



GHOST TOWN CLUB

OF COLORADO

Exploration, enjoyment, and preservation of historical sites

Field trip: The Phoenix Mine, Freeland and the Lamartine Tunnel

Date of trip: 04/30/2022

Meet at 10:00AM in the Phoenix Mine parking lot

Leader: Josh Robinson

Idaho Springs in a fun historic spot, the ghosts above it are in my opinion even more fun....and despite their proximity to "civilization" there is much to explore and much to see! What a great time of year to see some ghosts blanketed in snow.

Description of the day:

We will start off by meeting at the Phoenix mine for a mine tour! The second half of day we will drive up one mile further to the Ghost Town of Freeland, here we will explore and have lunch. Josh will give a talk with a focus on the architecture and archeology found at the site. After lunch we will snowshoe one mile up the road to the beautiful surface buildings at the Lamartine Tunnel. There we will explore several buildings, one with roof and the equipment at the site. After we explore these incredible buildings, we will come back down the way we came up and head to Bojoe's in Idaho Springs for dinner!

This will be a pick your own ending trip, meaning, folks involved can pick what they want to do, with two second half options scouted (see Itinerary for details)

Option 1. Freeland townsite, and snowshoe to The Lamartine Tunnel - with Josh.

We will depart from the Phoenix Mine and begin our 1 drive up to the ghost of Freeland Colorado. There we will eat Lunch. After we will Snowshoe up one mile to the surface buildings at the Lamartine Tunnel. After we will come back down the way we came up and head to Bojoe's in Idaho Springs for dinner.

Option 2. Head back down to Idaho Springs explore/Lunch – on your own

Note: Freeland and the certainly the surface buildings at the Lamartine Tunnel are true ghosts and will require hiking gear. (Snowshoe gear) Also, bring along snacks and drinks. And whatever else you will need...

Hiking rating for second half option is a 3+ . The ground is a natural setting with debris, and unmaintained roads and paths, hilly inclines. Not suitable for strollers or wheelchairs, or persons not in good physical health. Or difficulty walking.

Itinerary:

Meet at 10:00AM

Location: in the Phoenix Mine parking lot along Trail Creek Rd, (left off Stanley Rd. about 1 mile North of Idaho Springs.)

10:30AM head in for an underground tour of the Phoenix Mine

The road is reasonably well graded dirt and can be executed easily with a 2-wheel drive vehicle.

11:30AM We will disperse from the Phoenix Mine for optional second phase

Phase II (Optional)

The second portion of the day is designed to provide participants with an optional hike/Snowshoe..... you may choose to do this or head back to Idaho Springs to explore on your own.

Option 1.

Freeland townsite, and snowshoe to The Lamartine Tunnel - with Josh.

Begin 1-mile 2WD drive to the Townsite of Freeland. Park the cars. Here we will break for Lunch and Josh will lead a talk about the townsite with a focus on the Architecture and Archeology found at the site.

After lunch we will put on our Snowshoe gear and begin the one-mile trek to the surface buildings of the Lamartine Tunnel. Josh will then lead a talk here with a focus on the Architecture and Archeology found at the site.

Ruins we will see:

This mine was operated well into the 20th century, and because of that features several buildings in terrific shape, one in particular with roof and equipment inside including the Blacksmiths shop. Most of the buildings are from around the turn of the 20th century and tell us a lot about late mining and structures associated with that period. (Think the Santiago Mill).

**To sign up for the trip, or any questions, call Josh Robinson for more information
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