

The Prospector

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GPAA Portland, Oregon Chapter



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Here Are 7 Places Where You Can Still Hunt For Gold In Oregon

The days of the gold rush may be long gone, but that doesn't mean you can't still test your luck gold panning! All around Oregon, there are creeks and rivers still open to the general public for recreational gold panning. Here are seven of the best spots to (try to) strike it rich:

1. Quartzville Creek (Linn County)



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This historical mining area is a great place to hone your gold hunting skills. A section of the creek just above Green Peter Reservoir is open to the public.

2. Sixes River Recreation Site (Curry County)



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Located approximately 10 miles east of Sixes, Oregon, the Sixes River is a prime place to pan for gold. There is also a camping site open during the summer months if you want to make a weekend of it.

3. Sharps Creek Recreation Site (Lane County)



Flickr/Bureau of Land Management Oregon and Washington

Hidden in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains about 18 miles southeast of Cottage Grove, Sharps Creek Recreation Site is prime gold panning territory. The site consists of a small campground and a day-use area overlooking Sharps Creek. Here, visitors will find opportunities for hiking, fishing, wildlife viewing, camping, picnicking, swimming, and panning for gold.

4. Rogue Wild and Scenic River



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The Rogue River is one of the longest rivers in Oregon and flows for over 200 miles. Visitors can pan for gold, fish, and take guided boating trips. Some of the top spots for gold panning include the areas around Gold Hill, Grants Pass, and within Hellgate Recreation Area; however, gold has been found along the entire length of this impressive river.

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Secretary's Report June 19, 2022

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Meeting was called to order by President Mike Lewis at 1:30 P.M. who also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance - 44 attendees and 2 guests were present.

Treasury Report - A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasury Report that Jim read for the month of June.

Meeting Minutes - A motion was made and seconded to accept the Secretary's Report of the previous month as written and published in the June newsletter. The motion was approved by the members present.

TyRoy (Richard Ruth Memorial) - There was a good turnout of people that attended the outing this year but unfortunately the weather wasn't good because of so much rain and as a result of that they cancelled the event after one week. People did find some color and Rocky was lucky enough to find a 1/2 ounce plus nugget! This is very promising for next years event which is tentatively scheduled for around the end of June into July weather permitting.

Chapter Bylaws - Our Bylaws are completed now and there are copies for anyone interested in having them. Feel free to take a copy.

Garage Sale with Richard Ruth's Property - We are looking for some volunteers to help with clearing out Richard Ruth's Garage. Jim and Rocky have been to Elaine's and been in the garage and have seen some of Richard's mining equipment, tools

and etc. There is alot of stuff and Elaine has said that if we have a Garage Sale she will donate half of the money to the club. We need a few guys with trucks who can help with this. Jim said that we could have the sale at his place because he has a barn or if anyone has any other suggestions of where to have the sale that could be an option also. We are thinking about having the sale possibly in September.

Club Patches - We still have Patches for sale for \$6 if anyone is interested in buying one.

Gold Bags - We have a bunch of Gold Bags for sale for \$7.

Painting Raffle - We are still selling Raffle tickets for the Painting that Ken Diddier painted. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The Raffle will be help at our September meeting.

Public Lands for the People Raffle - Thousands of dollars worth of prizes will be raffled off on July 14th. Just \$10 for a book of 12 tickets if anybody is interested in buying some you can get on their website and get more info on this. This organization fights for our rights to use public lands.

Raffle - The Raffle was held with \$1 and \$5 tickets. Zeke Courier wsas the lucky winner of the Gold Bag. Mark Kirk was the lucky winner of the Gold Nugget.

President Mike Lewis adjourned the meeting at 2:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by
Yolande Kragerud, Secretary.



PORTLAND GOLD PROSPECTORS, INC. ("PGPI")
PRESIDENT'S BLOG
JULY, 2022

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!!

Thank you to everyone who attended the June chapter meeting. We had a nice turn out, including 4 guests.

The main topic of conversation was the Richard Ruth Memorial Outing at the club's claim, at TYROY ("Thank You ROY") near Baker City. In spite of extremely wet weather, some members found some good color – including a half-ounce nugget! Hopefully, next year – we will have the right amount of water - not too much or too little. Of course, members can go to the claim at any time.

We have some members who are returning to TYROY mid-July to process some material, if possible. Hopefully, they will find some color to show us at the August chapter meeting.

