

MINUTES, GENERAL MEETING, May 12, 1972

The meeting was called to order by President O'Callaghan in the Music Room of Carmel High School at 8:00 p.m.

The guests were introduced by Membership Chairman Joe Gooch. There were 51 members and 5 guests present.

DOOR PRIZES:

Guests: Mitzie O'Callaghan won an obsidian pin donated by Laura Crow.

Terrri Farris won a tie-tack of Placer Co. tigereye donated by Laura Crow.

Member: Dave Redmond won an assortment of cabs, all ready for mounting, donated by Laura Crow. Hope Thomann won a pin with tumbled stones on it donated by Laura Crow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

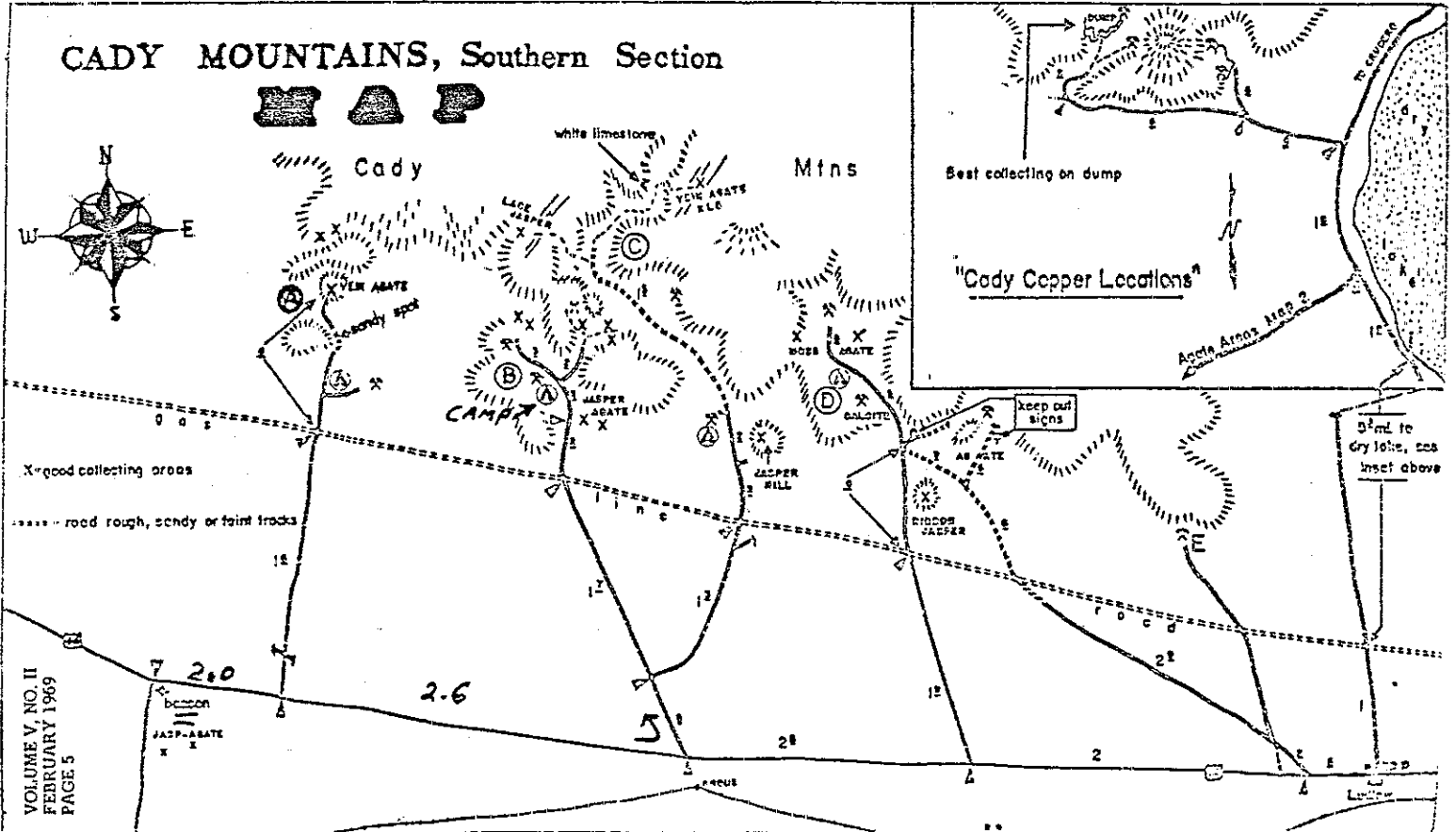
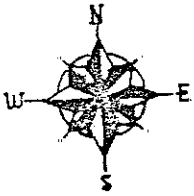
Field Trip: The field trip this month is to Los Gatos for Jasper and there is some beautiful manzanita root there also. Joe Gooch will lead the trip and it is on private property. The trip will be on Sunday, May 21st. There was a map available at the meeting.

Rhodonite Trip: Joe Gooch announced that the trip to Fiddletown is the club field trip for June, however, there has to be a guaranteed minimum of 20 people. There will be a charge of \$2 per person which allows you 20 lbs. of rhodonite. Over that basic 20 lbs., you may collect for 30¢ per lb. Federation Director Urcel Holloway reported that pre-registration forms for "Fantasy of Gems" must be in June 1st. There will be bus transportation at a nominal fee from the camping area at the Orange County Fairgrounds to the Convention Center. Several slide lectures have been scheduled during the show. There will be a complete program in the June issue of Gems & Minerals magazine. Urcel has donation drawing tickets for sale at 50¢ ea. or 3 for \$1. The first prize is a 16 ft. trailer.

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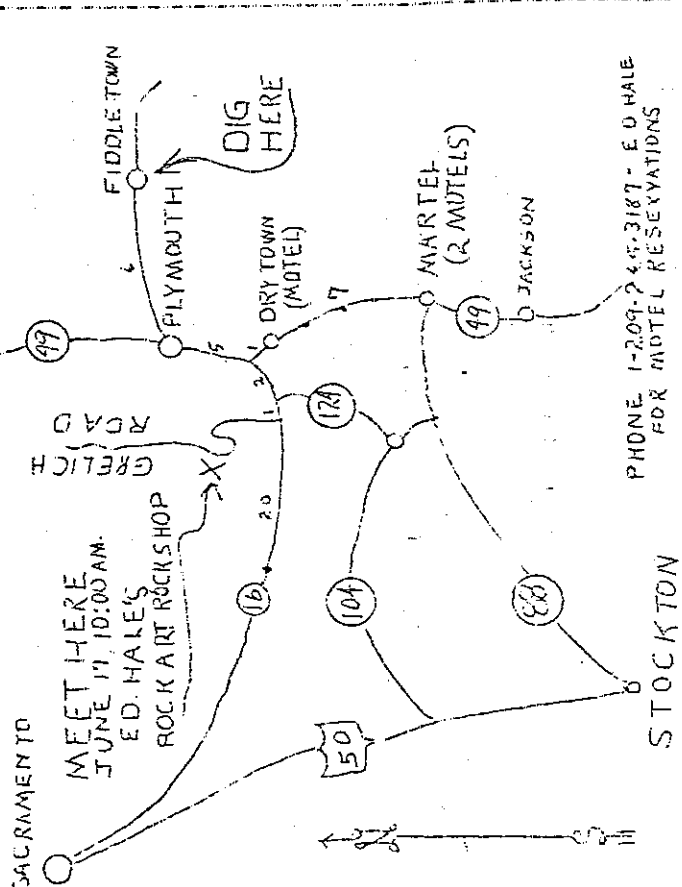
CADY MOUNTAINS, Southern Section

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FIELD TRIP MAP



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WHAT'S NEW IN 1972?

