

## **GRAVES MOUNTAIN ROCK SWAP & DIG**

**Friday, Saturday, Sunday**

**October 5, 6, and 7, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)**

**Graves Mountain, Lincolnton, GA**

**Graves Mountain is a premier mineral collection site in Georgia and caretaker Clarence Norman, Jr. is opening the mountain for a 3 day dig and rock swap. All participants must stop at the welcome table in the Hospitality tent to sign a liability release and make a small contribution to defray the cost of opening the mountain and providing port-o-lets. There will be several golf cart type, four wheeled vehicles available to transport those participants who have trouble walking long distances. The dig will cease and everyone is expected to be off the mountain by around 6 pm each day. Participants will be allowed to park in a designated area on the mountain. Be sure to read the Graves Mountain Code of Conduct below before visiting this location!**

**COLLECTING:** Minerals that can be found there include lazulite, rutile, pyrophyllite, ilmenite, kyanite, iridescent hematite and numerous micro-minerals.

**FEE:** No fee, but a contribution can be made at the hospitality tent where you must sign a liability release before you can begin collecting.

**BRING:** Rock hammer, chisel, buckets, paper to wrap delicate specimens, and if you want to screen for rutile

**bring a shovel and a screen. Gloves, protective eyewear, hat, and sunscreen are important too. Remember to tip the drivers for their assistance.**

**CHILDREN:** This field trip is better for children 12 years and older and all children are required to have adult supervision at all times.

**ROCK SWAP AND HOT FOOD/DRINKS:** Junior will set aside an area in the upper parking lot for tables to be set up for daily rock swaps. Anyone who would like to set up a table(s), please contact Junior at the phone numbers listed below. Hot food cooked on the grill, cold drinks, and chips will be available for purchase on the mountain during all three days of this event.

**DIRECTIONS:** From Atlanta's I-85, take GA SR 316/78 to Athens. Turn right on SR 78/10 to Washington. Turn left onto SR 378/47 and drive 12 miles to the Graves Mountain area. The entrance to Graves Mountain is on your right about 8/10 mile past the Lincoln county line sign. The entrance is a paved road that goes through a gate and up a hill. Please park along the access road and then proceed to the "Welcome Tent" at the end of the pavement to obtain a liability release form and to make a donation for the portable bathrooms, etc.

**Graves Mountain code of conduct**

- Park your vehicle in the designated area (at the end of the paved access road but not much beyond the woods to the right of this road).
  - ALL CHILDREN WILL BE ALLOWED DURING THE "Rock Swap and Digs" IF EACH CHILD IS UNDER STRICT ADULT SUPERVISION!**
  - ALL** pets must be kept under control and on a leash.
  - The caretaker, Junior Norman, has final and absolute say as to where you may safely work.
  - Ladders or power tools of any kind will not be allowed. **(HAND TOOLS ONLY!)**
  - STAY AWAY FROM ALL HIGH WALLS!!**
  - NO RAPELLING OFF OF ANYTHING!**
  - NO ONE IS ALLOWED TO DRIVE THEIR VEHICLE ON ANY PART OF GRAVES MOUNTAIN BEYOND THE PARKING AREA!**  
(The caretaker must accompany anyone driving beyond the parking area!)
  - EVERYONE NEEDS TO BE OFF THE MOUNTAIN BY DUSK.** (Absolutely no one is allowed on Graves Mountain after dark.)
- CONTACT INFORMATION: Clarence Norman Jr. (Junior) - 706-359-1544 (his business) or 706-401-3173 (his cell)**

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