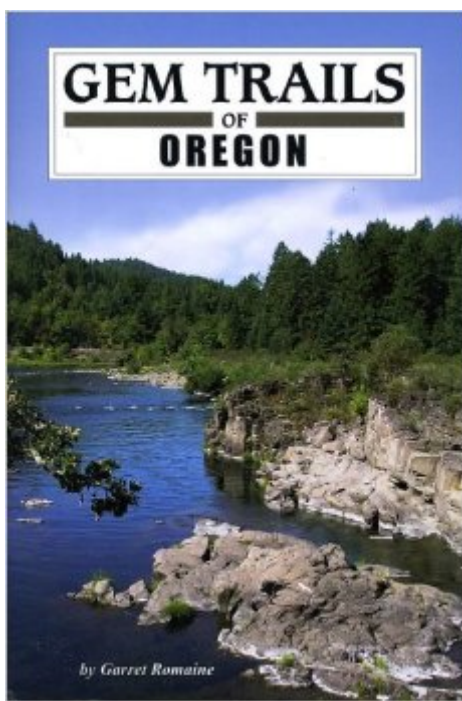


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Gem Trails Of Oregon



Synopsis

Revised and expanded 3E of this very popular guide for Oregon rockhounds and collectors of rock, mineral and fossil specimens. Features over 100 of Oregon's best rock, mineral and fossil collecting sites, including 40 completely new locations. Sites include detailed maps, descriptive text and photos, GPS coordinates, tools required and nearby attractions. With a mineral locator index, glossary, list of mineral clubs and mineral museums, plus a full-color specimen photo insert, this is the indispensable guidebook for either beginning or experienced mineral and fossil hunters.

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Customer Reviews

We haven't lived in Oregon all that long and having a guide that will shorten our search is very helpful. Gem Trails is very accurate with easy to follow maps and many colorful pictures that help to enhance the experience. We checked out areas that are close to our residence and we were not disappointed. We are anxious to explore further.

We've used GToO for years now and are very happy with this new edition. Index & TOC are well written so the book's easy to use. Five appendices have detailed extra info, web links to some outstanding websites, and clear-to-the-layperson detail on the legalities of what can and cannot be collected which I highly recommend for novice collectors. As someone mentioned, directions can be a bit vague but don't let that stop you - we've always found the sites. In previous editions there was some headscratching and backtracking to find the sites, but author Romaine has added GPS coordinates & better maps, making it much easier. We don't leave on a collecting trip without this in

our gear.

This book is very well put together, great pictures, great camping ideas. Very well written and worth the purchase. Those exploring Oregon should definitely check this out!

A super book with good locations and accurate information to get started on rock hounding in all parts of Oregon

This book is pretty accurate and has a fun selection of rock hunting locations to visit.

I just made it back from Oregon and a limited visit to several of the many sites listed. The book was copyrighted in 1998 so it's five years old at this writing. I'll take a star off the rating for age. I found several sites listed were now closed. Oregon is growing along with the rest of the west. The author has done a commendable job in detailing locations. If I had two wishes it would be that both the Gem trail guides and the Falcon guides be updated at least every four years. and that the authors include GPS coordinates for the main turn-off and starting collecting point in the site descriptions. If I was traveling a long distance to collect I would call the local rockshops to verify the desired site(s) were still open.

Many thanks to Garret Romaine and Tim Fisher for taking the time and energy to update the information in the book, as well as adding their own expertise. The most recent edition is accurate, the maps and descriptions are updated, and the inclusion of GPS coordinates and information on what each site has are invaluable in planning a day trip for collecting. This book is again worth the investment!

I know, a couple of people have a bee in their bonnets and are having a hissy fit trying to pooh pooh this book. Ignore them. This book is an excellent resource (especially for the small price) to consult in preparing a family trip. We've used it numerous times. We've also used a variety of other materials. For less than the cost of a lunch, we received great value to enhance our outdoors activities. Now, the Washington version of this series, that was a disappointment. That definitely was not money well spent and, in fact, was counter-productive (think wild goose chase).

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