

## Surprise Rock Trips in California

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In late September, my wife Ann and I traveled to California to visit her sister in San Luis Obispo and our son Jeff in Tehachapi. The condensed version of that part of the story is that we spent most of our time visiting and socializing --- instead of rock hounding.



I spent one day on the beach at Jalama (pronounced Ha-la-ma) Beach State Park which is just north of Point Conception and on the south edge of Vandenberg Air Force Base. The weather was sunny and warm, but the tide was high. Despite the fact that most of the beach was covered with sand, I was able

to find a few interesting specimens including petrified wood, brecciated jasper, agate and travertine.

I also visited a couple of my rockhound friends --- one a sphere maker and his wife a jewelry maker and another who over his lifetime has amassed a collection that is nothing short of spectacular. It is his world class collection that I want to share some images with you. Keep in mind that these pictures are only a portion of his fabulous collection. There is not enough space to relate the many unique and often colorful stories that go with each photo. I will not disclose the name and location of this person. Those of you with a particular knowledge of lapidary, jaspers, agates and fossils will particularly appreciate the beauty here.

Keep in mind that he self-collected, cut, polished and/or prepared many of these specimens. Enjoy.













