



AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS
New Mexico Section Offers an Outing to

**Chino Copper Mine Tour and Mangus Basin
and the Mogollon Mountains, Silver City, New
Mexico
November 11 – 13, 2026**

The field trip will be to the Chino Cu Porphyry of Santa Rita, New Mexico, Thursday November 12, 2026. Mangus Basin and Mogollon Mountains via US 180, November 13, 2026.

There is a lot of detailed information regarding the field trip, so please read through this announcement carefully. RSVP to John Sorrell geodejohn@gmail.com

The field trip group will meet in Silver City, NM on Wednesday evening, November 11th. A hotel room block has been set up with the Murray Hotel, 200 W Broadway St, Silver City, NM 88061. The hotel includes free WiFi and a continental breakfast. The room block rate for 25 guests with check-in arrival Nov 11th and check out Nov 13th, 2026. Rates are \$104.00 for Queen, \$114.00 King and Suites are \$124.00. You must call the hotel directly and refer to **AIPG – Chino Mine Fieldtrip** to make your hotel reservation (direct phone 575-956-9400).

Agenda

Wednesday Nov. 11, arrival at the historic Murray Hotel in Silver City, NM. Ice breaker in the Ballroom where we will provide snacks and drinks.

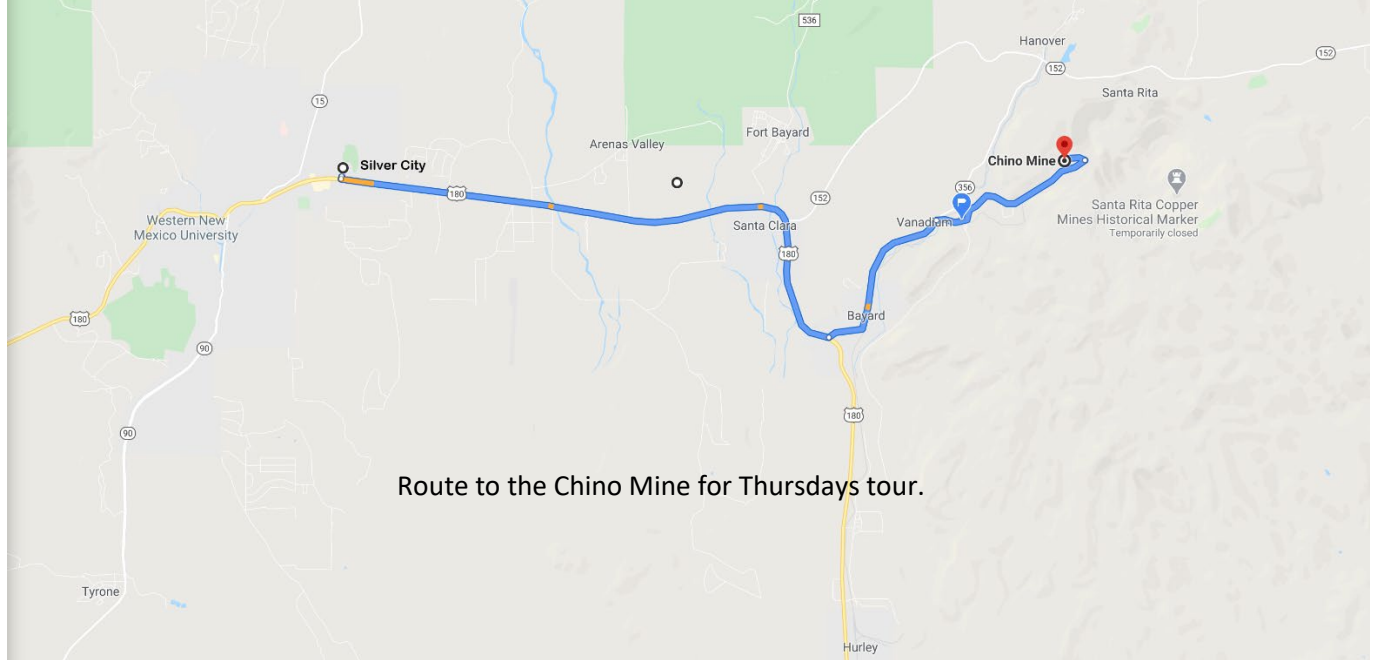
Thursday Nov. 12, all mine visit participants take their own cars to the main Freeport Chino Mine entrance and park. The entrance to the mine is 40 minutes from the Murray Hotel, and we will need to be there by at least 8:45 am. Freeport will provide instructions on safety and rules. After this we will load up in Freeport vans for the mine tour. Mine tour will begin from 9:00 am and last until around 2:00 pm, and Freeport will be hosting the site visit discussions, and supplying lunch.

Dinner that evening will be in the Ballroom of Murray Hotel, starting at 6:00 pm. Dan Cravens will give a brief opening, followed by a Freeport engineer or geologist, giving a short presentation on Chino mine history and processing.

Friday Nov. 13, travel north via US 180 to Glenwood and the Catwalk and Mogollon mountains of the Aldo Leopold Wilderness. We will have stops along the way to see some of the fantastic geology of western Gila Wilderness. We should wrap up around 2:00 pm, giving people time to travel to Arizona and places north, before the evening closes in.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

November weather near Silver City, New Mexico are cool daytime highs averaging around 55°F to 60°F and crisp overnight lows dropping to the mid-30s°F (around 35°F to 38°F). You may also want to bring leather gloves, safety glasses, collection bags, and a rock hammer. Long sleeved shirts and long pants are recommended.



Route to the Chino Mine for Thursdays tour.



View of the mine looking east



View of the western Aldo Leopold Wilderness and Fridays Field Trips. Aldo Leopold Wilderness, along with Gila Wilderness and Blue Range Wilderness, is part of New Mexico's Gila National Forest. It became part of the National Wilderness Preservation System in 1980 by an act of the United States Congress and has a total of 202,016 acres.



Gila Conglomerate - The Gila Group is a group of geologic formations of Santa Fe group age. The 559,688-acre Gila Wilderness was created in June 1924 at the urging of the great conservation pioneer Aldo Leopold. The wilderness area lies along the crest of the Black Range. The United States Congress later designated the Aldo Leopold Wilderness in 1980 and it has a total of 202,016 acres. The Aldo Leopold Wilderness was named for one of history's most influential conservationists, and protects the roughest, wildest portions of one of New Mexico's wildest corners -- the Black Range. The elevations in the Aldo Leopold Wilderness range from 6,000 feet to 10,165 feet. The Aldo Leopold is rugged and remote and is often considered New Mexico's "wildest wilderness." All the wilderness is in New Mexico and is managed by the Gila National Forest.