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Thermal City Gold and Gem Mine Chapter Outing

www.thermalcitygoldmine.com

Proposed Dates: August 15th, 16th and 17th

Open to all Augusta Gold Club Members and Family
Your chance to get out and prospect

Open for Newbies as well as Experienced Prospectors.

The only difference between the two is the amount of time Prospecting.

Don't be afraid to ask Questions. The only Dumb Question is the one that is never asked so make sure you ask your questions.

This is a learning weekend for many of us.

**Located at
5240 US 221 North Hwy,
Union Mills, NC 28167**





- **About Thermal City Gold Mine:**

Thermal City Gold Mine advertises as the best recreational gold and gem mining facility in the Eastern United States. For great family fun, they offer Gem Mining, Gold Panning, Camping and much more.

Thermal City Gold Mine offers a unique experience hosted by people who are real prospectors! They are dedicated to keeping the tradition and history of Gold Mining in North Carolina alive. Anyone who wants to pan or prospect for gold is welcome. They enjoy teaching and talking about mining!

The Gem Mine at Thermal City Gold Mine offers the best in Gem Mining North Carolina at one of the best NC Gem Mines. The gemstone material found here is representative of minerals found in NC. Western NC is extremely rich in many gemstones and commercial minerals. Gemstones and mineral specimens found here include emerald, citrine, moonstone, rubies, aventurine, smoky quartz, rose quartz, tourmaline, etc.

Their gem mine area is covered so you can mine rain or shine. This activity is enjoyed by miners ages 3 to 93. Everyone loves to gem mine.

Equipment Available

- Trommels and Highbankers are available for rent
- Their trommels are available to run daily. The time schedule to run their machines are at 9 a.m. for the morning shift and 1 p.m. for the afternoon shift. No machines will be started after 2:30 p.m.





THERMAL CITY GOLD & GEM MINE PRICE LIST (2025)

Trommel or Highbanker:

\$75 per half day,
includes one yard of material

Dredging - up to 3"

\$20 per day for 1 person + \$5 for
each helper

Dredging - 4"

\$25 per day for 1 person + \$5 for
each helper

Regular Load of Material - \$65

Gold to Go Bags - \$65

Panning for Gold - \$15 per person
per day.

(No charge for children under 10 but must
purchase a panning kit.)

Primitive Camping:

\$25 per night

\$150 per week (1 week max)

Full Hook-Up:

\$40 per night

\$240 per week

Agenda



- Friday evening
 - We arrive and set up.
 - A Camp Fire will be available.
 - At that time we will have a meet and greet and go over the upcoming weekend and answer questions.
 - You provide your own Friday night meal and Beverage or snack depending on your expected arrival time.
 - There is no set time that you need to be there so if you want to come early in the day or the day before you can.

What else can you do:



- Visit the Rock Shop
- Visit the Mining Supply Shop
- There is direct access to the Second Broad River for using your own Highbankers, dredges or river sluice if you have your equipment. For high-bankers we can deliver pay dirt directly to you to process. (you have to be 2 feet into the river and no digging into the banks Federal Law and fully enforced)
- \$65.00 for a bucket of dirt if you have your own Highbanker.
- \$5, \$15, \$25, \$+ Gemstone panning available \$125 bucket guarantees 2 faceted gemstones

Saturday



- Saturday
 - 8:30 1st shift head towards the Trommel
 - 12:30 2nd shift head towards the Trommel
 - Bring yourself some drinks so that you stay hydrated while prospecting.

Saturday Evening



- Meat will be provided
- Bring a side Dish
 - EX Potato Salad, Macaroni Salad, Baked Beans, Whatever your favorite side dish is and your favorite desert and beverage.
- Camp fire again in the evening. If you want Smores, or Marshmallows or Mountain Pies the fire will be available.

Sunday



- Sunday is Open Day and you are welcome to Pan, Sluice, Highbank, etc.. What you find is yours.
- This is a good opportunity to test out new equipment or tune up your old.
- Leave when you want to or if you want to stay a couple of days you can.

Lodging

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.**

There are Hotels and Motels nearby for those that don't want to camp.





Preregistration is Required

- Depending on the number of participants will determine how many Trommels or Highbankers we will need.
- Depending on how any participants will determine what the cost of the rental per person will be.
- A \$5 per person fee will be charged by the chapter to help cover expenses.



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