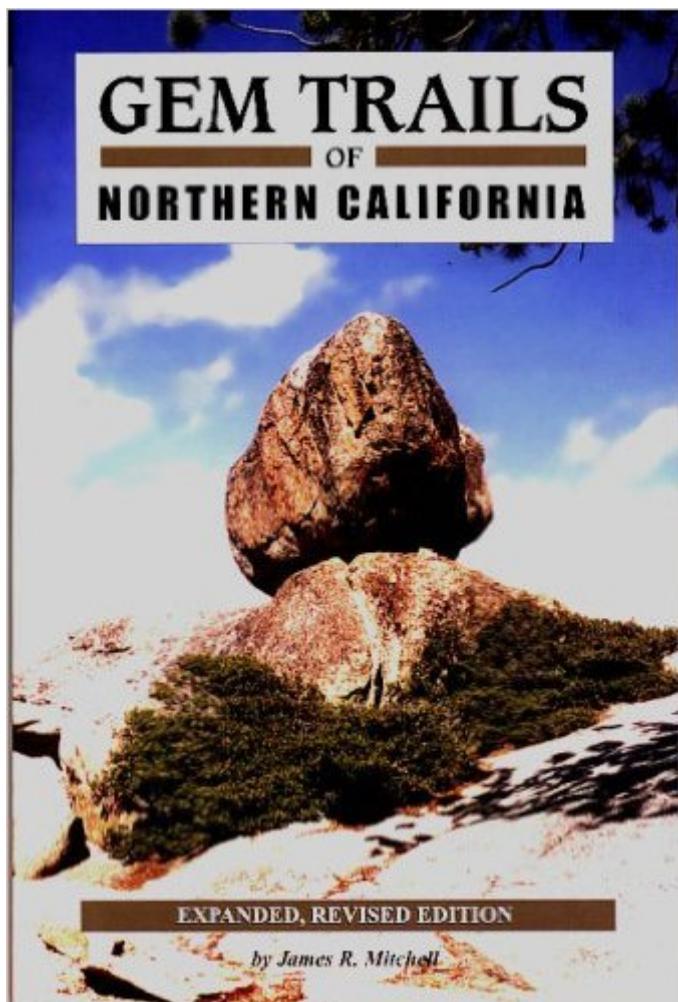


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Gem Trails Of Northern California



Synopsis

In this up-dated edition detailed text and maps lead rockhounds to over 76 locations where 60 varieties of California's mineral and fossil treasures can be collected, and weekend prospectors can pan for gold. Full-color specimen photos inspire your collecting efforts and black and white photos help to locate sites as diverse as the minerals themselves. With a Mineral Locator Index and Glossary and helpful contact info, this is the most complete guide to gem, fossil and mineral collecting in Northern California.

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Customer Reviews

James Mitchell has created a good guide to trails and gems of Northern California. This guide has a lot of locations to go to and the maps are very good. The author also notes historical information to many locations that make the places interesting. There are many black and white photos as well as colored pictures of gems and rocks the author has found to help you identify different stones. I live near quite a few of the locations and have found the information in the book very useful. Not only can you get a good idea of what gems you can find in certain locals but you can get a sense of the history and do futher looking in local museums and other landmarks that the author recommends in different places. The guide also has lists of tools to use for the beginner and warnings of locations such as certain places might be impossible in winter, or scorching hot in the summer so you can get an idea of how to prepare or plan for an excursion. All in all this book has a lot of useful information about different places in Northern California and includes really good maps of each place and landmarks to look for. If you want to get out and hike around and maybe find some really neat rocks

such as jade, quartz, obsidian, agates, crystals, serpentine and even fossils you can check out this book for a lot of useful information. There are many listings of places and the types of rocks that can be found at each location. This author has provided a very useful tool for places to go. Many areas are easy to get to but the locations do vary. This is a book you can use for a long time to come if you are interested in the history and places in Northern California to hunt for rocks and get out for a nice hike in some beautiful country.

I have only been to three of the many locations mentioned in the book and found the gems that where mentioned. all and all it's a good book with easy to find places.

Mitchel's "Gem Trails of Northern California" is detailed and specific and is also amazingly up to date. I have visited 5-6 of the locations already with good success at finding the gems he says should be able to be found there. Of course, when I look at older editions of his books and realize how many MORE good gems were available for the collecting 30 years ago, it makes me wish I'd gotten into Rockhounding years ago!

I bought this book for my wife, who likes to rock hound. This book gives good locations and great directions! The maps are easy to read and the mileage is written in. This Author gives history background to some locations which is interesting to know. James Mitchell has by far the best locals, directions, easy to find and kinds of materials listed all in this book. Thanks James, looking forward for more areas to explore in your new books to come, keep them simple! Thanks from one Rock Hound to another.

This book gave us excellent directions to find the California State Rock which is Serpentine. The area is called "The Stifle Claim" and everywhere we looked was more Serpentine than we could carry out.

We have used this book a couple of times now and have found a lot of its information to be inaccurate but I'm sure it was good at the time of its original publication in 1995. This is the second edition of 2005 which makes its information "only" 10 years old..... it is still outdated....let's face it things change a lot in 10 or 20 years and this book needs an update ASAP.

Similar to the other gem trails books - this one has descriptions of a lot of places in Northern

California we'd like to go rock hounding at. Have not had a chance to verify any location personally, but the maps and descriptions appear to be pretty accurate.

I live, hike and play in Northern California and this book is a great companion to all my hiking books. Maps and descriptions of the areas are very helpful. Gem trails covers the lake county diamonds found where I live. I found some! Told me right where to look. I also bought this book for my daughter for Xmas. She is a big rock hound.

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