

Snake Bite Protection

Don't take a chance—protect yourself while in the woods and desert

Have you seen the field test video for Snake Guardz leg protectors? If not, please watch it. You'll be AMAZED! After 2,000 fang strikes, there has never been a puncture, so you can rest assured that you will not be bitten in protected areas. Find the link to the video at http://www.goldrushtradingpost.com/snake_guardz_chapz

No treasure hunter or outdoorsman (or woman) should be without cool, comfortable leg armor. Used by the US Border Patrol, US Forestry Service, hunters, hikers, fishermen, ranchers, surveyors, realtors, landscapers, and thousands of others around the world, Snake Guardz and Snake Chapz are backed by the manufacturer's LIFETIME Repair or Replacement Warranty.

SNAKE GUARDZ

Snake Guardz are light-weight (10 ounces), cool, contoured to fit, and feature a unique design that allows air circulation between your leg and the snake gaiter. Snake Guardz are constructed with 1000 denier nylon or whisper quiet Amerisuede encasing polycarbonate inserts that stop the fangs of poisonous snakes. Snake Guardz are snakeproof up to 17 inches and have a unique cover-

ing to protect the laces of your boot or shoe (if struck, you definitely don't want snake fangs becoming entangled in your laces!). Wear with thick leather shoes or boots for guaranteed protection against rattlesnakes and other poisonous vipers.

SNAKE CHAPZ

Snake Chapz cover from your ankle to your thigh, are easy to walk in, weigh only 15 ounces, and are available in 1000 denier nylon or quiet Amerisuede fabric. Snake Chapz are secured in place with a 1 inch polyester strap, which may either be slipped through a belt loop or over the belt and are connected by a polycarbonate quick release buckle-- providing a "full range" height adjustment. Snake Chapz also feature YKK zippers on the inside of each chap to make them easy on/easy off over heavy boots or shoes. Heavy footwear is required for foot and ankle protection. Snake Chapz are to be worn over regular clothing.



are stiff and hard to walk in, but necessary for working in snake-infested swamps or streams.

Snake Guardz and Chapz come in sizes to fit kids through XXXL adults. A wide variety of colors/camo patterns are available to allow you to blend into any environment. Find these invaluable snake bite protection items at http://www.goldrushtradingpost.com/snake_guardz_chapz



SNAKE CHAPZ FP

Snake Chapz FP (full protection) start out like regular Chapz, but further protect to the top of the chap with 18 ounce polyurethane impregnated nylon. This allows knee action while providing snake proof protection to the top of the chap. Snake Chapz FP

Desert Fox Gets the Gold

A thimble full of gold more than pays for this easy, efficient gold recovery tool.

Number one among spiral panners since 1969, the Desert Fox Automatic Spiral Gold Panning Machine is truly a portable workhorse. It's so light, you can take it anywhere. Weighing under 10 pounds, including its rugged folding stand, it stores neatly in its own Action Packer tub. Operate it right out of the tub, or remove it from the case and use it in a stream.

The Desert Fox is aptly named because it was designed to conserve water and will operate on just three gallons. Operates on any 12-volt automotive battery (not included) or even a 35 watt solar panel.

This machine recovers an amazing amount of flour gold so you never lose even the smallest pieces (which all add up!). The wheel has seven separate spirals which pick up gold seven times with each rotation of the wheel (105 times per minute). The seven spirals dump gold into the tube-shaft which passes into a hanging catch cup. The wheel has a pitch adjustment and water spray system to help "tune out" the black sand. The Desert Fox is mainly a finishing machine, best used in conjunction with a sluice box or other concentrator, and can process 70 pounds of concentrates per hour.

The Desert Fox ships complete with an easy-to-understand owner's manual and a bag of sand containing



real placer gold so you can practice before you even leave the house. You won't need much time to become an expert, though, because soon you'll discover how efficient and easy it is to use: Fill the tank with three gallons of water, hook the clips to your 12-volt battery, and turn on the switch. The wheel will rotate and water will spray from the spray-bar. Add a scoop of sand every 20 seconds

and watch gold settle to the bottom where the seven spiral leads elevate it to the center hub where it passes through the hollow shaft into the catch cup.

