairbanks set off the Fairbanks Gold Rush of the early 1900s and gold is still found in relatively impressive quantities in Alaska's ice-cold waterways. Recreational panning is also allowed at the narrower Pedro Creek to the north of Fairbanks. If a trip is not in your immediate plans, you can still have [gold-rich paydirt sent directly to your home](#) where you can pan in a tub in your kitchen sink!

• **American River, California** (shown in photo). The California Gold Rush began

## Nugget of Knowledge

### What's an Electroscope?

An Electroscope is a different kind of metal detector technology. It is an electronic locator that will recognize the presence of metals from a long distance, up to two miles away on sizeable targets. These fine instruments can aid treasure hunters by providing a direction and an approximate location where treasure might be buried, then you can finish off your recovery of gold, coins, relics, and more using a conventional deep seeking metal detector. Hunting for nuggets, veins, and paystreaks in highly mineralized areas is a natural application for these custom designed instruments. Cover more ground in less time and increase the chance of making a recovery-- after all, the goal of all treasure

in 1848 when gold was discovered at Sutter's Mill on the banks of the American River in Coloma. The surrounding area is still rich in gold deposits, and recreational panning is permitted these days at the south fork of the river in Coloma and at two forks in the Auburn State Recreational Area. The Cosumnes River that flows through California's Eldorado National Forest is also known for its golden deposits, and several campgrounds are nearby. There are many places to hunt for gold in California. Just read up on its rich gold mining history for more ideas on where to go. [Article continued here.](#)

## **WARNING! It's Snake Season!**



Don't take a chance when in snake country— snake gaiters or boots offer protection and peace of mind. Some years are worse than others when it comes to rattlesnake, copperhead and water moccasin encounters. When temperatures rise, snakes seek shelter in shady areas under rocks, log piles, old mining equipment, in vegetation— exactly the types of places where gold prospectors and metal detectorists are hunting! Poisonous pit vipers can strike at a target up to two-thirds of their body length, so even hiking in snake country can pose a problem if you accidentally step near or startle a snake. Don't take a chance! Protect yourself from snake bite, painful cacti needles, thorns, and other dangers while enjoying the great outdoors! [Snake gaiters and boots here.](#)

## **48 Inch Highbanker SHIPS FREE!**

A highbanker, sometimes called a power sluice, is a very flexible and efficient piece of equipment when you're gold mining in areas with a good amount of water. Their main purpose is to allow you to pump the water to the gravels, rather than carrying heavy buckets of gravel to the water to process. Just shovel material directly into



the hopper feeder box, and let the sluice do the rest of the work! The bigger the unit, the more gravel it will handle in a day. This 48" highbanker setup includes a sluice box with adjustable legs and a hopper box. Made in the USA! **FREE SHIPPING!** [Highbanker available with or without hoses and adapter kit.](#)

## **Stream Sluices Available in Many Sizes**

hunters is to be productive! [More about electroscopes here.](#)

## **Gold Cube Makes Quick Work of Processing**



Looking for a gold recovery product that can process tons of concentrates into mere ounces? The Gold Cube retrieves your gold from black sands! With a small 12 volt pump (included) and a 12-volt battery (not included), you're ready to clean up your concentrates QUICKLY! It can run a yard of material (classified down to 1/8 inch) in about 2 hours. You can also run half a ton of material through the Gold Cube before you have to stop for a clean up. The [Gold Cube](#) is made in the USA and is small enough to fit into the trunk of your car!

## **Crush Rock and Get the Gold Out**



Once primarily used by landscapers and contractors to crush rock for

Nineteenth century gold miners used wooden sluices that were at least 12 feet long, but modern gold prospectors primarily use sluice boxes made of aluminum that are typically 24, 36 or 48 inches long and 6 to 10 inches wide. The idea is to position a sluice box in a running stream so that the water does the work - separating the dirt and

rocks away from the gold. Since gold is heavy, it will stay in the bottom of the sluice, trapped in the miner's moss or carpet. A good rule of thumb is to set your sluice at a grade of one inch per foot of drop, and adjust as needed. [Shop sluices and get tips on properly setting up a stream sluice here.](#)



## Rock Tumbler Kits are Fun for Entire Family



It takes years and years for nature and its elements—dirt, rock, water, and sand—to smooth a rock's surface. But a rock tumbler can get you those same results in considerably less time. If you're looking for a fun and interesting hobby that the whole family will enjoy, consider lapidary. [Rock tumbling kits, supplies, and articles found here.](#)

## History Nugget: Lost Dutchman Gold Mine

demolition, gold miners are now using rock crushers to both test material in the field, and recover gold back at home. In most cases, you can take your rock crusher straight from the box and use it in less than half an hour. No wasted time trying to find the right pulleys or chains. Whether you need a [motorized or manual rock crusher](#), you get everything you need to start crushing / pulverizing rock and getting the gold right away!

## Vibrating Gold Classifier SHIPS FREE!



Save your poor tired back! No stooping, squatting, bending or bucket shaking required with the "Earthquake" vibrating bucket gold classifier! No matter which model or kit you choose, the sturdy Earthquake is extremely effective for screening both desert and river material, and has been tested using bucket style classifiers from 1/2 inch through 100 mesh screens. Will classify a 5 gallon bucket of dry or wet material in 3 to 5 minutes—just add your own classifiers and a battery and you are ready to get the GOLD without a lot of muscle power! [Earthquake Kits here + Ships FREE.](#)

## Considering a Big Purchase?



Arizona's Superstition Mountains have been a source of mystery and legend since ancient times, beginning with the Native Americans who left behind cliff dwellings and unusual petroglyphs. In the 1840s, the Peralta family from Mexico supposedly developed a rich gold mine, but during one of their trips back to Mexico with a lot of gold, all but a couple of family members were killed by Apaches. Over the years, a number of prospectors were rumored to have found the Peralta Mine, but one disaster or other seemed to occur before a good map was made, or before a claim was filed. In the 1870s, Jacob Waltz "the Dutchman" (actually from Germany) was said to have located this "lost mine" and hid caches of gold in the Superstitions, especially near Weaver's Needle, which is a well known rock formation. Before his death in 1891, Waltz allegedly described the mine's location to a neighbor who had cared for him during his illness. But neither the neighbor nor dozens of others were able to locate the Lost Dutchman Gold Mine. Subsequent gold seekers have met with foul play or even death, contributing to the legends surrounding the Superstition Mountains. If you're a treasure hunter and like a challenge, supposedly the lost mine and plenty of gold is still waiting to be discovered in a hidden canyon. But even if you never find the mine, you can still get great views of the mountains from 320-acre Lost Dutchman State Park in Apache Junction (shown in photo).



There has never been a better time to get involved in the Modern Day Gold Rush! Visit [GoldRushTradingPost.com](http://GoldRushTradingPost.com) today to find great prices on equipment and supplies that make gold prospecting, metal detecting, and rock hounding easier, faster, and much more fun! **FREE SHIPPING in continental USA when you spend \$350!**



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