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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!



How to Detect Old Homesteads

Is there an old homestead or barn where you'd love to swing your detector but you're not sure how best to go about it since there's bound to be lots of trash mixed in with the treasure? First, be sure you have permission from the property owner. Even old abandoned buildings that are half falling down are owned by someone.



After you have the OK to hunt, follow these tips from [Garrett](#): use a smaller size searchcoil, use minimum discrimination, and scan slowly.

- The use of a smaller size DD searchcoil configuration will provide you with the best ability to separate good targets from adjacent trash. Use a detector that has a visual target display and be sure to learn how your detector identifies targets both audibly and visually. Try to correlate the audible and visual signals before making a decision on digging a specific target.
- You will probably hear a steady reporting of sounds on old sites littered with iron junk. You can reduce the number of these signals by increasing your iron discrimination settings. Be aware, however, that the use of too much iron discrimination can cause you to miss good targets that are being masked by iron trash. Use as little discrimination as possible. You might be surprised at what others have missed on an old home site where they searched using maximum levels of discrimination.
- For the greatest depth and sensitivity, use headphones and set your controls for the faintest threshold you can hear. Cover old sites methodically and thoroughly. What does this mean? SLOW DOWN! Move along old home sites slowly and cross over the same area from different directions. Because of iron trash items, good targets may sometimes only present just a hint of a good

NUGGET OF KNOWLEDGE: Crushing Rock to Get Gold

Rocks are rocks, unless they contain valuable minerals, metals, or elements. When a rock has values in it, it's then called ore. In order to liberate the minerals, it needs to be crushed down. In days of yore, a stamp mill was the primary form of crushing rock, but in the modern world, there are jaw crushers, impact mills and gyrator crushers, as well as ball mills. They all have their own pros and cons -- and price tags. Corporate mining companies have very large equipment, which can handle hundreds of tons or rock an hour. For the average prospector, though, it's not feasible to crush down a ton of ore for only a few grams of gold. Instead, check out [manual rock crushers](#) or an [electric or gas powered rock crusher](#) and get the gold out in smaller batches.

signal— and sometimes only from one approach direction.

Whenever you're out detecting, remember to leave all structures and the ground around them in better condition than you found them. Good luck! [More metal detecting how-to tips and articles 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.](#)

It's Rattlesnake Season!

Did you know that thousands of people in the USA are struck each year by venomous snakes?! When bitten, venom travels through the bloodstream, destroying tissue and causing swelling, internal bleeding, and intense pain. Some bites are fatal. Don't take a chance! If you

Warning: Don't become a victim!



know you will be prospecting or hiking in an area where rattlesnakes are common, you can help protect your lower legs with snake gaiters— the best layer of defense against deadly fangs! It's best to avoid ALL snakes, but sometimes you might inadvertently surprise one— and they may strike out! Don't take a chance! [Razer Snake Gaiters](#) provide peace of mind for both women and men. Also protects against thorns, briars, and cacti needles!

DEMO SALE! Desert Fox + Power Supply

Dream Mat Sluices Recover the Gold



Over the years you may have tried many different types of mats, carpets, riffles, and miners moss. The [Dream Mat](#) (choose Mini Dream Mat or Vortex Dream Mat) is the first sluice mat ever to be scientifically engineered and designed using advanced fluid dynamic principles and physics. The mini Hydro-Cyclone inspired vortex cells classify, separate, capture and hold gold naturally.

Dream Mats vortex cells exploits nature's own forces in a patented system to bring the finest gold recovery ever created. These mini cells are engineered to capture the finest of gold without needing huge amounts of water to maintain good exchange. [Choose various widths and up to 47 inches long!](#)

Move More Dirt, Get More Gold High Banker Kit!



Ready to take your gold processing efforts up a notch? This 10" wide x 48" long x 3" high [highbanker kit](#) is made in the USA out of strong .080 gauge 5052 aircraft aluminum. The

SAVE \$59 compared to new on this used Variable Speed Desert Fox Automatic Gold Panning Machine + 5 amp Power Supply. The Desert Fox is a compact, light-weight gold panning machine you can take anywhere. Weighing under 10 pounds even with a rugged folding stand, it folds up and stores neatly in its Action Packer tub. Operate it right out of the tub, or remove it from the case and use it in a stream. Will operate on just three gallons of water and any 12-volt automotive battery (not included).



The Desert Fox spiral wheel sets up quickly and easily and can run 70 pounds of concentrates in an hour-- it's both a separator and a concentrator in one self-contained panning machine. Recovers an amazing amount of flour gold so you never lose even the smallest pieces (which all add up!). The pitch adjustment and water spray system help you "tune out" the black sand. Ships complete with an owner's manual and small bag of practice sand containing real placer gold so you can get acquainted with your new machine right away. Includes 5 amp Power Supply which eliminates the need for a battery to power your Desert Fox when working at home. [Used spiral wheel with power supply only \\$379.99.](#)

History Nugget: Skagway, Alaska

"Ho! for the Klondike. Stick to the trail and mush on!" Those were words to live by in 1897 and 1898 when more than 100,000 fortune-seekers used Skagway as their "jumping off point" to the gold fields some 600 miles beyond. To gain insight into the extraordinary



Gold Rush that peaked and plummeted within just two short years, a visit to Skagway is a must. No need to stock up on pickaxes and bags of beans and flour beforehand as was required of the first stampedeers, but you might want to bring a spirit of adventure.

Back-dropped by snow-capped mountains, Skagway today (formerly spelled Skaguay or Skagua, as it was known by the Tlingit Indians, meaning "windy place") is the year-round home to about 920 Alaskans. The small town's gold rush era architecture and history are well preserved. Six blocks of downtown have been designated as the Klondike Gold Rush National Historic District and are managed by the National Park Service, so there's a good bit of yesteryear mixed in with modern gift shops and museums.

The best place to begin your visit is at the Klondike Gold Rush Visitor Center, housed in the historic White Pass and Yukon Route Railroad Depot at Second and Broadway. Nearby at Third and Broadway is the Mascot Saloon— an authentic saloon museum containing more interesting displays and dioramas. To learn about Skagway's founder, visit the historic Moore House and Cabin at Fifth and Spring Streets. The driftwood-encrusted building on Broadway bearing the letters AB for Arctic Brotherhood dates to 1899. It once was the first

unique elongated 45 degree z-riffles are great for trapping gold. In the bottom of the sluice is 12 inches of black matting for fast gold ID, followed by 36 inches of miner's carpet.

Expanded metal riffles helps keeps the gold in the box and prevents the rocks from knocking it loose. Sluice stand has 18" high legs.

Aluminum hopper box is 14" x 14" x 10" deep and has a 2" dredge inlet, a spray bar with built-in adjustable water flow and pressure port controls. Grizzly bars inside the hopper keep out big rocks and sticks and other debris. Includes hoses and adapters— just about everything you need (except for a pump) to help you process gold bearing material faster this summer!

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