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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!



Beach Mining Tips with a Highbanker

When you consider the advantages of beach mining with a highbanker— easy access in all seasons, no classifying material down to size, no digging in heavy cobbles and moving boulders, no worries about rattlesnakes or poison oak— you might want to give it a try. Of course any new environment means there will



be a learning curve. Recovering 100 mesh gold from the beach requires a little extra attention to detail to prevent loss, so you'll need to readjust your equipment and process. Don't expect chunky nuggets; you're going for the flour gold here. High tide, not your watch, will dictate your schedule. The general principles you already know are the same, but also keep these tips in mind. And before you go, be sure to check your local laws to see if you need a beach mining permit.

- Slow down. Expect to process about 10 gallons of material an hour. If you try to feed a [highbanker](#) faster or use bigger scoops you will likely lose gold. The most efficient way to locate the paying black sand layers is to use a post hole digger or earth auger. The pay layer is usually right on top of a golden brown sand layer that pushes up into the black or blue sand. Frequent storms can remove the light sands and reconcentrate the black sands.
- Use about 25% of the water you would normally use. The ocean is the best water source and doesn't require much Jet Dry, if any. You may need to modify your spray bar to compensate for less water volume so you aren't fighting foam and bubbles.
- The beach is a level playing field—literally, so tip your box to a 9-degree angle and go from there. Most beach miners use battery-powered bilge pumps to run their beach sluices. A small gas-powered pump also will work. A [Gold](#)

NUGGET OF KNOWLEDGE: When to Use a Hand Dredge

Gold can hide down in the deepest part of a crack or crevice or behind a boulder and often is best reached with a hand dredge, also called a "sucker gun" or "suction gun." This gold prospecting tool is ideal for working below the water line when a motorized dredge cannot be used. Since it helps you get the gold out of some really tight spaces, a hand dredge is, well, handy, when you're prospecting along a river. If you've found a rich spot that is hard to access, consider a [hand dredge and its various accessories](#) to help make your gold recovery even more productive.

Gold Pup Mini Highbanker Priced Right

[Cube](#) or [spiral wheel](#) are excellent pieces of fine gold recovery equipment, as is a [Blue Bowl](#) for your final step.

- Do frequent clean-ups. Good luck and have fun!

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.](#)

Portable Highbanker Trommel Does It All

Looking for a versatile gold mining machine— classifier, highbanker, trommel — that will get the gold? Want one light-weight machine that will do it all? Check this out! Use as a highbanker or switch out the top box in minutes and install the 5 inch



trommel. Gold Trommel with Xtreme Omni wash system (triple angle) and quick flush drain, aluminum and steel construction. The bottom sluce box is 36" x 8" x 3" and includes light weight leg attachments with four corner adjustments. Inside the sluce are 5 different Gold Hog brand mats. NO PUMP OR HOSE included. You will need a pump that is 12 volt 2000 GPH and 3 feet of 1 1/8" flex hose. A deep cycle marine battery (also NOT included) will run this highbanker / trommel for two days without charging. The consumption rate is 6 amps per hour; one battery runs both pump and trommel drive. Total weight is about 30 pounds— take it just about anywhere! This is a complete unit that is ready to run on your battery. If you're looking for BIG performance in a small package, this classifying [highbanker / trommel](#) is for YOU! Ships FREE to lower 48 states.

It's Rattlesnake Season!



The NEW Gold Pup Mini Highbanker is a two stage high banker that really catches the fine gold and will help you get the gold. Includes a 12 volt 1100-gph pump, 3 feet of recirculating hose, built-in spay bar and adjustable legs for easy slope control. Sluce 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 Your Tired Back with an Earthquake!



Save your poor tired back! No stooping, squatting, bending or bucket shaking required with the "Earthquake" vibrating bucket gold classifier! Built

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!

History Nugget: Black Hills Gold Rush

Nearly all of South Dakota's gold-bearing deposits are concentrated in one area—the 65 mile wide by 125 mile long Black Hills National Forest. In addition to gold, this scenic recreation area is filled with forests so thick they look black from a distance (hence the name), rugged rock formations, cool caves, rushing rivers, and an



abundance of national memorials and parks. The wildlife is plentiful, too—thousands of free-roaming buffalo, spry pronghorns, shaggy bighorn sheep, and even shy prairie dogs. Besides the outdoor beauty, this region is best known for the Black Hills Gold Rush of 1876, which began in July 1874. Sent by the federal government to scout locations for military forts and to investigate rumors of gold ore, General George Armstrong Custer led his famous expedition into the Black Hills in July 1874.

The party consisted of 1,000 men, including a military band, 2,000 animals, and 110 wagons. While camping on French Creek near present-day Custer City, Horatio Ross, a prospector along on the expedition, discovered gold. General Custer reported the find, and almost immediately the Black Hills Gold Rush was on! General Custer and many of his men, though, never saw the full impact of their find. They died at the Battle of the Little Bighorn two years later.

The Black Hills Gold Rush should never have happened. In 1868, a treaty between the U.S. and the Sioux Nation called for the abandonment of military posts in Indian territory, and set aside the region for Native Americans only. The Black Hills, then and now, is considered sacred to the Lakota Sioux. But it took just one powerful word — Gold! — to change history forever. By the end of

with a UV and water resistant coating, 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. The [Earthquake](#) 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! FREE SHIPPING in continental USA!

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1875, thousands of miners, cattle ranchers, railroaders, and businessmen had violated the treaty and settled in. [Article continues...](#)



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