In June the Library Table will feature several exciting new books. First of those, Montroy's Presence In The Past, is a brand new book written by a local author, Angela Fink. Miss Fink is a resident of Carmel. The Sunset Book on Mexico augments our June program for those wishing to know more about our Latin neighbors.

THANKS TO PAT MONAHAN, the Table will also feature:
English Victorian Jewellery - Ernie Bradford
Wonder Book of Rocks & Minerals - Wonder Books
Western Gem Hunter's Atlas - Cy Johnson
Poisonous Dwellers of the Desert - Matt N. Dodge

if you get them at least monthly's, it will be on the book table.



CADY MOUNTAINS

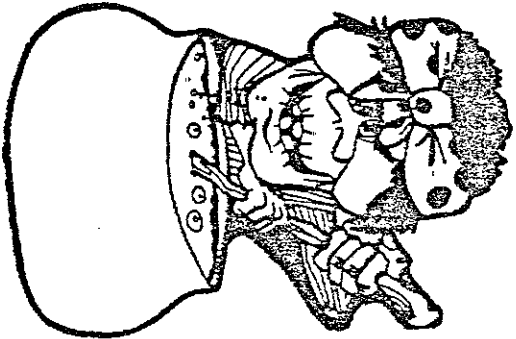
ROAD CONDITIONS - All types of cars

CAMP AREA - Dry camp no wood or water, bring your own.

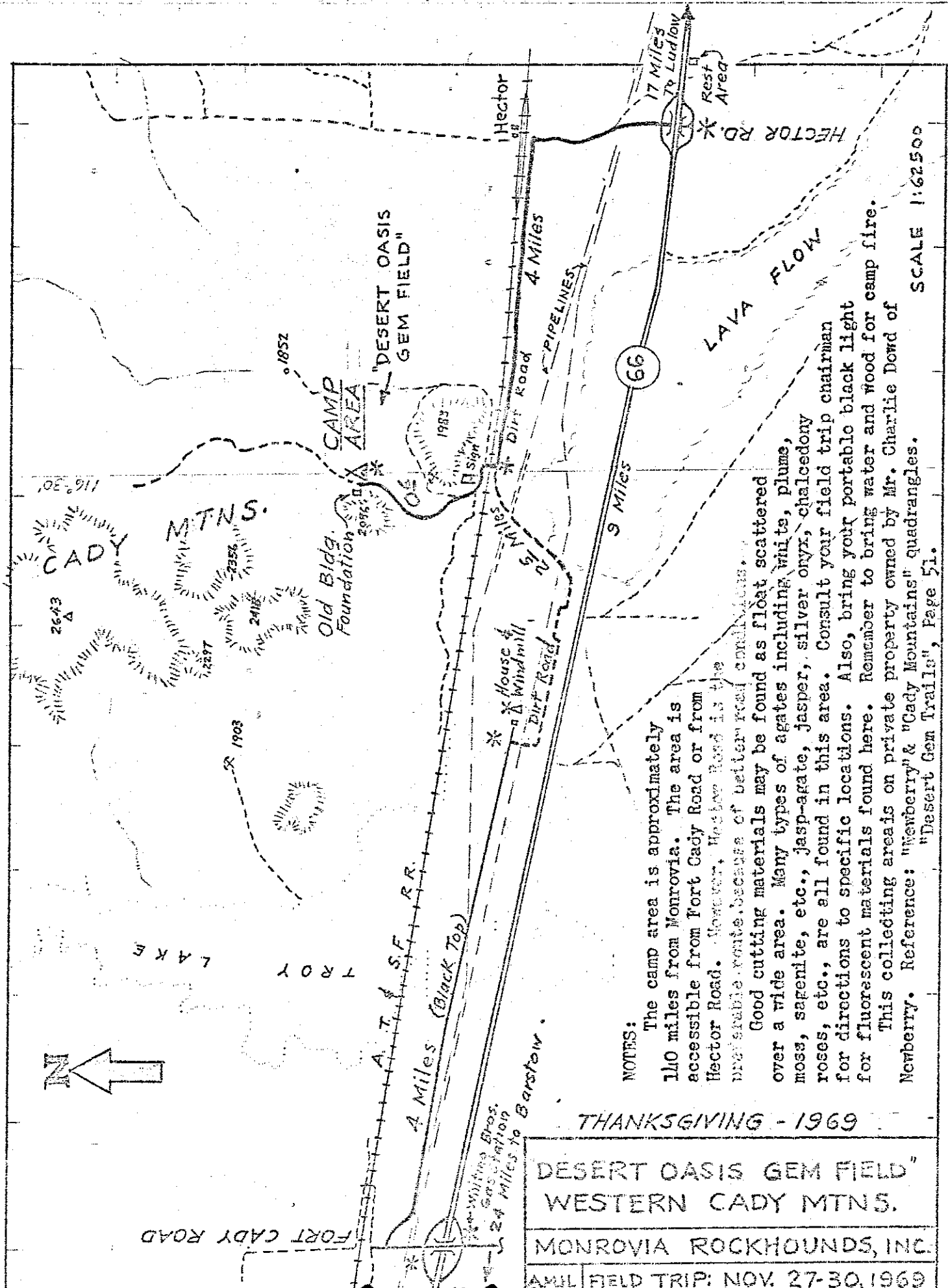
SUPPLIES - Gas and supplies at Ludlow

ROUTE - Take route 66 to Barstow then 66 towards Ludlow, when you reach BEACON watch your mileage. 4.6 miles on your left there is a road take this road and 3.7 miles in you will cross a gas line road. About .5 miles passed the gas line road is the campsite on your left. Material - At one time a mine operated here but is closed now, the suggested campsite is a quarry like area. A tremendous amount of colorful jasp-Agate may be collected in area in all directions. Just beyond the campsite the road branches. The right fork is a sandy wash, a short hike up this wash is a dark basalt covered hill, this area contains Golden Lace jasp-Agate. Agate nodules are found weathering out of the basalt. They are not plentiful and range from pea size to egg size. There are some nice calcite crystal specimens and variety dogtooth spar in the area. Areas A, C, and D are also very close. See map. Our area is Area "B". Lets plan a pot luck supper Saturday night at 5 P.M.

SEE YOU ALL THERE.



OUR POTLUCKS BRING OUT THE BEST IN ALL OF US!!!



NOTES:

The camp area is approximately 110 miles from Monrovia. The area is accessible from Fort Cady Road or from Hector Road. However, Hector Road is the preferable route because of better road conditions.

Good cutting materials may be found as float scattered over a wide area. Many types of agates including white, plume, moss, saffronite, etc., jasp-agate, jasper, silver onyx, chalcedony roses, etc., are all found in this area. Consult your field trip chairman for directions to specific locations. Also, bring your portable black light for fluorescent materials found here. Remember to bring water and wood for camp fire.

This collecting areas is on private property owned by Mr. Charlie Dowd of Newberry. Reference: "Newberry" & "Cady Mountains" quadrangles. "Desert Gem Trails", Page 51.