The Desert Fox has a 5 year limited warranty direct from the manufacturer and was field tested by life-long gold prospector, Jim Klein. His findings first appeared in the March/April 2002 issue of Gold Prospector Magazine.

With gold at over \$1,000 an ounce, just a thimble full will pay for the amazing Desert Fox! Most prospectors tend to favor the Variable Speed model (\$319 with FREE shipping), but it also comes in Constant Speed (\$299). Don't wait! Get out there and get your share of the gold! Learn more about Desert Fox at http://www.goldrushtradingpost.com/spiral_panning

Cold Steel Master Hunter

Cold Steel's Master Hunter features a broad VG-1 San Mai III blade that's been flat ground to achieve the ideal blade cross-section and edge geometry. Carefully honed to razor sharpness, its edge cuts effortlessly while its dropped point simplifies the chore of field dressing and skinning.

The spine of the blade is a full 3/16" thick to allow for the necessary strength and stiffness to field dress and skin the biggest animals like elk,

moose, and bear. The grip is designed to promote long use without fatigue. Made of the shock absorbent, slightly tacky feeling Kraton with deeply checkered surface, it positively won't slip no matter how wet or bloody your hands get. Plus, Kraton will never rot, shrink, crack, splinter, or mildew, and is completely impervious to even the harshest weather. Hefty sheath will accommodate just about any size belt.



SPECIFICATIONS

Overall Length: 9.25 inches
Blade Length: 4.5 inches
Blade Steel: VG-1 San Mai III
Handle Material: Kraton
Weight: 6.4 ounces
Carry System: Thick, heavy Conceal-Ex sheath

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Outdoor Equipment and Tools to Make the Task at Hand Easier and More Fun!

Woodman's Pal Nostalgia Collection is Tops with Military and American History Buffs

The Nostalgia Collection is a reminder from early 1942 when the US Signal Corp was issued this standard equipment. The collection includes a 17" long premium tool, olive green canvas sheath with zippered closure (a true vintage military design from World War II), round honing stone, and set of 4 manual reprints. The title of the manuals are: Care, Use & Sharpening; Living in the Jungle; Survival Tool Kit Airman's; and Fighting with USA Knife LC-14-B. Each manual contains original wording and artwork from 1942. On sale for \$125 only at http://www.goldrushtradingpost.com/woodman_s_pal



Clearance Knives are Going Fast

While supplies last, get a Kershaw Leek Serrated Folder for just \$29 (reg. price \$69.95) and Kershaw Leek Liner Lock for just \$33 (reg. price \$74.95). More clearance knives also at http://www.goldrushtradingpost.com/clearance_knives



Limited Time Offer—FREE "Prospector's Blend" Coffee

Nothing is more welcomed on a chilly autumn morning (especially when you're camping) than a good cup of coffee. Place any order of \$200 or more through October 15, 2009 and receive a FREE 1.5 oz. bag of "Prospector's Blend" ground coffee, roasted by Oregon's own Longbottom Coffee and Tea, Inc. and private labeled by Gold Rush Trading Post. Enter coupon code COFFEE at check-out.



Fisher F2 Coil + Pinpointer Combo Kit

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Travel Nugget: Devils Tower National Monument

Will you really see aliens here? After all, it's almost Halloween and the name itself is kinda spooky!

Seeing that famous tower shape jutting into the northeastern Wyoming sky, you can't help but remember the 1977 sci-fi film *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*. But before too long, thoughts of alien spaceships and mashed potatoes fly out of your head and all you want to do is get a closer look at the distinctive 867-foot monolith and surrounding scenic countryside.

Located where the pine forests of the Black Hills meet the rolling prairie grasslands and meandering Belle Fourche River, the monument's proper name is Devils Tower, not Devil's Tower (a clerical error on early governmental paperwork mistakenly omitted the apostrophe). The name was derived from the Native Americans who referred to it as "the bad god's tower." Believing that "the devil's tower" was a better English translation, US Army Colonel Richard Dodge recorded it as such in his journal and official documents while escorting a scientific team into the Black Hills region in 1875.

