



ABOUT THERMAL CITY GOLD & GEM MINE:

Thermal City Gold and Gem Mine is the perfect place to spend a few hours, a day or your whole vacation. The mine, and its campground, is located on US 221 about half way between Marion and Rutherfordton, North Carolina. The Mine is about 8.5 miles south of Exit 85 on I-40, or 12 miles north of Rutherfordton.

Thermal City Gold & Gem Mine offers the following:

Gold Panning
Highbanking
Trommel Operations
Sluicing
Dredging Locations
Gem Sluicing
Mine Store
Souvenirs and Gifts
Antique Gold Mining Equipment
One Mile Plus of the Second Broad River for Prospecting
Camping & RV Hook-Ups
Cabin Rentals

We have experienced prospectors to help newcomers get started.

Thermal City Gold Mine is located on the actual site of one of the earliest mines in Rutherford County. The mine has a long and varied history. In the May 14, 1830 issue of "The North Carolina Spectator and Western Advisor" the announcement was made that the mine was open, it added, "This mine bids fair to become one of the best in the gold region." Thermal City Gold Mine was opened as a recreational gold mine in 1992. It has been featured on several TV shows, and has been identified on the Internet as one of the 5 top recreational gold mines in the nation. Thermal City Gold and Gem Mine will continue its legacy with the Owners Jeff and Eileen Langford, and the rest of the Thermal City Gold and Gem Mine Family.

The Thermal City Gold Mine actually sits on a large deposit of placer gold. Material is dug from our pit and delivered to the work site. The gold found here is in its natural state - right where nature has deposited it.

Every effort is made to provide a natural setting and an authentic experience.

Find us online at www.thermalcitygoldmine.com
or call (828) 286-3016

THERMAL CITY GOLD & GEM MINE PRICE LIST (2025)

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

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

NO REFUNDS. NO EXCEPTIONS

HOTELS, MOTELS, & 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
golddrivercamp.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