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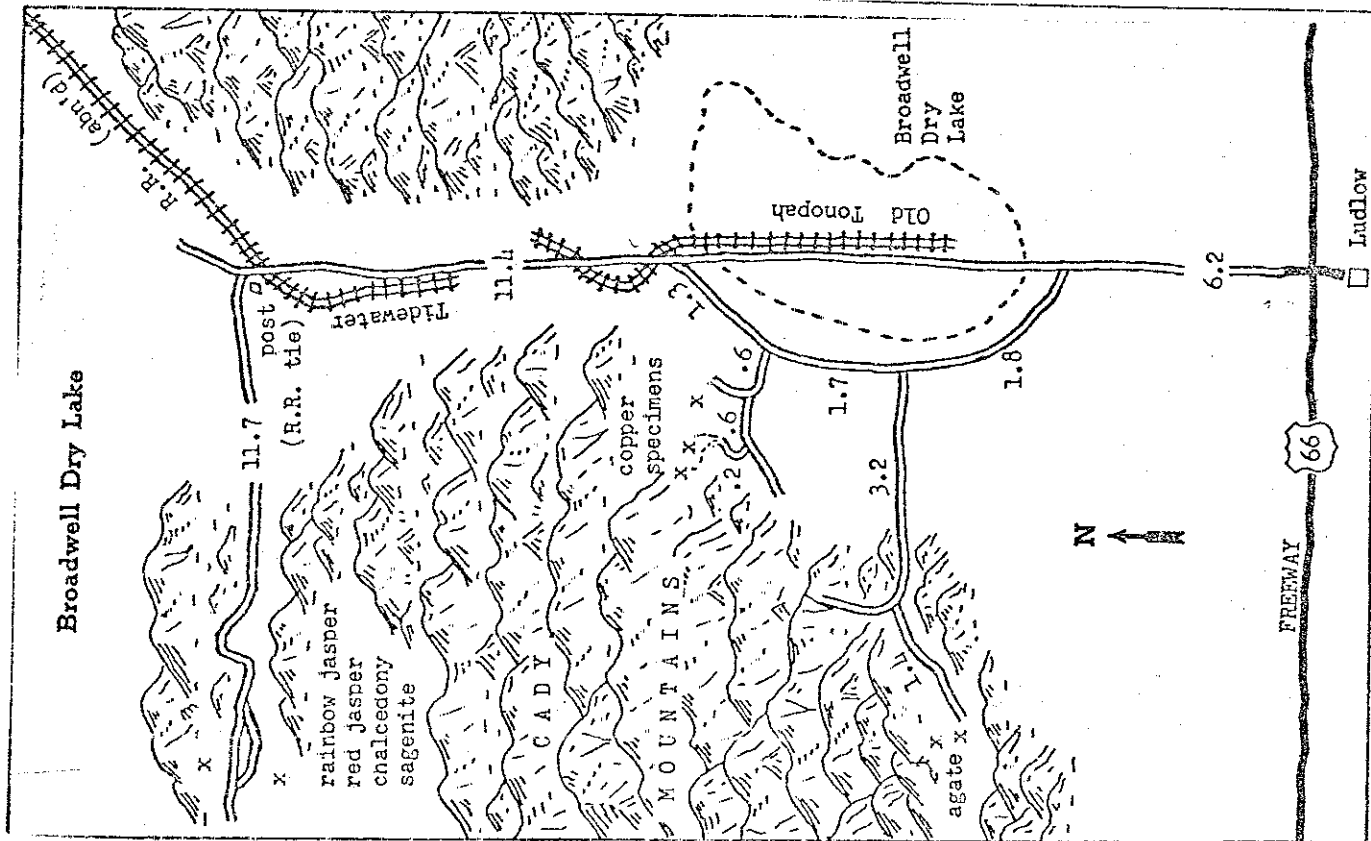
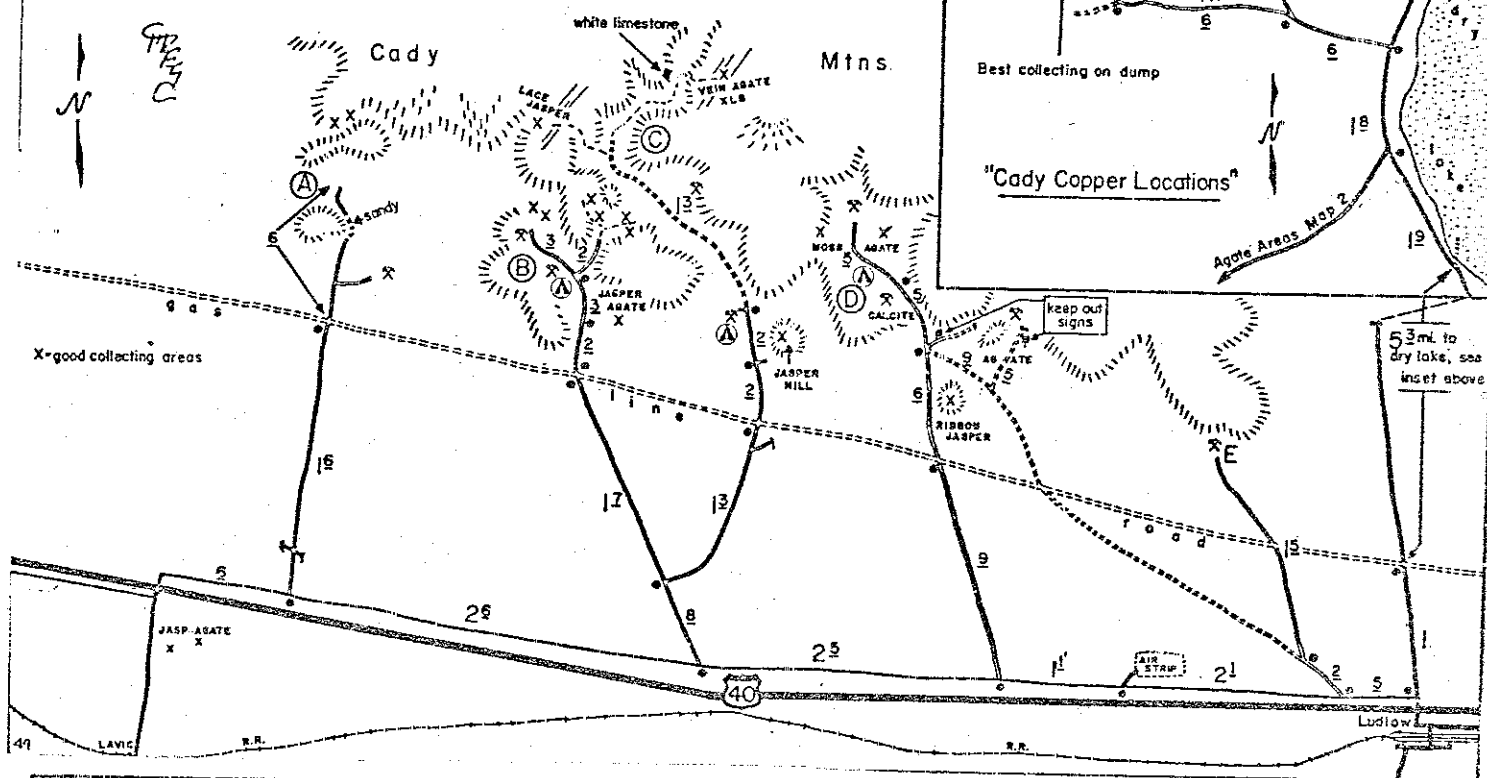
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ROCKHOUNDS FIELD TRIPS

