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Nuggets of News and Knowledge

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Whether you are new to gold prospecting or an experienced old-timer, whether you have just started swinging a metal detector or have been digging targets for years, get the most out of treasure hunting with these nuggets of news and knowledge— tips, ideas, new products and more!



How to Metal Detect Old Homesteads

Is there an old homestead or barn that you'd love to swing your detector at but you're not sure how best to go about it since there's bound to be lots of trash mixed in with the treasure? After you have permission from the owner to hunt there, follow these tips from the late Charles [Garrett](#). Even if you own a [Fisher](#) or [Minelab](#) or other brand of detector, Garrett's advice still applies: use a smaller size searchcoil, use minimum discrimination, and scan slowly.



- The use of a smaller size DD search coil configuration will provide you with the best ability to separate good targets from adjacent trash. Use a detector that has a visual target display and be sure to learn how your detector identifies targets both audibly and visually.
- You will probably hear a steady reporting of sounds on old sites littered with iron junk. You can reduce the number of these signals by increasing your iron discrimination settings. Be aware, however, that the use of too much iron discrimination can cause you to miss good targets that are being masked by iron trash. Use as little discrimination as possible. [Article continues here...](#)

NEW! Save on Ameritek Metal Detectors!

Nugget of Knowledge

How to Clean Placer Gold

Sometimes placer gold comes out of the ground or a stream with dirt and/or a thin coating of mercury or other impurity, so it is necessary to clean your gold to bring out its natural luster and shine. The best way to clean gold is to place it in a small water-tight container about half full of water and add a bit of dishwashing liquid. Shake the container vigorously. How quickly you'll see a glittery shine often depends on how much gold is in the container. The more gold you clean at one time, the faster it shines up because of the friction caused by shaking. After you see your gold gleam, be sure to rinse with clean water. Do this several times to remove all traces of soap. Next, dry your gold outdoors in a metal pan over an open fire



The Minuteman, Patriot, and Liberator are all NEW in the Ameritek line of metal detectors. Proudly made in the USA by Teknetics (Fisher Labs), these 3 new machines are making award-winning metal detectors affordable again! Whether you're looking for the ease of a turn-on-and-go coin shooter or want more features for gold prospecting, you will find it in the affordable Ameritek line. All three detectors feature waterproof searchcoils, large two-digit numeric displays, and are perfectly balanced and light-weight so you can swing all day. **Use coupon code A1486 to [SAVE \\$50+ get FREE SHIPPING!](#)**

Motorized and Manual Rock Crushers



14" Crusher with gas motor

Rocks are rocks unless they contain valuable minerals, metals, or elements. When a rock has values in it, it's then called ore. In order to liberate the minerals, it needs to be crushed down. In days of yore, a stamp mill was the primary form of crushing rock, but in the modern world, there are more choices— from hand-held sampling crushers like the [Cobra Crusher](#), to those with gas or electric motors. Each has its own pros and cons -- and price tag. Whether you want to turn rock into talcum powder or

some other size to get the gold, [check out heavy duty rock crushers here.](#)

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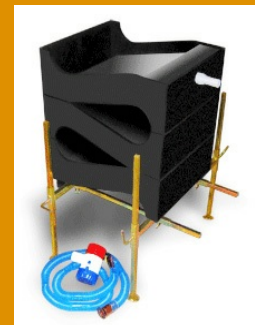
or on a gas stove. Heat slowly, then cool, and enjoy that beautiful golden glow!

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History Nugget: Black Hills Gold Rush



Nearly all of South Dakota's gold-bearing deposits are concentrated in one area—the 65 mile wide by 125 mile long Black Hills National Forest. In addition to gold, this scenic recreation area is filled with forests so thick they look black from a distance (hence the name), rugged rock formations, cool caves, rushing rivers, and an abundance of national memorials and parks. The wildlife is plentiful, too. Besides the natural beauty, this region is best known for the Black Hills Gold Rush of 1876. Sent by the federal government to scout locations for military forts and to investigate rumors of gold ore, General George Armstrong Custer led his famous expedition into the Black Hills in July 1874. While camping on French Creek near present-day Custer City, Horatio Ross, a prospector along on the expedition, discovered gold. General Custer reported the find, and almost immediately the Black Hills Gold Rush was on! [Article continues here...](#)



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