



KENTCKY AGATE HUNTS

Tuesday, April 25, Wednesday, April 26, and Thursday, April 27, 2017

27th annual Mountain Mushroom Festival
Saturday, April 29 and Sunday, April 30

City of Irvine, Irvine City Hall, 101 Chestnut Street, Irvine, KY 40336

Mountain Mushroom Festival: 606 723-1233 Irvine City Hall: 606 723-2554 Fax: 606 723-2558

Email: mushroomfestival@irvineonline.net Website: www.mountainmushroomfestival.org

Estill County is an Appalachian rural area in southeast Kentucky where the “Bluegrass Kisses the Mountains.” There is an abundance of minerals such as iron ore. Millions of years ago agates were formed by minerals filling a cavity in a host rock, creating the “gem of the hills.” The Kentucky agate is prized by collectors world-wide for its bright red bands and other spectacular colors. The rare agate has only been found in Estill and a few other surrounding counties. Agate became Kentucky’s official state rock by the Kentucky legislature in 2000.

General Information:

1. Application forms (one name per application) and payment **MUST** be received prior to the hunts in order to make a reservation. Once the registration is accepted an email will be sent to confirm the reservation. Forty (30/easy terrain, 10/rough terrain) will be accepted per day.
2. Refunds can’t be made if a reservation is cancelled.
3. All hunt locations have rough terrain in places and those hunting the agates will be in and out of the creek. However, the rough terrain locations are challenging, ranging from moderate to extreme. In addition, there will likely be some hiking up and down hills to get to the hunting site.
4. Wear appropriate clothing and wading boots. Bring a bag and/or bucket to hold rocks, and equipment such as walking pole and safety glasses.
5. Bring a sack lunch, snacks, and drinks.
6. The agate hunts are in a very rural area. There are no bathroom facilities and cell phone service is very limited.
7. Local agate hunters will be the guides. Do not wander away from the group without telling the local guide. Hunters are expected to stay in the area approved by the local property owner.
8. Children must be accompanied by an adult who is willing to accept responsibility for their safety, liability, and behavior. The rough terrain hunts will be open only to those youth who are 16 years of age and older.

Registration Fee:

Easy Terrain \$20

Rough Terrain \$20

Location to meet: Estill County School System Central Office, 253 Main Street, Irvine, KY

- (GPS coordinates: latitude 37.70335, longitude -83.97705).
- An “Agate and Gem Show” sign will be in the front yard.
- Arrive by 9 a.m. and park in the lot at the back of the building.
- Check-in with festival officers at the registration table to get a name tag and sign the “Acknowledgement and Assumption of Risk” form.
- Hunters will need to carpool due to limited parking space on site.
- Once on site, vehicles will be parked and hunters will walk to the creek.
- Expect to be out until late afternoon as the weather allows.

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PLEASE PRINT: (Required - One Name per application)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

Email: _____ Age (if under 18 years old) _____

Phone number of someone who may be reached in the event of an Emergency:

Name _____ Phone # _____

Fee: Make check payable to Mountain Mushroom Festival.

Return application form and payment to:

Mountain Mushroom Festival, Irvine City Hall, 101 Chestnut Street, Irvine, KY 40336.

Check date(s) and terrain.

Easy Terrain

Rough Terrain

Tuesday, April 25 (\$20/day) _____ or _____ = _____

Wednesday, April 26 (\$20/day) _____ or _____ = _____

Thursday, April 27 (\$20/day) _____ or _____ = _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Disclaimer: I understand that there are inherent risks involved in participating in the agate hunts and that I will assume all risks and hazards incidental to such participation and I do hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify, and agree to hold blameless the city of Irvine, organizers, supervisors, participants, and staff personnel.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature required if under 18 years of age: _____

Office use: Date registration received _____ Cash or check #/money order _____