CADY MOUNTAINS, Southern Section

Map 1



**CADY MOUNTAINS
(Southern Section)**

The Cady Mountains contain a large number of good gem collecting areas and I have not attempted to map them all. The locations in the southern section are the most accessible for the average car and will provide many days of good collecting. In fact, at least a week should be spent here if you are seriously interested in obtaining good cutting material and minerals. **Status:** All areas open to collecting. **Road Conditions:** Typical desert roads throughout the region O.K. for stock cars and trailers. Road conditions will not be mentioned under each separate area unless limited to 4-wheel

drive vehicles. **Road Log:** Detailed mileages are given on all maps and a separate log is given only for the sagenite location. **Camping Facilities:** Suggested camps are designated by symbols. All are dry camps, no water or wood. This also seems to be a perpetually windy area, so be prepared. **Supplies:** Gas at Ludlow. **Map 1, Area A, Black Hills Agate. What to Collect:** Evidently, country rock from this locale was used in the construction of the freeway. The agate veins have been bulldozed. Hike north to the hills where plumose chalcedony and jasp-agate occur as float. **Area B, Quarry Cove. What to Collect:** At one time a mine operated here

a very large scale but it has long been idle. The suggested campsite is in a quarrylike area. A tremendous amount of colorful jasp-agate may be collected on the alluvial fan in all directions. Just beyond the campsite, the road branches. The right branch heads up a sandy wash. It is best to hike this short distance. A dark basalt-covered hill on your right contains golden lace jasp-agate. You will note float as you hike up the hill to the vein outcrops. Agate nodules will also be found weathering out of the basalt. They are not plentiful and range from pea-size to egg-size. There are also some very nice calcite crystal specimens, variety dogtooth spar. Keep a sharp lookout for sardonyx. It is of good quality and color. All I have found has been float, but there may be veins of it in the area. You will note collecting areas designated northwest of the campsite. Actually, this entire area produces good material. **Area C, Agate Canyon and Jasper Hill. What to collect:** "Jasper Hill" is no misnomer. The hill is low and a bright red color. It is literally covered with brilliant red, yellow, purple, green, and white jasp-agate. The suggested campsite is also a good collecting locale.

Agate Canyon has two fine collecting sites (see map). On the left (NW), you must hike to the second saddle to reach the large veins of lace-jasper. It is hard to give directions for foot travel but look for the diggings. A great deal of material

has been removed but there is still plenty left. The plume agate and calcite crystal locations are reached by hiking up the main wash. It becomes quite narrow at this point and forms the floor of a steep canyon. Watch for a white limestone outcrop in the wash on the left. Just beyond this outcrop a few yards, a loose talus slope will be found on the right. I would guess it is 2 miles from the end of the road. The crystals and agate will be found on the mountainside above the talus slope. Take your time and search carefully. The plume agate is fine cutting material and the crystals are excellent specimens. **Area D, Wide Valley. What to collect:** Just before entering the valley, a low hill will be noted on the east. Interesting ribbon jasper may be collected here. Continue north and follow the road left into a wide valley. An old mine dump will be seen to the west. Some good, clear calcite rhombs may be collected by hiking over the hills on both sides of the valley.

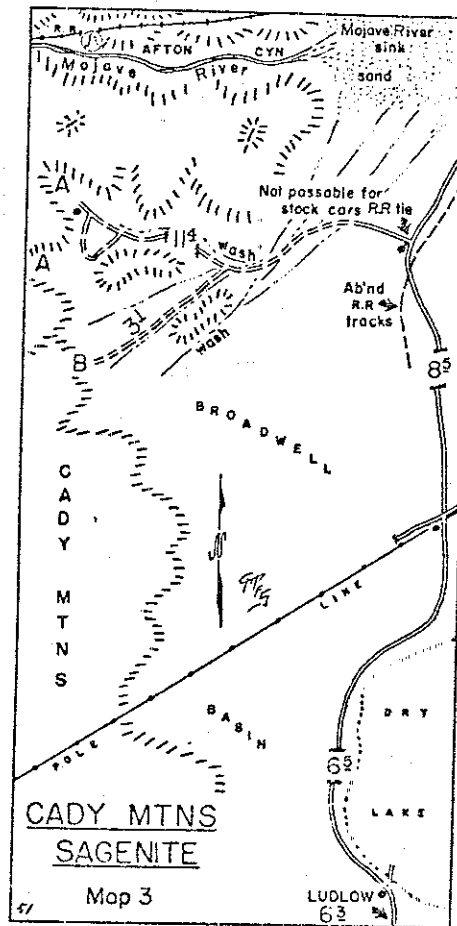
Cady Copper Mines

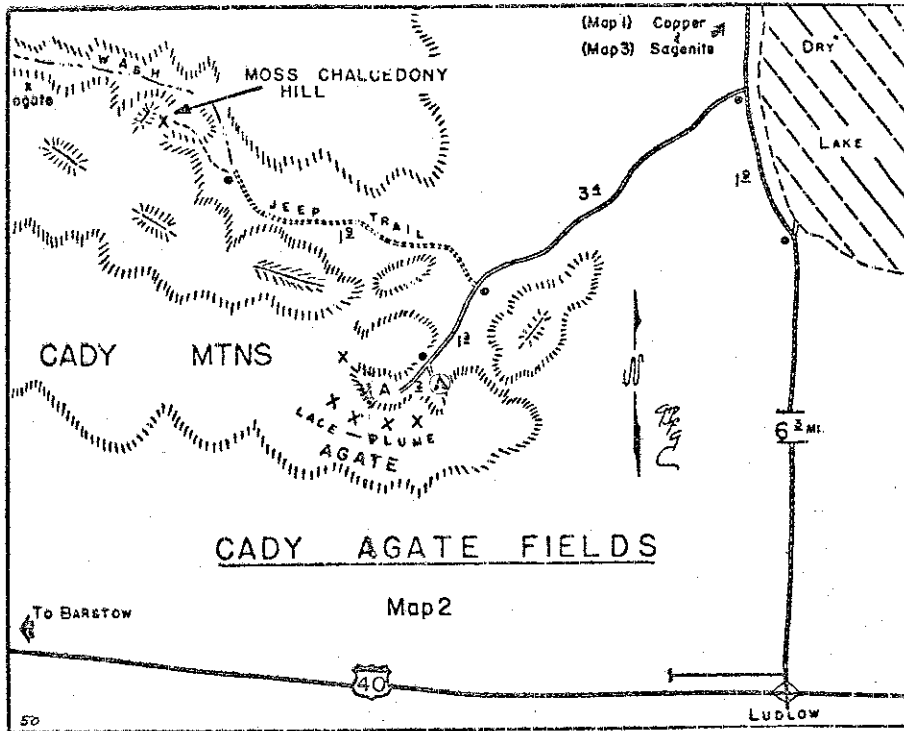
What to collect: Copper specimens. The first mine can be seen from the road. A trail leads up to the various dumps. The second mine seems to have the best specimens. I became interested in these mines when shown some beautiful diop-tase specimens reportedly from this locality. Unfortunately, I have yet to find any here but perhaps you will. Chryso-colla, malachite, cuprite and bornite, plus hematite, are to be found. Some of the material will cut and polish.

