

## Donner Creek Outing—Clayton, Ca.

### The CCMGS Donner Creek outing was an outstanding success!

Club members braved the elements and avoided Poison Oak collected many pounds of trash and debris and were rewarded with some lovely rocks to take home. The rain stopped on queue as Rudy Trautner singed us in and we organized our gear. Local artist, and trail hiking and biking enthusiast, Rob Savre, acted as the outing guide for this adventure. He has combed the local creeks for treasures since coming to this hobby a year ago and has created many cabochons to show off his creativity using his finds.

We had a short walk from the parking lot to find easy access to the creek. We found many species of rocks. The yellow and oranges of jasper, along with quartz in serpentine host rock were plentiful. Some rocks had beautiful blues of exotic blue schist. Our finds reflect the high pressure, low-temperature metamorphism found in subduction environments such as the Diablo Range, and rarely any other place. We found occasional huge boulders that we had to stop and admire, but alas we left the mules at home this time.

As is our club's custom on outings, we picked up a great deal of trash in the short time we spent in the creek. A passing couple must have mistaken our rain ponchos for hazmat suits because they asked if we were looking for bodies. When they heard that we were picking up trash they were very appreciative, **and relieved**.

The three hours went by quickly and everyone became familiar with a creek that few knew was even there. This outing has already proven to have whetted their appetite for exploring local streams for their bounty.

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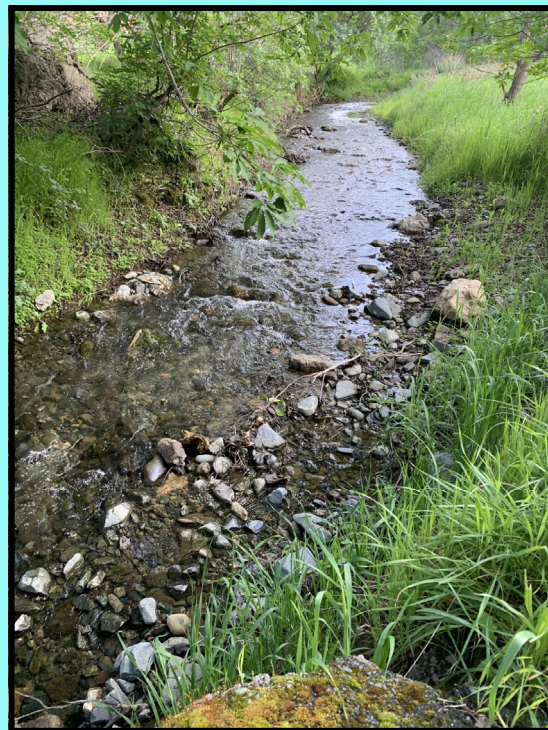
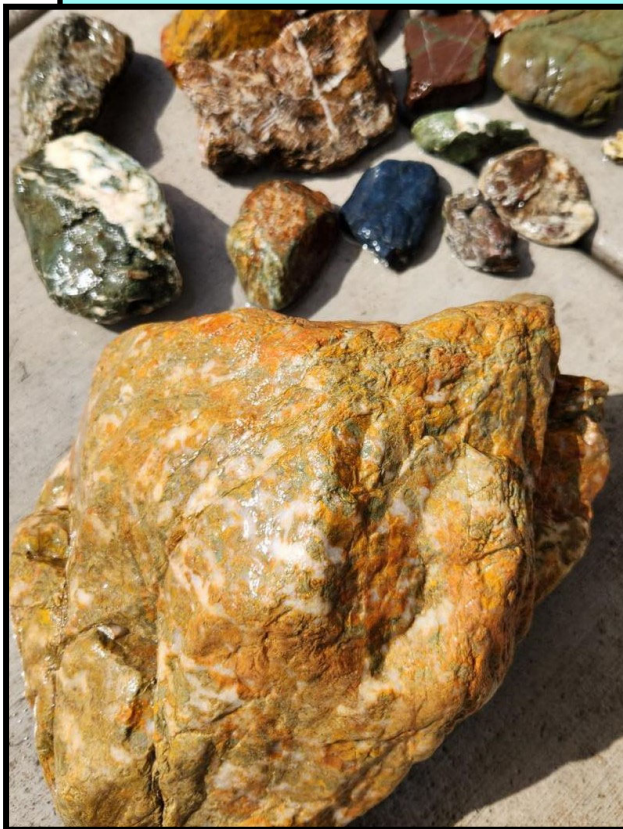


Some of the trash removed from the creek and an interesting jasper find.



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# Pictures



## Davis Creek Outing

Our outing for Davis Creek Obsidian Mine and other points is set for August, More information to come. For questions contact Rudy Trautner, Field Trips [rudytrautner@gmail.com](mailto:rudytrautner@gmail.com)