

## Virginia - West Virginia Fossil Trip

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On July 3, 2010 Tina and I joined Ted Carver from the Northern VA club for a fossil field trip in Virginia and West Virginia. Our meeting place was in Gainesville, VA.



There were 8 adults and 3 juniors from the combined clubs, SMD, NVA, and Rockville. Several of the “hunters” were first timers and very enthusiastic about the trip.

We managed to hit 5 sites that day. The first was a road cut on US 50 in Gore. There we collected shell fossils and small crystals. The next site was a road cut near a store where Kat found a trilobite. There we met Brad, who owned land nearby and wanted to show us the fossils he collected on his property. He had built stone walls on the outside of his house that contained fossils- pretty interesting.

The next site was in the woods behind a road cut where Ted found a large plate of shell fossils.

My favorite site was the Mexican restaurant we ate at in West Virginia- the food was great!, and after all ....I'm in it for the food.....

With full stomachs we headed for the last (and best) site. We all found many pieces of trilobites at this parcel in West Virginia. Some of the trilobites were “frog headed” with faceted eyes. Tina and Palace found some nice Elrathia King type trilobites. Everyone on the trip had a good time and found some nice specimens to take home.