Map 3

Cady Mountains Sagenite. What to collect: **Area A.** Outstanding sagenite in agate in a rainbow of colors. Red, yellow, and green jasper. Banded lace and picture agate. Clear chalcedony, calcite crystals, and quartz crystals. Material is found on the slopes of the canyons. White limestone outcrops indicate the collecting area. Since I visited this area, I have been told of excellent petrified wood being found here. **Area B.** Green jas-

per, moss agate, and geodes. I have found several very interesting iron-calcite geodes here. They are rather nondescript and easily overlooked. They are shaped like potatoes and a dull iron stain covers the exteriors. When cracked open they are found to be filled with calcite and quartz crystals. **Status:** Open to collecting. **Road Condition:** Good, graded dirt road to turnoff. Sandy road the last 11.4 miles, mainly for 4-wheel drive vehicles though pickups with 4-speed transmissions can negotiate the road if driven carefully. Not a trip for inexperienced desert drivers or stock cars. **Road Log:** From Ludlow, go north on Crucero Road. At 6.3 miles you will reach Broadwell Dry Lake; keep left around the lake for 6.5 miles and cross the power line road. Keep ahead. Just prior to 8.5 miles from the power line road, you cross an old railroad bed and will see a railroad tie erected beside tracks leading to the left. Desert Magazine mapped this area in 1957 and its group placed the tie as a marker. It was still there on my recent visit to this area. Follow the dirt tracks west for a distance of 11.4 miles. The road ends near a canyon. **Camping Facilities:** Since this is Jeep country, your campsite depends on your equipment. Open desert. No water or wood. **Supplies:** Gas at Ludlow.





LUDLOW OBSIDIAN

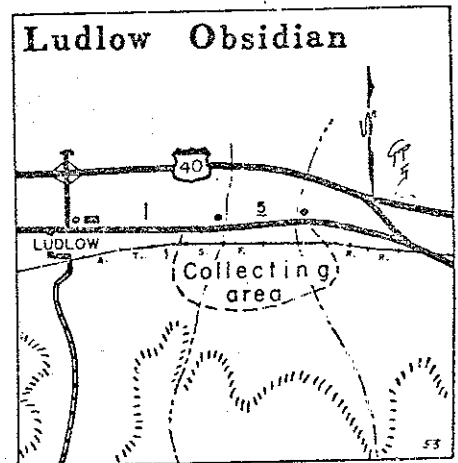
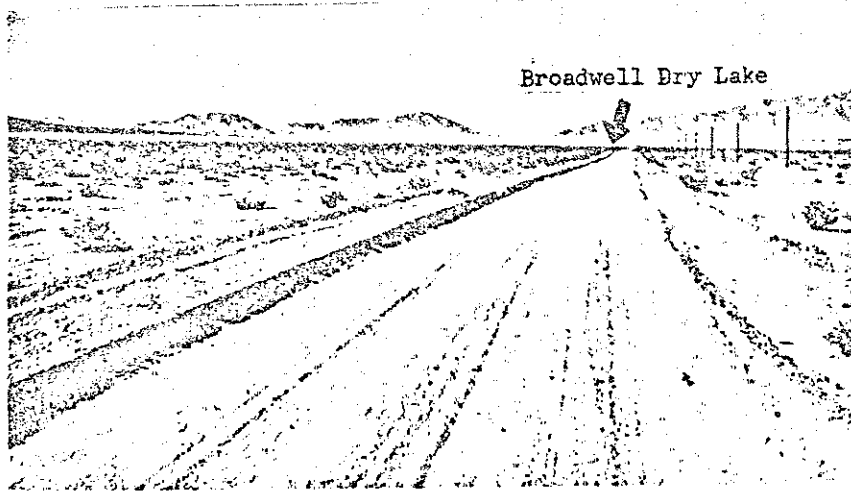
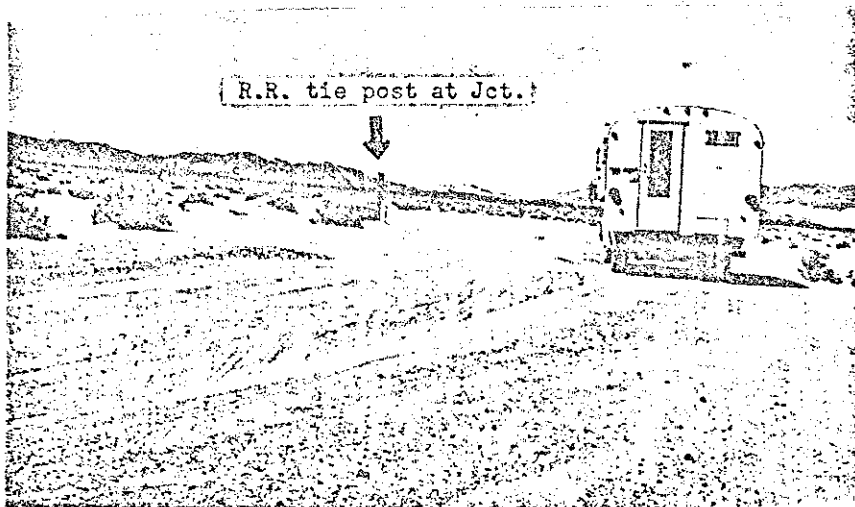
What to collect: Here is an easy trip for obsidian. It is not all of cutting quality but some nice chunks can be found. Size ranges from chips to boulders weighing several pounds. It is found in the sandy area indicated on the map. Collecting is best from the railroad tracks south.

Status: Open to collecting.

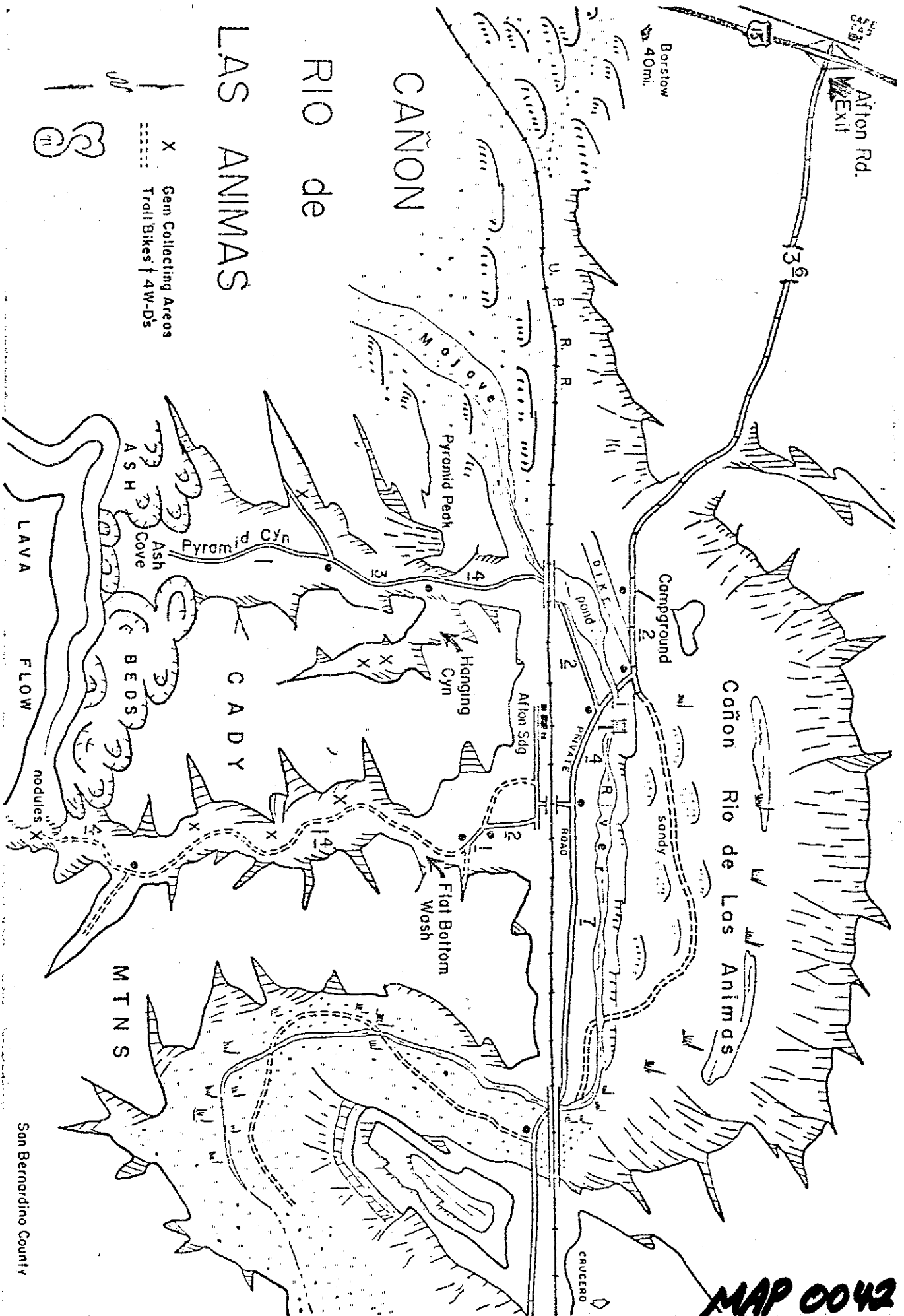
Road Conditions: Paved highway to location.

