

Hello Members,

I am pleased to announce that the Zebra Agate site east of Payson is back open. It had been closed due to ADOT repair to the Sharps Creek Bridge.

There have been several members that have requested a link to be able to download the site photos. I have completed adding a link on each site that allows you to download a Zip file containing the site Photos. Save on your computer, then right click the zip file and choose extract all.

Another member has pointed out the if you copy the Site GPS Coordinates shown on each site page and past into Google maps you will get unpredictable results as Google Maps requires that coordinated be in a specific format of decimal degrees and if the longitude value is plus then Google Maps shows the location on the other side of the world. I am showing the site GPS coordinates as Degrees, minutes and seconds with the Latitude prefixed with N for North and Longitude prefixed with a W for West and each numerical value is suffixed with the symbol for degrees, minutes, or seconds such as: N34^o 00' 27" W112^o 10' 7". Converting that to the format expected by Google Maps is 34.0075 -112.16861. I am not sure why Google maps cannot deal with this format. I will work on converting all of the coordinates to decimal degrees or provide an option to show the coordinates in several formats. Meanwhile if you wish to convert the value show to the decimal format acceptable to Google Maps here are the formulas:

Latitude: Degrees + ((Minutes+ (Seconds/60))/60)

Conversion of sample: 34+ ((0+ (27/60))/60) = 34.0075

Longitude: (Degrees + ((Minutes+ (Seconds/60))/60) * -1)

Conversion of sample: (112+ ((10+ (7/60))/60) * -1) = -112.16861

The site coordinates where wrong for the Woodruff site and they have been corrected.

Several broken links to the GPS waypoints have been corrected.

I just got back from a trip near Alpine, AZ where you can find Luna Blue Agate. I will be adding that trip soon.

Happy Rock Hunting

Rock Dog