

Saturday June 17th 2022 (9:15am-3pm) (Rain Date Sunday 18th)

Betts Manganese Mine, Plainfield MA

There is a \$10.00 fee for the first 5gal. pail of material and \$10.00 each for additional pails

Tip leader- TBD

What to bring: Hard rock and digging tools, pail or flats for specimens, wrapping material, loupe, kneeling pad, lunch, plenty of water, bug repellent and camera.

Clothing: **Sturdy footwear, Safety glasses**, long pants, gloves **NO SHORTS NO SNEAKERS**

Meet at - The Old Creamery Grocery, 445 Berkshire Trail, (Rt.9) Cummington, MA at **8:45 am**, we will travel together to the site and begin the dig at **9:15am**

GPS address- The Old Creamery Grocery, 445 Berkshire Trail, (Rt.9) Cummington MA

Directions: From I-91 Northampton MA.

From the south:

Take **Rt 91 North** to **Exit 25 (new #?)**, at the bottom of the ramp proceed into the rotary, take second exit onto **Damon Rd.** Go about **1 mile** to the **2nd traffic light** at King St (Rt5)

Go straight through the light and continue on **Bridge Rd. 2.3 miles**, to the rotary at Look Park.

Turn **right** out of the rotary onto **N. Main St. (Rt 9 West)**. Stay on **Rt 9West** for another **16.7 miles** to the town of Cummington MA and look for **The Old Creamery Grocery** on the **left**.

From the North:

Take **Rt 91 South** to **Exit 26 (new #?)** and proceed to the traffic light.

Turn Right onto **Bridge Rd.** and go **2.3 miles**, to the rotary at Look Park.

Turn **right** out of the rotary onto **N. Main St. (Rt 9 West)**. Stay on **Rt 9West** for another **16.7 miles** to the town of Cummington MA and look for **The Old Creamery Grocery** on the **left**.

From Westfield/Easthampton areas:

Take **Rt 10 north** to the center of Northampton at the intersection of Rt 9.

Turn **left** at the traffic light onto **Rt 9 West (Elm St.)** and go about **4 miles** through the village of Florence MA to the rotary at Look Park.

Proceed **½ way around** the rotary continuing on Rt 9 west for another **16.7 miles** to the town of Cummington MA and look for **The Old Creamery Grocery** on the **left**.

Mineral and site info can be viewed here <http://www.mindat.org/loc-5889.html>

The \$10 fee per person to dig must be paid in advance. If you do not show you will forfeit your payment.

This site is not open to collecting without making prior arrangements through the property owners, you cannot just show up any time and dig!