

ANDERSEN MINE TRIP

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I recently returned the Anderson Mine located north of Wickenburg Arizona. I traveled there with nine friends in four ATVs. We took this trip on January 25, which so far has been one of the coldest days of the season. It was slightly below freezing when we unloaded the ATVs just off Highway 93 and the temperature reached a high of around 54° that day. It had been raining for several days prior to this so there were frequent puddles of water that was covered with a sheet of ice.

This is still one of the longest trips on the website if you are starting from the Phoenix area. We met in Mesa at Brown and the 202 at 6 AM. We reached the mine around 10:30 AM and were ready to leave the area by noon. We probably could have been back in Mesa by around 4:30 PM. However, we decided to do some exploring looking for other collecting areas. This search proved fruitless although the challenging track we took was fun on the ATV. We arrived in Mesa around 9 PM after stopping for an excellent Mexican dinner at Anita's Cocina in Wickenburg.

The track to the site has deteriorated significantly since the last time I made this trip and there are sections where a couple more storms could completely erode the track making it impassable. I would not recommend anything less than 4 x 4 for this trip. The material at the site still very abundant in most areas, although the area that used to contain the purple material seems to be providing smaller quantities of collectible material.

Because of the uniqueness and abundance of the material at this location, this is still very worthwhile trip.

Happy Rock Hunting



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