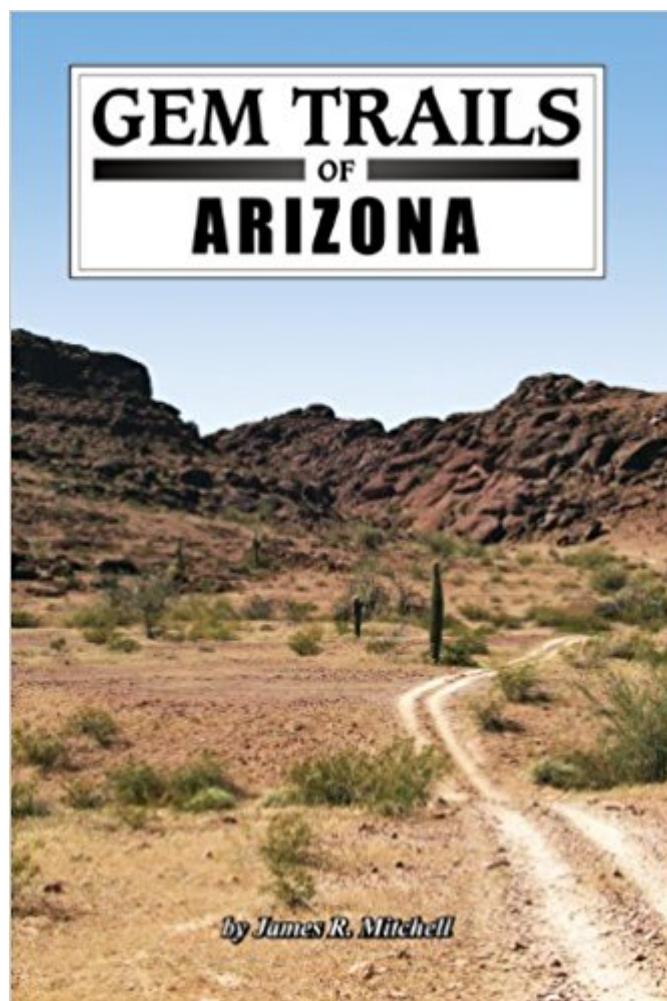


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Synopsis

Arizona is known the world over for its rich abundance and variety of geological treasures. Newly revised, the fourth edition of this best-selling guide updates the well-known sites and features twenty new locations for collecting rocks, minerals, crystals and fossils. Situated in landscape as diverse as the minerals themselves, these sites vary from arid desert to pine covered peaks. Includes over 90 collecting sites. Detailed text describes where to go and what to look for at each collecting area. Maps for each site lead the rockhound to an almost limitless supply of specimens. Black and white photographs picture the collecting areas. Color photographs highlight beautiful specimens. A new glossary makes it easier to locate that special specimen for your collection. Filled with expert advice based on years of experience, Gem Trails of Arizona is an invaluable guide for the rockhound just starting out. For the experienced collector who has searched for Arizona's mineral resources for years, it is an outstanding source for the best collecting sites throughout this scenic state. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

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Customer Reviews

I realize this book was published 7 years ago and public access and ownership changes with time. I was hoping this book was going to be a good resource for off road trips. Unfortunately, I did not find it to be so in February 2017, specially; for Site 91 (Gleeson / Courtland), it is not Gleeson road that you take off Highway 80 as the map indicates, but you will be fine if you follow the road signs to Gleeson. Many of the dirt roads throughout Gleeson and Courtland are posted no trespassing. I never saw any sign of Bornite as the author noted or much mineralogy of interest at all on the mine

dumps I visited. The map in the book is so generic and non-specific that it was of little use. Site 102 (Helvetia) was worse, the map shows Helvetia cemetery on the right side of Santa Rita Road - it is in fact on the left side of the road. There was one interesting mine that we visited with lots of copper color in the dumps, you will see it to the right of the road near an abandoned bus two miles or so past the cemetery. Whatever roads existed to other mines in the area are either gated private property or are no longer passable. We started down a pipeline road past the abandoned bus but turned around as the road was so overgrown that it was not passable. Site 94 was not much better, the access road shown on the map in the book at milepost 301 and the one to the south are gated and posted no trespassing. I did not try the third access road. I should have done my research with online topo maps and discussion groups rather than this book - which is what I'd suggest you do. Buyer Beware. I have to wonder if the author actually visited these areas close to when the book was published...

This book is interesting and somewhat helpful. I purchased the 2001 edition in 2009. Some of the directions and sites were not as given, but that is to be expected. It would be nice if the author had some means of being informed of changes. Some changes that should be of interest to others are: Site 8, pg 32, Desert Roses. There were none to be found even with a walk up to and around the base of Fire Mnt. Site 20: pg 56, Parks Obsidian. Forest Road 141 has been renamed to Government Mountain Road. There is a fence around the "obsidian Tank", but there is no gate and the area is pretty well opened for samples. Site 37, page 102, Winslow petrified wood. Following the dirt road a mile or two after the bridge you will find petrified wood. There are several petrified tree remains off the shoulder of the road, however this is not the colorful petrified wood, but a brownish gray/tan with little if any color. Site 36, page 100, Joseph City Petrified wood appears now to be a trash site. Small pieces of petrified wood and agate can be found, but be careful of the broken bottles and other trash that has been dumped in the area. This is a helpful book for finding some of the minerals that are listed. Gem Trails of Arizona

Clear directions and solid data on places to collect and prospect. perfect for our family holiday planning.

Inspires me to explore the Arizona desert in search of treasure. Thanks.

This is the second Gem Trails book I bought. I find them very useful. Very beautiful, scenic drives

that most would not experience on there. Just a note..... pay attention to mileage disclaimer. Not always right on point but for us it's part of the Adventure.

I've really enjoyed reading this book! I'd love to see it updated though

I have the 2001 edition. The directions are very poor. The mileages are off, a lot of the time. There are several new roads out there and with no GPS locations it is kinda hit or miss which road to take. Especially when he shows a "Y" and now it's a 3 way or 4 way intersection. I have also been to several of the locations, when I can find them and there is nothing there.

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