

Message to Non-Member rockhounds from out of area:

The President, Field Trip Chairman and various other directors and officers of LGGMC have been getting emails or phone calls along the lines of:

*“Hi! I am trying to find out where I can dig for crystals in Colorado just like I see on the Prospectors Show on TV. I want to find some beautiful crystals when I visit Colorado but I just have one day to pick them up. I've heard Lake George mentioned and I am trying to get detailed directions so I can drive right to the sweet spots and load up.
Can you help me??!! thanks!!!”*

It's not that easy! Our standard response is that we are sorry we cannot direct visitors to any sites where you can easily collect quality mineral specimens. *All the easy pickings were depleted decades ago!* Most prize mineral collecting sites have been claimed for years, or are on private property. Mineral Trespass is prohibited by law with the strong possibility of arrest or even physical harm. Collecting by digging in roads or road rights of way is also prohibited. Digging within easements requires a permit from the County and/or State along with approved traffic warning devices and safety personnel. There are a few areas in the National Forest that remain unclaimed that might have prospective areas for collecting. You must research land ownership and possible mining claim presence *before* digging. **It is your responsibility to know exactly where you are!** In summary, there are no areas nearby to visit in order to collect excellent specimens in just a few short hours. Finding and collecting quality specimens requires a long period of study of what to look for, how to identify open land and requires the use of careful digging techniques. It is very unusual to find quality specimens without weeks, months or even years of effort.