

Magic Mountain
Project Logistics
June 19th to June 27th and July 5th to July 15th

Project Overview: The Denver Museum of Nature and Science and Paleocultural Research Group (PCRG) will conduct test excavations at Magic Mountain site, one of the most important archaeological sites on Colorado’s Front Range. Although excavations occurred there in the 1950s and 1990s, until recently much of the site was privately owned. In 2016, PCRG and DMNS conducted geophysical surveys on a previously unstudied portion of the site. That work revealed a variety of subsurface anomalies that may represent basin houses and other cultural features. Excavations took place in 2017, investigating the anomalies and their geoarchaeological context. The goal of the 2018 project will be continue investigations.

PCRG and DMNS rely on volunteers such as yourself to staff projects; without your help this project would not be possible. Please keep in mind that by signing up you have made a commitment to work on the days you are assigned.

While we understand things come up that are not always in our control, we are counting on you to show up each day. If your availability changes or you are no longer able to participate please notify us immediately so that we can give your spot to one of the other eager applicants. We are looking forward to a great project and thank you for your commitment! 😊

Project Logistics: The Magic Mountain site is located minutes from downtown Golden adjacent to Apex Park and the Heritage Square Amusement Park. Because of the site’s location in the Denver metro area, no project camp will be established for the project. Lodging and meals will be the responsibility of individual participants. Field work is scheduled for two sessions, June 19th to June 27th and July 5th to July 15th.

Magic Mountain excavation schedule

***All volunteers must meet in the parking lot each morning by 7:30am for a mandatory pre-work meeting! After the meeting, we will walk to the site as a group.**

1st session	Activities
Tuesday, June 19 th through Wednesday, June 27 th	Excavation; 7:30am to 4:30pm (end time is approximate)
2nd session	Activities
Thursday, July 5 th through Friday, July 13 th	Excavation; 7:30am to 4:30pm (end time is approximate)
Saturday, July 14 th through Sunday, July 15 th	Finish up excavations, backfilling and site clean-up

The following gear list covers recommended items to bring to the field each day. Excavation equipment will be provided however, you are welcome to bring your own dig kit if you have one. Items such as foam kneeling pads and gloves will not be provided so please plan on bringing your own if you use them.

Extra Drinking water will be available but please bring multiple water bottles and fill them before arriving at the site each day. You will be responsible for bringing your own sack lunch each day.

Long pants and closed-toe shoes are required; no sandals or shorts! Long sleeve shirts and hats are recommended but not required.

Participant Equipment List:

Required:

- Sack Lunch (food will not be provided, bring your own lunch and snacks)
- Water bottles for 2 to 3 quarts of water (please fill with water prior to arriving each day)
- Smooth-soled shoes; tennis shoes are ok, **NO HIKING BOOTS** excavators will be standing in open units and shoes that leave minimal or no prints are necessary (no open-toe shoes or sandals, please)
- Long pants (required) and long-sleeved shirt (recommended for better sun protection)

Suggested:

- Day pack large enough to carry water, lunch, rain gear, etc.
- Ditch boots or water shoes for water screening on certain days (chaco's, teva's etc. are acceptable for water screening **ONLY**) always bring your closed toed shoes along as well
- Sun hat and bandana
- Rain gear
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen Sunscreen Sunscreen! (it's always a bummer to burn on the first day!)
- Lip balm (SPF)
- Hand sanitizer
- Insect repellent
- Cooler for personal drinks and snacks
- Camera, for personal use if desired
- Foam kneeling pad
- Work gloves
- Personal first aid kit (major first aid kit will also be on-site)

If you wish to bring your own excavation equipment we recommend the following. Please engrave or otherwise mark all personal equipment so they do not get mixed up with other gear.

- Trowel (We use a 4- to 5-inch Marshalltown "pointing" (triangular) trowel; these can be ordered from Amazon.com [search for "Marshalltown Premier Line 46 114S 4-Inch Heavy Duty London Style Pointing Trowel with Wooden Handle"] or from Forestry Suppliers (forestry-suppliers.com) [search for "Marshalltown Trowel, Pointing, 4-1/2" x 2-1/4" Blade"]. Small trowels are easier to use, and move more dirt, than large trowels.)
- 5-meter metric tape measure (must have metric; tapes with both English and metric are ok)
- Mason's line level (levels with a metal housing are preferable, but not necessary)
- Plumb bob with string
- 4-5 small wooden tools (e.g. chop sticks, potter's tools, or split bamboo)
- Pocket knife
- Optional:
 - Second trowel (Many people also like to use a "margin" (square) trowel with a 5-inch blade)
 - Meter folding ruler
 - Covered clipboard
 - Your favorite pencil (no pens, please!)
 - Small tackle box or other container to hold excavation gear

Driving Directions:

