

I led the Arizona Coalition of Rock clubs on January 30, 2016 to the Lake Pleasant calcite rock hunting area. There were a total of 12 vehicles in the convoy and about 25 members in attendance from five different Rock Clubs. Since this was a Saturday there were hordes of people north of Lake Pleasant engaged in ATV, UTV, and dirtbike riding. The roads are in about the same condition as the last time that I visited this location and still requires a high clearance vehicle for the last section of the trip.

There is still plenty of the clear calcite to be had at both locations. A deep hole has been dug along the top of the seam of material to expose a vein of the clear calcite at site one.

I only missed one turned following the GPS coordinates causing the convoy to have turnaround. I had only gone about a half-mile when I realized my mistake by checking our current location on my Garmin. I'm going to update the GPS coordinates for this site to place the way points closer together which should help anyone avoid this problem going forward.

I did not see any signs of desert flowers however the desert is very green and all of the cacti are Flourishing. There were several in the group that had unpleasant interactions with some of the cacti, especially the jumping cholla. We also saw signs of burros everywhere and even spotted a couple as we crossed a finger of the Lake.

Happy Rock Hunting

Rock Dog