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**In conjunction with the
Mariposa Gem & Mineral Club
present**

The MG&MC & RFTF! 2017 Davis Creek Rockhound Odyssey

with informational links

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- Intro -

One of the most satisfying and beautiful rockhounding destinations in Northern California is Davis Creek. Nestled in the Modoc National Forest, Davis Creek is home to what some consider to be the world's premier rainbow obsidian.

We'll have a real treat on this trip; Frank Newman, the most experienced commercial rainbow obsidian miner, has agreed to help lead us on the first 2 days. Take it from me, you'll go home with LOTS of great rainbow obsidian and other rock!

Our home base will be at [the Lassen Creek Campground](#), minutes away from the Lassen Creek rainbow obsidian diggings. I will arrive with my digging partner Garrick Newman on July 13 or 14, 2017.

EVERYONE who plans on digging for obsidian needs to get a free permit. If you're arriving early, be sure to stop in Alturas at the [Modoc National Forest Office](#), at 225 West 8th Street, Alturas, CA 96101 Their office hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm.

If you're arriving Saturday or Sunday, you can obtain your permit at the [Davis Creek Mercantile](#), 41942 US 395, Davis Creek, CA 96108.

Trips, by day –

Saturday, 7/15 – [Lassen Creek obsidian site](#)
[Outback Rocks, in New Pine Creek, OR](#)

[Meetup at Lassen Creek Campground](#)

Sunday, 7/16 – [North Fork Davis Creek obsidian site](#)
[Goose Lake jasper, rhyolite & thunderegg sites](#)

[Meetup at Davis Creek Mercantile](#), at 9am – Departing at 9:30am

Monday, 7/17 – [Cederville petrified & opalized wood](#)

[Meetup at the Hwy 299 turnoff from Hwy 395](#), between Alturas and Davis Creek

Tuesday, 7/18 – [Goose Lake jasper, rhyolite & thundereggs](#)

Meetup at the scenic viewpoint, across from [the Goose Lake Road Cut picture jasper site](#), at 9am – If you're later and no one's at the road cut, we'll be up the highway north, at the Spiderweb rhyolite site. Just look for the RFTF! sign on the west side of Hwy 395.

Wednesday, 7/19 – [Plush, OR, Sunstones](#)

This one's an early meetup, 7:30am at County Road 47 (aka South Willow Ranch Road) and Hwy 395. We'll leave promptly at 8am, so don't be late! We'll gas up in Lakeview on the way.

Thursday, 7/20 – [Jack's Valley petrified & opalised wood](#)

Meetup for this site will be at [the Wagon Wheel Cafe](#) parking lot, in Alturas, at 9:30am. We'll leave at 10am, and take the scenic route toward Susanville, via Hwy's 299 & 139. The Jack's Valley site turnoff is about 10.3 miles north of Susanville. We'll be there about noon.

Regarding campgrounds and Accommodations –

All campgrounds in Modoc National Forest are first-come, first-serve. You'll find full info on campgrounds and motels throughout the area in the web links below. Sadly, the Plum Valley campgrounds have been decommissioned, and are no longer maintained.

[Forest Service Lassen Creek Campground web page](#)

[Google Map to Lassen Creek Campground](#)

Yelp! Web links:

[Davis Creek, CA Area RV facilities](#)

[Davis Creek, CA Area Commercial Campgrounds](#)

[Alturas, CA Motels](#)

[Lakeview, OR Motels](#)

[Plush, OR Motels](#)

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I personally recommend the Lakeview Lodge, in Lakeview OR, and the Wagon Wheel Motel in Alturas. They offer the largest rooms and best service for a low price.

Services:

There are lots of great restaurants and services in Alturas and Lakeview. For my money, Alturas has the best selection. Here are Yelp! restaurant links:

[Alturas Eateries](#)

My personal favorites in Alturas are [Harold's Frosty](#) for burgers, fries and incredible milkshakes.

For breakfast, the [Wagon Wheel Cafe](#) is tops. They do a great rib eye dinner, and the chicken fried steak is massive!

I'm planning to try the [Auction Yard Cafe](#) on this trip, they've got great reviews.

For pizza, [Antonio's Cucina Italiana](#) is the best in town. Their other dishes are yummy, too.

[Lakeview Eateries](#)

In Lakeview, I like [the Snack Shack](#) for burgers, sandwiches, and a huge selection of deep fried goodies.

[El Aguila Real](#) has good Mexican food, and they're often open a little later than other cafes.

[The Green Mountain Bakery](#) is great any time of day, 5am to 8pm. The biscuits and gravy are delicious!

Both Alturas and Lakeview have grocery and drug stores, and many other fine retail establishments. I'd live up here, if I could!

Tool list -

5 gallon buckets or canvas tool bags to carry rock

Geologists pick

18" to 24" crowbar - My favorite for digging obsidian, you can use it like a toothpick.

Long bar or gad - We'll be bringing several big bars.

Folding camp shovel

Trenching shovel

Round nose shovel, for moving dirt!

Various screwdrivers, small demolition bars, and wooden spoons/kitchen tools

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**I'm looking forward to a great trip, rockhounds!
Please check out the entire itinerary, and message or call me
with any questions or suggestions.**

See you soon!

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