Long before white men wandered into the West, Northern Plains Indian tribes called their sacred worship site Mateo Teepee (Bear Lodge). Some Indian tribes prefer that the tower and the region still be called Bear Lodge, which is consistent with the legend of its creation. According to one story, a giant bear tried to attack seven girls while they were playing in the area. The girls climbed onto a rock and begged the Great Spirit for rescue from the bear. The rock then rose upward, carrying the girls to safety while

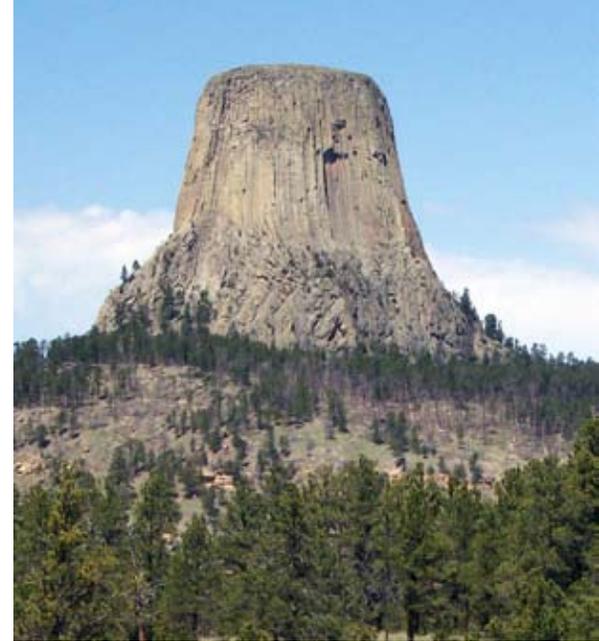
the bear clawed at the sides of the rock, leaving the hundreds of deep vertical furrows that you see today.

Devils Tower continues to be a sacred site for many Native American tribes today, including the Arapaho, Cheyenne, Crow, Kiowa, and Lakota. Culturally significant worship ceremonies are held here during the month of June, but at any time of year you'll probably notice prayer bundles (tobacco, sage, or small personal items wrapped in cloth and beads) tied onto branches of Ponderosa pine trees.

Hollywood might lead us to believe that Devils Tower was created as a landing platform for extraterrestrials, but geologists have more plausible theories. Some think it is an eroded remnant of a laccolith, a mass of igneous rock that pushed through sedimentary rock but did not actually reach the surface and instead produced a rounded bulge. Other scientists speculate it might be the neck of a small volcano. No one has a definite answer as to how Devils Tower was exactly formed, but perhaps it's the mystery that makes the monument even more interesting.

More than 5,000 hard-core climbers scale its challenging walls each year, but if you'd rather not get roped into anything yourself, just take binoculars along on the paved 1.3-mile loop Tower Trail and live a little vicariously. The mostly shaded peaceful trail encircles the base of the tower and provides good views of climbers clinging precipitously to the rock face. Interpretive exhibits and benches along the way make this a most popular trail.

If you like your wildlife on the small side, you won't be disappointed. A



colony of lively black-tailed prairie dogs can be seen right from the main road. Just pull off to the side and watch hundreds of cute critters scamper about. Sorry, its strictly prairie dogs in those underground burrows—no little green men have been spotted since Steven Spielberg and his film crew cleared out over 30 years ago!

Devils Tower has made history outside of Hollywood. In September 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt established the rock formation and surrounding 1,347 acres as America's very first national monument. The major difference between a national park and a national monument is that a national park encompasses a large land or water area that contains a variety of resources, whereas a national monument is smaller and usually preserves just one significant resource.

Although it lacks national park status, Devils Tower National Monument is no less impressive and interesting, as any of its 400,000 annual visitors will tell you. But don't take their word for it. Plan your own encounter with the remarkable topography, history, geology, and legends of northeastern Wyoming's most conspicuous landmark.