Road Log: Collecting area begins about one mile east of Ludlow and continues another half mile east.

Camping Facilities: Not a good camping area as no access roads lead off the highway. Best bet would be to go north or west from Ludlow a short distance. See map "Cady Mountains, Southern Section."

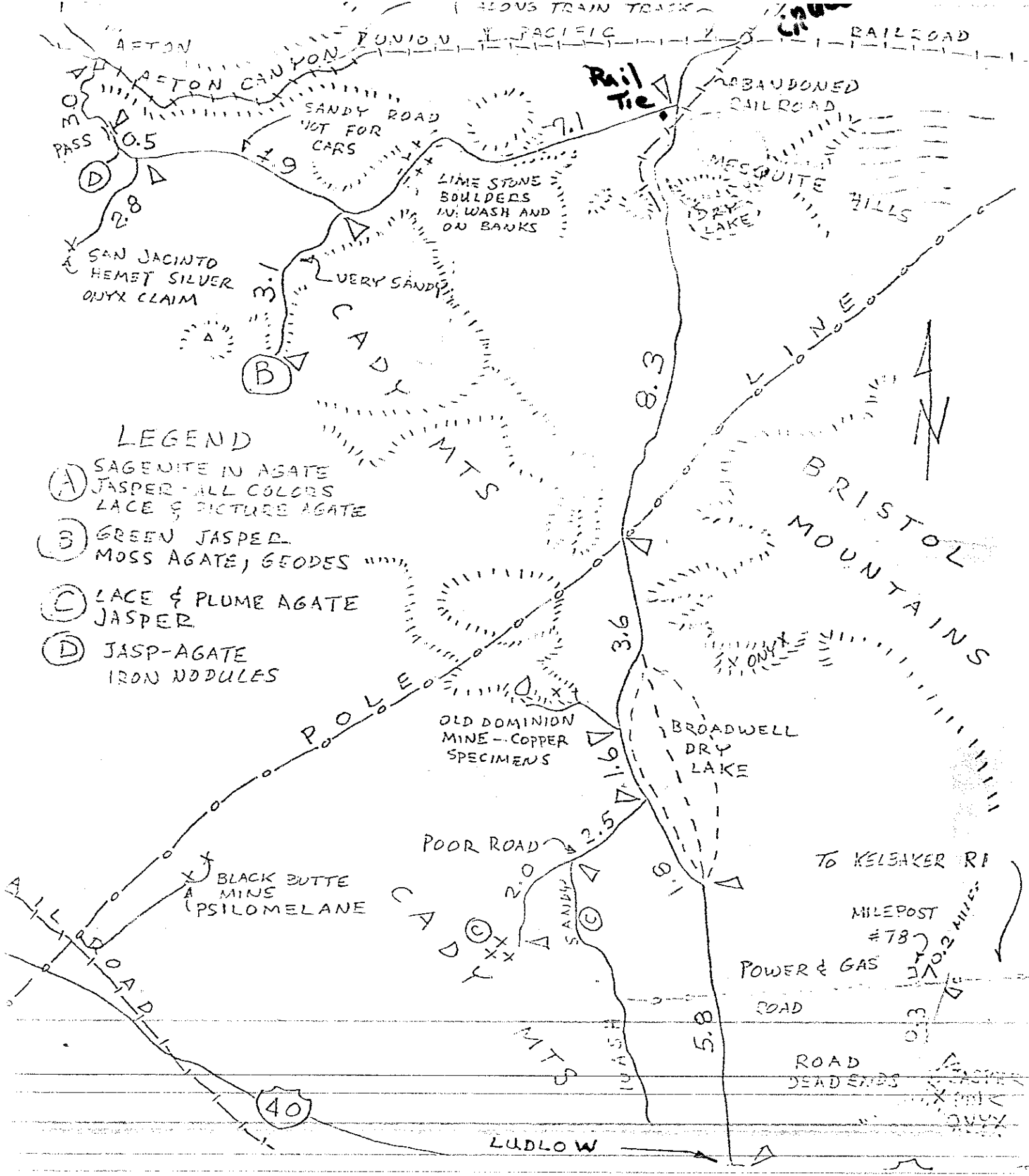


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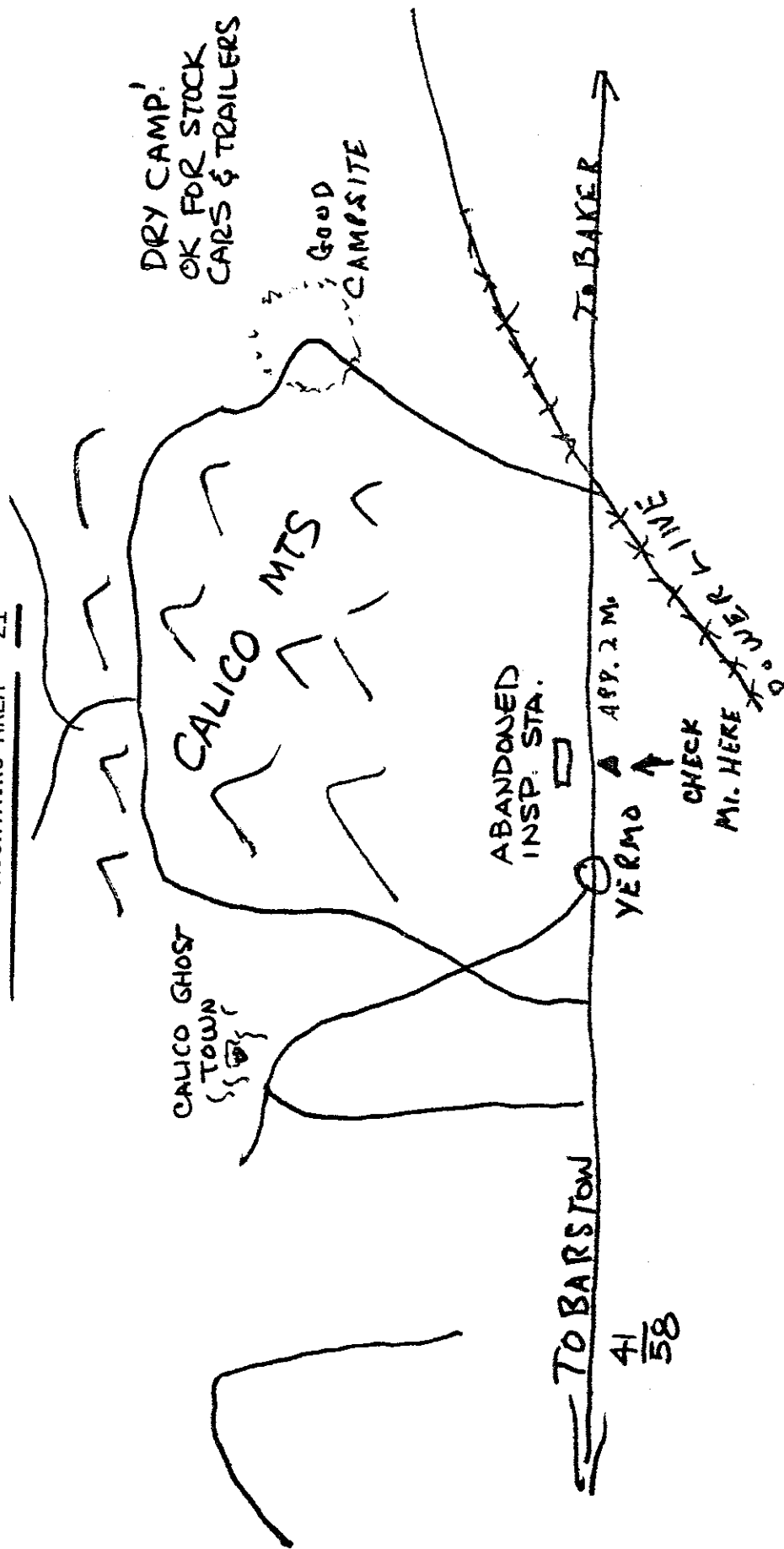
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CALICO MOUNTAINS AREA 21



COLLECT: SAGENITE, MOSS AGATE, JASPAGE
HONEY ONYX, SILVER ONYX, PALM WOOD
AND PETRIFIED WOOD.

MAP 0046A



CALICO JASPER

This area is well worth the trip just to see and appreciate the beauty Mother Nature has bestowed on the hills surrounding Calico. While you