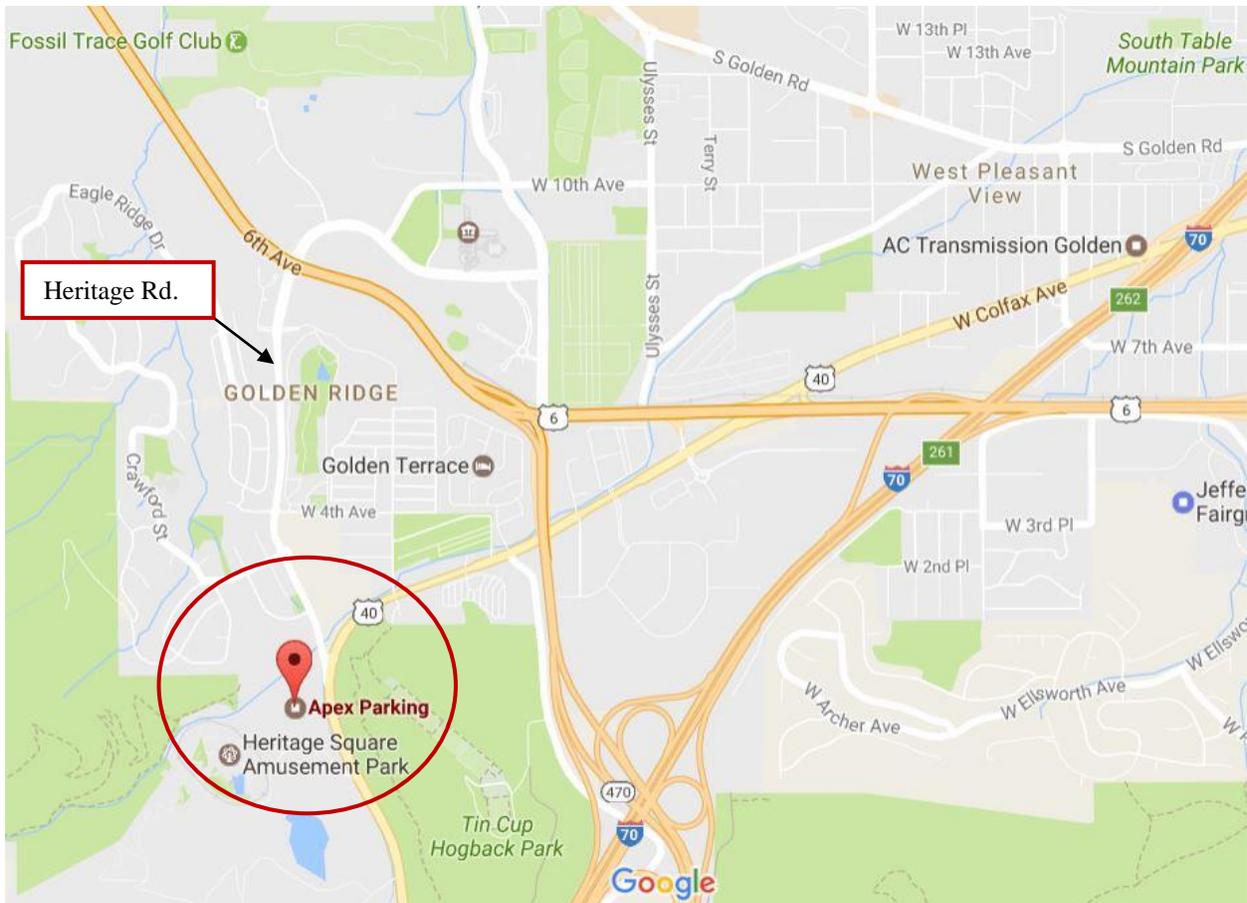
Magic Mountain is located near the east end of Apex Park about 5 miles south of downtown Golden.

From the east: Traveling west on I-70 from Denver, exit at Colfax Ave. and turn right (west) onto Colfax. Follow Colfax Ave. for about three miles past Wrigley's Chicago Bar and Grill. Midway through a curve to the south and just before Colfax merges with Heritage Rd., turn right on a short cut-off onto Heritage Rd. Turn right (north) onto Heritage Rd. then almost immediately left into the Apex Park parking lot. (If you pass the Golden Fire Station No. 4 on the west side of the road, you've gone too far.)

From the north: From Golden, go south on 6th Ave. about three miles to Heritage Rd. Turn right on Heritage Rd. and continue about one mile. Just after the Golden Fire Station No. 4, turn right into the Apex Park parking lot.

Please park along the southeast side of the parking lot and leave the spots closest the bathrooms open for recreationalists and tour groups. All participants will meet near the bathroom at the northwest corner of the parking area at 7:30 am each day.

Site Location-Driving Directions



Site Location-Parking Directions



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