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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!



Where to Look for Gold: 7 Indications

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.

Piles of rocks. In many locations the gravels contain rocks that are too large to pass through the sluice. These big rocks and large cobbles are tossed into

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How to Research Mining Areas

Researching and exploring new areas in which to prospect for gold, gems, or whatever you are seeking can be a lot of work, but the process can go much quicker and easier when you know where to start. If the weather where you live is keeping you indoors much of the time this winter, use your downtime wisely by researching and planning for next spring and summer. But don't rely on just one source of information. Confirm it through several sources. It's not that you don't trust Uncle Joe or a “friend of a friend” tip, but facts can be distorted or forgotten over time and that “secret” nugget patch found 30 years ago just might not turn out to be quite so secret any more. The best kind of research brings together different forms of info from a multitude of

piles. The bedrock between them can be very productive, and if they are not too large and deep, you will find that the bedrock underneath them is often productive. It is worthwhile to roll the rocks aside and check out what is underneath. [Article continued here...](#)

Rock Tumbling is Family Fun



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.](#)

Ends Soon! Garrett 55th Anniversary Specials

Garrett is celebrating their 55th anniversary by offering 3 special packages that include either an AT Pro, ACE 300 or ACE 400. In



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sources. It is the info gleaned from COMBINED sources that can help you to determine the best possible place to locate precious metal or gems. The more info you can lay your hands on, the better. [Article continues here...](#)

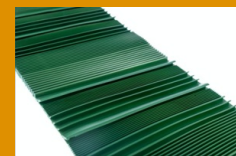
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Sluice Box Matting Makes a Difference



Quality sluice box matting is important not only in a basic sluice, but also for a high banker or a suction dredge. Riffles do a great job of slowing down the gold, but some type of matting underneath the riffles is required to hold the gold and help prevent it from flowing out along with waste material. Changing out the matting can make a big difference in gold recovery rates, so why not experiment? [Miners moss, carpet, rubber mats, etc. found here.](#)

Gold Cube Ships FREE!

Sometimes called a power sluice, a highbanker is a very flexible piece of equipment when you're gold mining in areas with a good amount of water. This high banker kit, which is made in the USA, includes everything you need: 10" wide x 48" long x 3" high sluice made out of strong .080 gauge 5052 aircraft aluminum with unique elongated 45 degree z-riffles that 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 Dredge 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. Hoses and adapters also included: 6 feet of clean up hose with valve, 25 feet of 1.5" lay flat hose, 8 feet of intake hose. Also includes 1.5" female pin lugs, 1.5" x 1" bushing, 1.5" adapter, and 4 hose clamps. [Details here.](#)



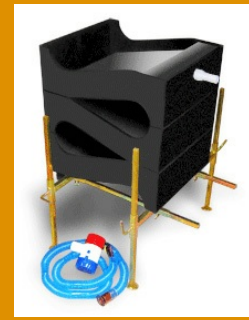
History Nugget: Mining History of Death Valley National Park

Did you know that Death Valley has more abandoned mines than any other national park? Thousands of abandoned mine sites are scattered across the park's 5,200+ square miles. It's really not surprising when you consider that gold, silver, lead, zinc, antimony, flourspar, cinnabar, Epsom salts, mercury, tungsten, copper, borax, talc, sodium chloride, and manganese all have been mined here for well over 150 years. Some of the strikes were short-lived, others lasted for the life-time of the miner, but all prosperous large-scale metal mining in Death Valley ended around 1915.



Although the facts are sketchy, story has it that the Death Valley mining boom began when a westbound 49'er stumbled on a mound of pure native silver. The prospector used some of the silver to mold a primitive gunsight for his rifle. That bit of metal grew into the legendary Lost Gunsight Mine. As word spread, prospectors headed to Death Valley to search for the hill of silver. It was never found, but it set off a wave of mining that would continue for decades.

The first big strike in the Death Valley region occurred in 1873, when incredibly rich silver deposits were discovered in the Panamint Range, near the head of Surprise Canyon. Immediately, the mining camp of Panamint City sprang up and became home to 2,000 citizens. The town was abandoned after only three years, when the silver stopped producing. A flash flood in 1876 destroyed what was left. Panamint City was called "the toughest, rawest, most hard-boiled little hellhole that ever passed for a civilized town." Its founders were criminals who



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