

Hogg Mine

LaGrange, Georgia



The Hogg mine is located near the city of LaGrange in Mid-western Georgia, and it is just a few miles from Interstate Hwy 85.

It has plentiful **Star Rose Quartz** that can be readily collected with a minimum of digging. This material is gemmy translucent and stars when cut and polished (like star sapphire). Color ranges from colorless to pale 'pink lemonade' to a deep pink. There is material scattered on the surface and also a virgin area to break **rose quartz** right out of the pegmatite core.



good facet grade has been found but I feel that it is just a matter of time. In the tailings, really good well-formed semi-gemmy **aquamarine beryl** crystals have been found as well as lots of small chips and larger fragments of crystals.

The Hogg Mine was a **beryl** mine that was ran from the time of WW2 up until 1960. Hundreds of thousand of pounds of **beryl** crystals was sent through the crusher mill to extract the rare metal **beryllium** for military purposes. The war effort made the material more valuable for the metal than for Jewelry purposes. Some **beryl** crystals were found that were 18 Inches in diameter and weight over 100 pound's EACH. That is as big as a road culvert pipe! Lots of the small crystals as big as coke cans and smaller were left undiscovered in the tailings pile. **Beryl** is currently the hardest thing to find at the Hogg Mine, however, it is definitely there!



There is an area to dig good black shiny **tourmaline** (variety schorl) crystals. This is on the periphery of the pegmatite. Lots of these crystals are terminated, some are big as 1 1/2" in diameter and some are long as 2 inches or longer. They occur as loose free crystals in the soil and as crystals locked into a quartz matrix. You may find these washed up on the surface but you should expect to dig for these.



Rarely **beryl** can be found in the virgin core area. These are blue, green, and yellow. In the past, good facet grade crystals were found. This mine is just re-opened and so far no

The mine can be visited on Fridays and Saturdays by making prior arrangements with me. I must have a signed release form and payment before the place may be visited.

The fee is \$35 per person per day.

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