

Planning A Trip to Willett Creek Agate

If you're considering a rockhounding trip to Willett Creek Agate here is some additional information to help you plan your trip.

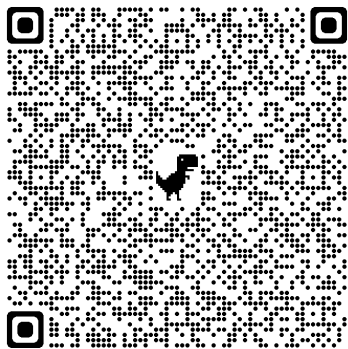
Welcome to the Middle of Nowhere: How to Find Willett Creek Agate

From Clayton NM: Take NM State Highway 370 from US HWY 87/64 in Clayton (Turn at Dollar General). We are located 43 miles from US 87/64.

From Raton NM: Travel US 87/64 (Clayton Highway) south to Capulin and turn left on NM State HWY 325. Travel to Folsom, NM and turn left on NM State HWY 456. Take NM 456 to NM State HWY 370 and turn right towards Clayton. We are approximately five miles from NM 456 and NM 370.

From Trinidad CO: Take US HWY 350/160 (Main St.) East until it splits. Turn right on US HWY 160 toward Springfield. In approx 38 miles turn right on CO State HWY 389 towards Branson. This becomes NM State Hwy 551. Continue until it ends at the bottom of Tollgate Canyon (no tolls, but stop and check out the historic marker and toll collectors building.) At NM State HWY 456 turn left to NM State HWY 370 and turn right towards Clayton. We are approximately five miles from NM 456 and NM 370.

From Kenton OK: OK State HWY 325 becomes NM State HWY 456. Take this to NM State HWY 370. Turn left towards Clayton. We are approximately five miles from NM 456 and NM 370.



Scan the QR code to find [WCA on Google Maps](#)

Our roads are not always at their best especially after rain or snow. Please use caution to avoid large rocks, potholes, debris and wildlife. Never cross running water on the road.

Be Prepared

- During summer months it is better to start your tour in the morning. During monsoon season we get afternoon storms that occasionally cause our creeks to

run fast. I stay well tuned to the forecasts and will discuss any potential weather issues as your tour date approaches.

- Wear appropriate clothing, a wide brimmed hat, and footwear to protect from the sun, brush, and tall grasses, or weeds, etc.
- I can fill jugs or mugs with tap water from our well. You may prefer to bring your own water. Just remember that in the heat of summer, hydration is half the battle.
- I do not provide meals. Please consider bringing snacks and/or a lunch. The closest grocery and convenience stores are 40+ miles.
- Be sure to top off your fuel before leaving civilization.
- Don't forget sunscreen and mosquito repellent.
- Dogs are welcome, but must be supervised, controlled, and leashed if need be to prevent chasing cows or wildlife.

Lodging & Accommodations

If you need assistance finding a hotel, B&B, or campsite, contact me. I do not offer camping or lodging on the ranch at this time, but can help you find suitable accommodations for your situation.

Places of Interest in Union County & Nearby

- [Clayton Lake State Park & Dinosaur Trackway](#) One of the largest preserved dinosaur trackways in North America. Also great fishing, wildlife, and a dark skies observatory.
- [Capulin Volcano National Monument](#) Part of the Clayton Raton Volcanic Field. See five states and take a hike into the crater.
- [The Folsom Museum](#) Started to showcase the Folsom Man discovery, this museum has a nice collection of artifacts from all periods of local history.
- [Raton Iridium Layer](#) The iridium layer marks the K-T boundary between the cretaceous and tertiary periods.
- [Black Mesa State Park \(Oklahoma\)](#) Geology, nature, and stunning views where the Rockies meet the short grass prairie.
- [Fishers Peak State Park \(Colorado\)](#) Colorado's newest state park is still under development, but features great hikes, amazing views, and plenty of wildlife. Oh and nice geology.

Need More Info?

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