are partaking of the beautiful scenery, you can collect some very worthwhile jasper to take home as a memento of your visit to this region of colorful history and landscape. Here we give directions to an area where the material is easy to reach and readily recognized. There is a lot of very good gemstone material in these hills and a little exploration can uncover many fine pieces.

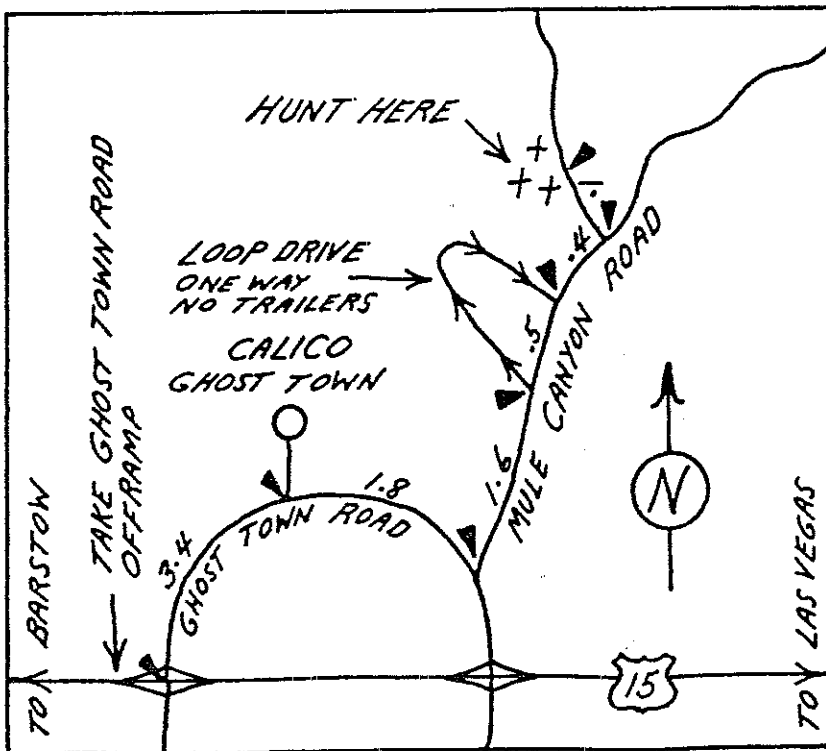
TYPE OF MATERIAL FOUND Jasp-agate

DESCRIPTION OF MATERIAL Jasper and agate pleasingly combined in a rainbow of colors--red, pink, orange, gold, with yellow predominating. Attractively patterned; quite suitable for cabbing and tumbling.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED Rock hammer (and camera if you like to photograph natural beauty)

