

Trail Hopping

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Back country enthusiasts, who own a 4-wheel vehicle, a sand buggy or trail bike, will want to join the caravan up into the high country behind Iron Mountain, on Aug. 19th. The fruits at the end of the road of this ruggedly, beautiful trip, are garnets and panoramic views of Red Lake, (dry).

The garnets can be found in the tailing's dump of an old mine and all you have to do is dig for them. You don't have to be a rockhound to enjoy this trip as there are many far reaching views as we climb up out of the desert to the top of the range of mountains that make up a part of Iron Mountain. Camera

buffs will find plenty scenes to photograph here.

Some time ago I heard of this garnet mine and made a trip there to check it out, and believe me, the time was well spent. The country the mine road passes through is wild and beautiful and very, very interesting.

The large outcroppings of granite invite you to photograph them and the vegetation, as you proceed, is ever changing, from Joshua trees, cactus and desert growth, to dwarf pine, oak and sage brush. The elevation we will reach will be between 5,000 and 6,000 feet, which



SUZIE AND JOEY KUMP OFTEN GREET FOLKS AS THEY PASS BY THE DIAMOND BAR RANCH. YOU'LL GO THRU THE RANCH AUG. 19TH ON WAY TO THE GARNET MINE.

should afford a cooling change.

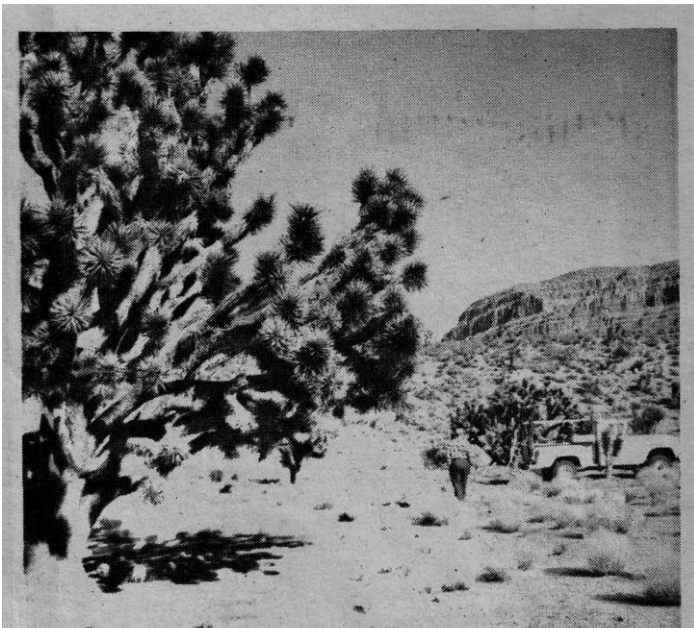
About halfway up we will stop at an old abandoned miners cabin, nestled in a beautiful, romantic setting. This will be a restful, relaxing spot to stop for a refreshing drink at the spring in the draw near the house.

We are going to need rock hounders to explain the many different rock formations as well as identify the better garnets that are found, so we are inviting all you rock hounders to join us.

It will be necessary to bring along plenty of lunch for each person in your party (one gets hungry on these outings) and also include plenty of water

as on a trip such as this, water is a must. Other gear should include a camera, plus a small miners pick and any other back country gear of your choice. A heavy canvas bag is always a handy addition so you can tote your rocks.

Departure will be from the Meadview Marina store at 9 a.m., Arizona time, Saturday, Aug. 19, 1967. So, crank up those back-country vehicles and join our outing, you will be glad you did. Move up to fun!



ON THE TRIP TO THE GARNET MINE, AUG. 19TH, WE WILL PASS THROUGH ONE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST STANDS OF JOSHUA TREES.