

JOINT GPAA CHAPTERS OUTING AT THERMAL CITY SEPTEMBER 4-7, 2026 (LABOR DAY WEEKEND)

This will be a joint outing between the Statesville, Catawba, and Kannapolis North Carolina GPAA Chapters and the Augusta, Georgia GPAA Chapter. It will be a great opportunity to prospect over the holiday weekend and meet fellow GPAA/LDMA prospectors.

Thermal City Information:

Website: thermalcitygoldmine.com • **Phone #:** 828-286-3016 • **Address:** 5240 US-221, Union Mills, NC 28167

Schedule:

- **Friday** - Free day. Members may arrive at Thermal City at their own leisure.
- **Saturday** - Free day. Members can use their own equipment or rent equipment from Thermal City. Group dinner provided by NC chapter (Meal tickets are \$5 per person).
- **Sunday** - Free day. Members can use their own equipment or rent equipment from Thermal City. Group dinner provided by NC chapter (Meal tickets are \$5 per person). Members may depart today or stay through the holiday on Monday.
- **Monday** - Free day. Members may depart at their own leisure.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- Reservations for rental equipment (highbanker, trommel, etc.) and cabin/camping sites should be made prior to the event due to limited availability.
- The NC chapters will be providing two dinners. Meal tickets are \$5 per person. Bring cash for payment.
- The NC chapters will also host raffles through the weekend. Tickets will be available for purchase during the event. Members should bring cash if they wish to participate.
- Augusta GPAA Chapter members will pay the listed rates for rental equipment and paydirt purchases at Thermal City. No discounts will be provided.

<u>THERMAL CITY PRICE LIST:</u>	<u>Gold to Go Bags - \$65</u>
Trommel or Highbanker: \$75 per half day, includes one yard of material	Panning for Gold - \$15 per person per day. (No charge for children under 10 but must purchase a panning kit.)
Dredging - up to 3" \$20 per day for 1 person + \$5 for each helper	Primitive Camping: \$25 per night \$150 per week (1 week max)
Dredging - 4" \$25 per day for 1 person + \$5 for each helper	Full Hook-Up: \$40 per night \$240 per week
Regular Load of Material - \$65	

type	price per night
Two camping cabins <i>2 double beds</i>	\$60.00 per night
One cabin with bath and kitchenette and screened in porch <i>2 double beds 1 single bed</i>	\$80.00 per night
One cabin with bath, microwave, <i>2 double beds</i>	\$70.00 per night
One cabin Creek Side -with bath, microwave, & refrigerator. Bedroom is air conditioned, No kitchen. Sitting area . <i>1 double bed</i>	\$70.00 per night

Cabin Rentals:

Four riverside cabins and one creek side cabin are available for rent, by reservation only. There is a two-night minimum for the cabin rentals. There is a \$50.00 Non-Refundable Deposit for every two (2) nights for the cabin rentals. Cabin occupants are NOT allowed to have ANIMALS on the premises. No Smoking allowed in the cabins. All cabins have air-conditioning and refrigerator. Prospecting fees are Not included with the cabin rentals. Prospecting fees must be paid for separately. **Bring your own linens. Cabin rental rates based on occupancy of 2. There is a \$5.00 per person charge for additional occupants.** RESERVATIONS BY PHONE ONLY. NO REFUNDS. NO EXCEPTIONS

Thermal City Outing - Item Checklist

Each trommel will need:

Two shovels, One (or more) hoe/pea digger, a bucket for concentrates, Gloves

Items needed for highbanking:

Large tarp to place paydirt on (See picture)
Gloves, Shovels, Buckets, Tent (Optional but recommended)

Members should also bring:

Sunscreen, gold pan, snuffer bottle, vials, folding chair, cash



Hotels & Campgrounds Near Thermal City

FOREST CITY (20-25 MINUTES TO THERMAL CITY)

Hampton Inn & Suites Forest City

227 Sparks Dr, Forest City, NC 28043
(828) 382-1001

Holiday Inn Express Forest City by IHG

200 Holiday Inn Dr, Forest City, NC 28043
(828) 755-2000

Baymont by Wyndham Forest City

164 Jameson Inn Dr, Forest City, NC 28043
(828) 351-6192

Quality Inn Forest City

205 Commercial Dr, Forest City, NC 28043
(828) 202-1374

MARION (10-15 minutes to Thermal City)

Hampton Inn Marion

3560 US-221, Marion, NC 28752
(828) 652-5100

Super 8 by Wyndham Marion NC

4281 US-221, Marion, NC 28752
+1-828-559-9652

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Marion by IHG

279 Kadire Dr, Marion, NC 28752
(828) 527-0035

RUTHERFORDTON (15-20 minutes to Thermal City)

Carrier Houses Bed & Breakfast

255 N Main St, Rutherfordton, NC 28139
(828) 287-4222

Firehouse Inn Bed & Breakfast

134 N Washington St, Rutherfordton, NC 28139
(828) 286-9030

CAMPGROUNDS & CABINS

Peek of the Mountains Campground & RV Park

(2.2 miles away)
659 Crutchfield Rd, Union Mills, NC 28167
(828) 351-9707
peekofthemountains.com

Gold River Camp + Cabins

(3.1 miles away)
43 Polly Spout Rd, Marion, NC 28752
(828) 351-6283
goldrivercamp.com

Deer Creek Campground, LLC

(4 miles away)
3511 US-221, Union Mills, NC 28167
(828) 755-1235

LDMA Vein Mountain Campground

(5.3 miles away)
Available for LDMA members
(828) 652-0144

Spacious Skies Campgrounds - Hidden Creek

(13 miles away)
1210 Deacon Dr, Marion, NC 28752
(828) 652-7208
spaciousskiescampgrounds.com

Questions? Contact our Outings Coordinators
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