

Prospecting equipment requirements

The following are recommended handy stuff for prospecting in the desert setting. The basic purpose of a gold pan is to locate where gold is. Once gold is located, other equipment is used to go after it. Other equipment would be dry washer, sluice, etc.

Minimum:

Plastic gold pan, blue or green shows up the gold real good.

Garden trowel

Magnifying glass. Loupe is best.

Couple or three baby food jars and a coffee can to keep concentrates in.

Shovel

Plastic dish washing pan to pan into.

Plastic 5 gallon painters buckets to carry stuff in.

Kitchen funnel to empty gold pan of concentrates.

Five gallon plastic jug to haul water in.

One gallon jug to carry water with you while you prospect. It is VERY important to keep yourself hydrated.

Additional stuff to enhance your prospecting experience.

Strong small magnet in a medicine vial or a ready made one to sort out magnetic sand.

Snuffer bottle

Tweezers

G pick

Small pry bar

Plastic spoons

Additional gold pan

Classifiers -1/2, 1/4., 1/8 inch

Little gold vials

Regular pick and digging bar

A couple of stiff bristle paint brushes or fox tail brush.

Dust pan

Good metal detector designed for gold hunting

Zip lock bags

Bed vacuum device

Book to identify rocks and minerals

Rock Crevice cleaning tools

Dirt processing equipment

Dry washer. Good for both prospecting and processing dirt

Sluice where running water is available.

High banker

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