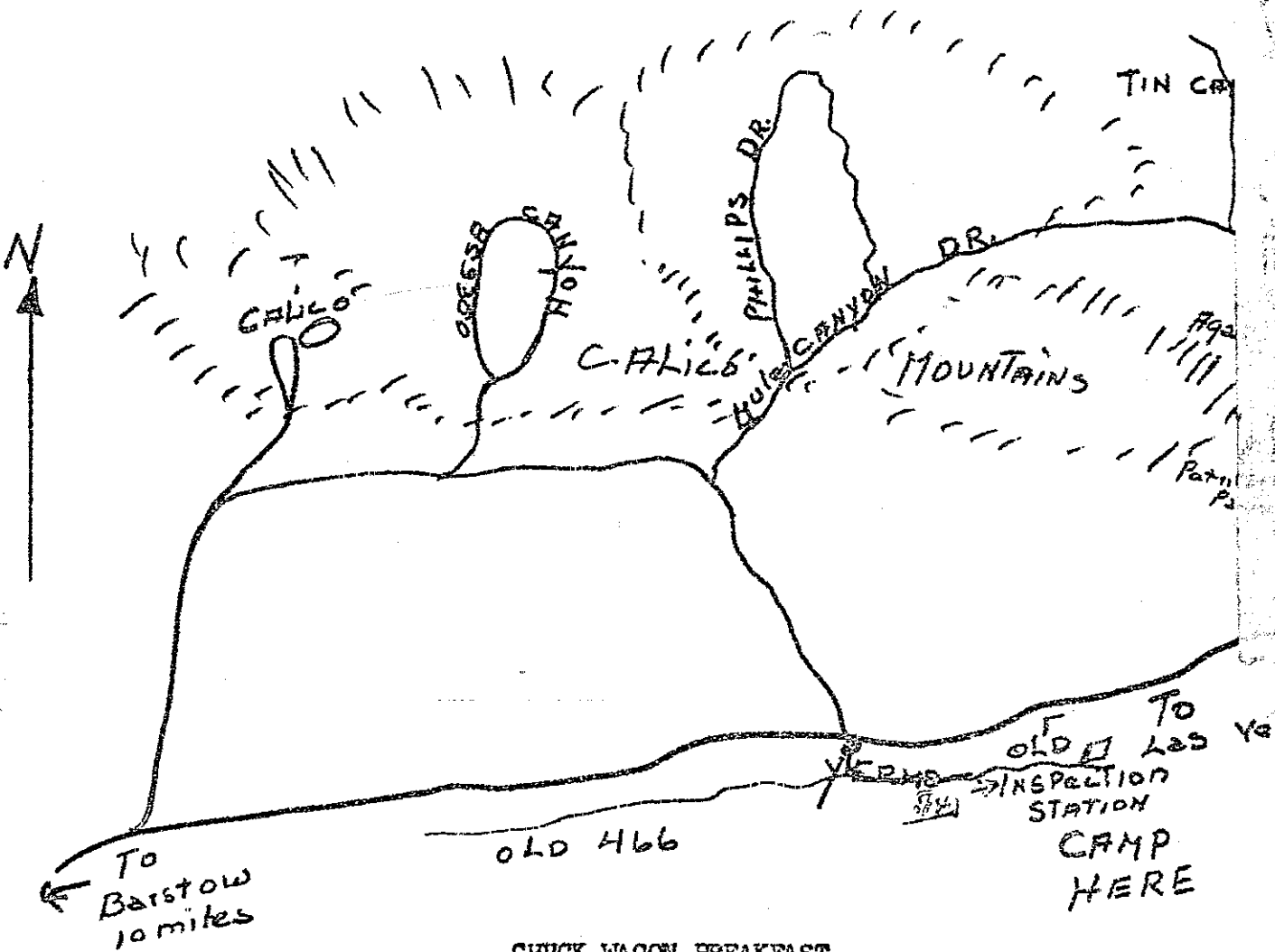
HOW TO GET THERE From Barstow go east on Highway 15. Exit on Ghost Town Rd. offramp. Turn left onto Ghost Town Rd. Immediately you will see the richly colored hills from whence Calico gets its name. Follow this paved road north. You will pass the entrance to Calico ghost town at 3.4 miles. This is well worth a visit if you have time.

Continue on paved road another 1.8 miles from Calico to well maintained dirt road on left marked Mule Canyon Rd. Turn here and follow Mule Canyon Rd. into one of the most breathtaking naturally colored areas in this part of the country. As you round the curves of Mule Canyon, you'll be treated to the many purple, green, orange, yellow, gold and chocolate brown hued Calico Mountains. Also note the interesting rock formations clinging to the cliffs. At 1.6 miles a road marked "No trailers beyond this point" and "One Way" takes off to the left. This is a short loop drive through some very scenic areas. This road re-joins the main road .5 mile up Mule Canyon (at sign: "Do Not Enter"). From this point, continue .4 mile to a road on left going abruptly up hillside. Take this road .1 mile. It is rather rocky, but be cautious and take it easy and you will reach a spot where you can pull off on left. All around your car will be the jasp-agate material. This area may have been under claim at one time, but on our last trip no restrictions were made on collecting.



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CHUCK WAGON BREAKFAST

SUNDAY MAY 19

BREAKFAST SERVED 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. - G. D. SIGNS WILL BE POSTED

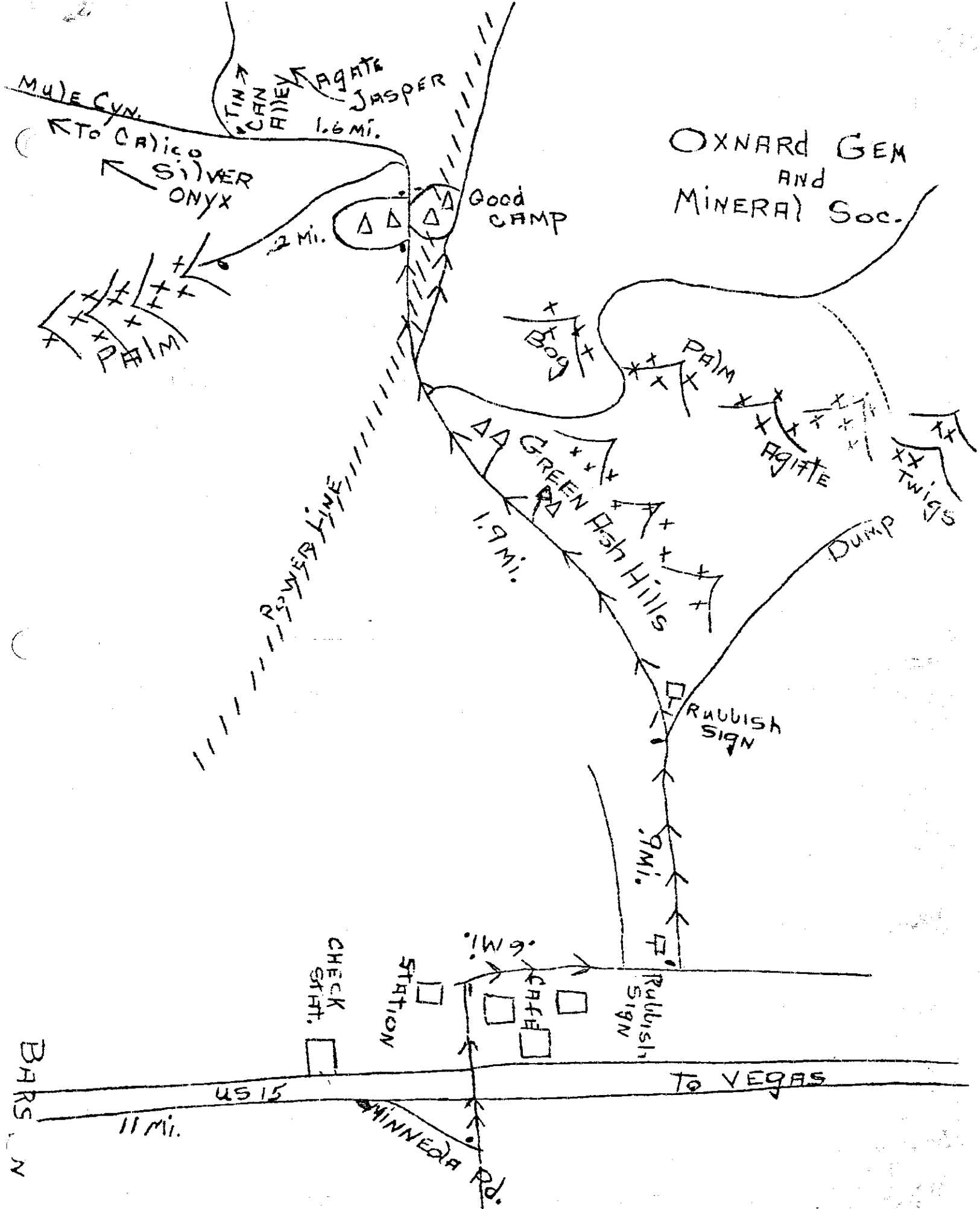
BRING OWN TABLE SERVICE * WATER AVAILABLE * BRING FIRE WOOD

MATERIAL TO BE FOUND: PETRIFIED WOOD, AGATE, ONYX.

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MAP 0046D