

FIELD TRIP REPORT: SILURIAN FOSSILS FROM TRENTON, GA

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On Saturday, May 11, 2024 there was a joint field trip of the Cobb County Gem and Mineral Society and the Paleontological Association of Georgia to Trenton, Georgia to collect fossils from the Red Mountain Formation (*photos below shared by Dennis Worthington*). The most abundant fossils found were brachiopods, but some found gastropods, horn coral, and one lucky soul found the head (cephalon) of a trilobite. It is important to document and keep general location information (Trenton, Georgia) and the unit that the fossils came from (Red Mountain Formation) with your fossils. To clean your fossils, you can simply wash each fossil in water with a toothbrush to gently clean off any rock residue and dirt. Placing each different species of fossils in their own container or bin in a multi-bin container will help keep your fossils safe. For the thin fossils you might place a small amount of a cotton ball in the bottom of the bin to keep the fossil from banging into the sides of the container; shown below (*shared by John Anderson*) are a couple examples of containers you could use to store your fossils.



