

Visit Amelia County and the Morefield Gem Mine

The Morefield Mine is a highly mineralized pegmatite dike having a length of 2,000 feet and a depth of 300 feet.

It produces over 80 different minerals, with more new ones being discovered. The mine produces mica, feldspar, beryl, phenakite for a few popular ones. It produces minerals of the tantalum/columbite series too.

Customers love finding topaz and garnets especially. The children's favorite would be the purple amethyst. The microcrystals are popular with the collectors of micromounts, also.

The Morefield is world-famous for the Amazonite, and more can be found on the ground here than anywhere in the U.S.A.

Morefield Mine was discovered in 1929 and has been mined by various owners. In the 1940s, the U.S. Bureau of Mines was mining there because of WWII.

Sam & Sharon Dunaway moved from Anchorage, Alaska, to acquire the mine in 1996. They have started a new 60 foot level and discovered a large vug with crystals in July 2006.

You may also visit the Morefield Mine collection and exhibit at the Smithsonian Institute's National Museum of Natural History in Washington, DC.

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