Also, please note that next year's outing to TYROY will be the last two weeks of June. (This, of course, is subject to change...)

I made a trip over to the Prospector's Treasure Trove, which has equipment for prospectors and rock hounds. It is located at 10400 SW Allen Blvd, Beaverton, OR. Dan Rouse, who is the owner, showed me around. He carries all kinds of equipment, supplies, metal detectors, etc. Dan has donated several items to our meeting raffles. Dan is interested in demonstrating various kinds of prospecting equipment at some of our monthly meetings. We hope to schedule a demonstration for August.

On July 9th, some members of the chapter will be meeting to clear out some out buildings at Richard Ruth's home. It looks like there is prospecting equipment and supplies as well as tools. We will store the items at Jim Erwin's. We will have a "garage" sale in August or September to sell the items. The proceeds will be split with Elaine Ruth and the club. Please note we will need additional help with the garage sale. It's a great opportunity to help Elaine and also help the club earn some additional money.

>Please remember that Tim Snyder, who creates the chapter's monthly newsletters and handles the club's social media accounts and website, is interested in any stories related to prospecting from anyone in the club for publication in the newsletter. You can forward your story/information to Tim via email @ wrshpmzshn@gmail.com

>We also want to invite anyone at our meetings who has an interesting story to tell or something about prospecting to demonstrate or wants to show what they have found while prospecting, etc.– to let me know so we can either make time during the meeting or schedule time at the next meeting.

Hope to see you at the July's meeting. Thank you and Happy Prospecting!

Mike

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5. Sumpter Dredge State Park (Baker County)



Flickr/Baker County Tourism

A visit to the once bustling gold rush town of Sumpter provides a variety of fun, gold-themed activities. You can try your luck panning for gold at the Sumpter Dredge State Park, explore the massive Sumpter Valley Gold Dredge, and wander the historic streets of the charming town.

6. Cow Creek (Douglas County)



Flickr/Baker County Tourism

Located south of Roseburg, Cow Creek Recreation Area is a place rich in natural beauty and other treasures. The tributary to the Umpqua River is easily accessible.

7. Brice Creek (Lane County)



Flickr/Rick Obst

Situated within the historic Bohemia Mining District, Brice Creek has multiple access points for gold hunters. Choose from National Forest Lands at Cedar Creek Campground and Lund Park Campground for your best chances as striking it rich.

Have you panned for gold in the Beaver State before? Did you find any shiny treasures? Share your thoughts and experiences with us in the comments below!

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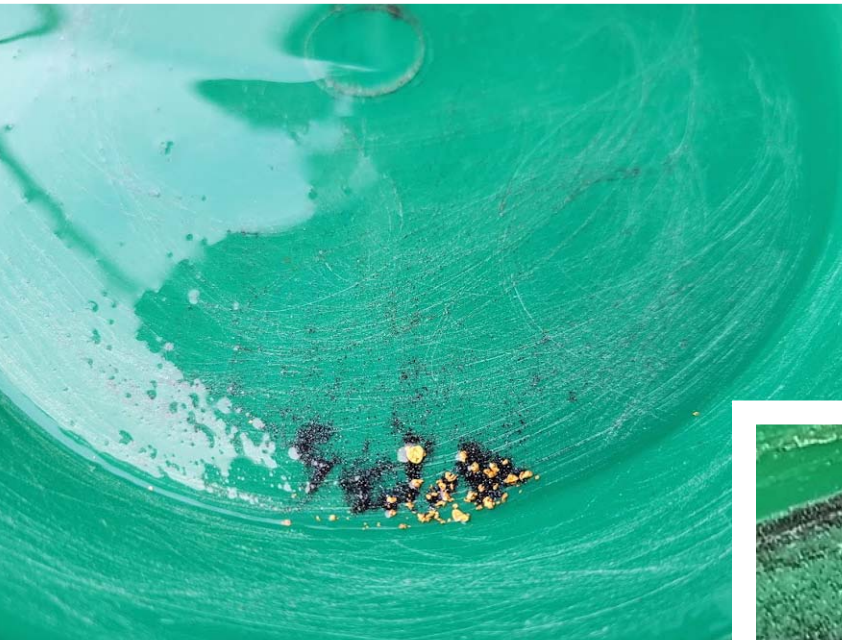


RICHARD RUTH MEMORIAL OUTING at TYRoy

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