

Pala Chief Mine Visitor Information Package

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Please bring EXACT CASH for Admission. No credit accepted.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED – NO SPECTATORS

Liability Form This document will provide you with all of the instructions you need to ensure that you will have a great visit to the mine. **Please read it carefully, and be sure to complete the release of liability form before you arrive.** You will need to complete **ONE copy of the form for each GROUP** that attends the dig, and parents will need to complete it on behalf of their children. No form required if you have already completed a form in the last 365 days.

Our Facilities The Pala Chief Digs take place at the top of Chief Mountain, away from the primary facilities of the Oceanview fee dig. We provide rides down the bathroom facilities as needed, but be prepared to 'rough it' at a Pala Chief Dig. The dig is off of a dirt road. While you do not need a 4WD vehicle, you should also not bring a car with low clearance, such as a sports car.

What does the dig include? Unlike the Oceanview dig, the Pala Chief Digs are 'self-serve' digs. You need to bring all of your own equipment. What you get is unfettered access to the rich dumps of the Pala Chief.

What should you bring? Completed Liability Form, Cash for Admission. Please bring plenty of water and any food that you will want. **If it is HOT we do rent optional SHADE UMBRELLAS.** You can also bring something for shade; a POP-UP canopy or beach umbrella works well but please bring some rope or tie downs to secure your shade as it can be windy on the top of Chief Mountain. You should bring either small plastic containers or ziplock baggies for finds.

How should we dress? You should wear sturdy shoes or boots—no sandals, please. We recommend long pants for the Chief Digs as you will potentially be in some brush if you want to work the old dumps. Be prepared to get dirty, so you might want to bring a change of clothes; you can change in the bathrooms when you're done digging. We strongly recommend that you use ample sunscreen and bring a hat and sunglasses. To protect your hands from sharp rocks and the water, we strongly recommend that you bring gloves. The best gloves are either dishwashing gloves or rubber-coated gardening gloves. These will give you a good grip and yet protect your hands.

What time do you start? Please be prompt - **Arrival time is 7:30am.** **Dig ends 4 hours after start.** with an orientation session. As a result, it's very important that you show up on time so that we aren't delayed. We will close the gate then and head up to the top of the hill. Arriving on time will give you time to pay and get set up before the orientation. If you are late, you may miss the dig entirely or be forced to wait to dig while we make sure those who have showed up on time get their orientation.

Can I bring my pet? No, unfortunately due to liability issues we can't allow pets. If you require a service animal, please use the "Contact Us" form to email us and we can work with you to accommodate this.

Directions and Map? For detailed directions please go to <https://digforgems.com/map/> Use Google Maps to our Entrance located at: <https://bit.ly/ovmroute> there is a sign out along the road. Pull in and head up the road; you will be met by one of the dig hosts to collect your fee and papers. The orange groves you travel through are private property. Please do not stop and pick fruit—respect our neighbors. Support the local farmers and buy from them.

Weather and Cancellations? Please make sure you have a valid reservation receipt. We have a reminder system that uses emails and text messages to get a hold of you. In the event of inclement weather we might cancel or provide you needed information for the day. If you need to cancel for any reason please use the cancellation system on the website so we can fill your vacant spot(s). **Please do not NO-SHOW us.** We have a regular staff that we employ and there are others that might want your spot. No shows may get you on the do not dig list. Please don't take a chance.

Do I have to pay for gems that I find? NO that's the wonderful thing--you can keep anything you find. We've had people find gems worth many of thousands of dollars on the pile, and all it costs you is the base fee for the dig.

What does the dig cost? The dig fee is \$75 for adults and children. **Please bring the proper amount in CASH to the gate.** We will have some change on site, however exact change is highly appreciated.

Contact Numbers? **You reservation is already confirmed with the confirmation email.** All information about the dig is available in this packet or on our website. In an emergency or if you absolutely have to contact us Call or Text: 760-415-9143. Please see if your question is answered in this packet before contacting us. Our cell coverage is spotty on the mountain and we might miss your message.

NOTE: YOUR ENTIRE GROUP CAN JUST SIGN ONE LIABILITY WAIVER FORM.

**PLEASE PRINT & SIGN THIS DOCUMENT BEFORE
COMING TO THE MINE! BRING IT WITH YOU.**

READ CAREFULLY THIS AFFECTS YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS

In exchange for participation in the activity of digging and screening for gems organized by Oceanview Mine, LLC ("Oceanview Mine"), of 37304 Magee Road, Pala, California, 90259 and/or use of the property, facilities and services of Oceanview Mine, I agree for myself and (if applicable) for the members of my family, to the following:

1. I agree to observe and obey all posted rules and warnings, and further agree to follow any oral instructions or directions given by Oceanview Mine, or the employees, representatives or agents of Oceanview Mine.
2. I recognize that there are certain inherent risks associated with the above described activity and I assume full responsibility for personal injury to myself and (if applicable) my family members, and further release and discharge Oceanview Mine for injury, loss or damage arising out of my or my family's use of or presence upon the facilities of Oceanview Mine, whether caused by the fault of myself, my family, Oceanview Mine or other third parties.
3. I agree to indemnify and defend Oceanview Mine against all claims, causes of action, damages, judgments, costs or expenses, including attorney fees and other litigation costs, which may in any way arise from my or my family's use of or presence upon the facilities of Oceanview Mine.
4. Any legal or equitable claim that may arise from participation in the above shall be resolved under California law.

I HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT AND UNDERSTAND IT. I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING THIS RELEASE, I VOLUNTARILY SURRENDER CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS

Dated: _____

Signatures: _____

Participants: _____

Address: _____

_____, _____

In case of an emergency call _____ (Relationship: _____)

Phone# _____ Ext. _____ (Day), or

_____ Ext. _____ (Evening).