



Western Desert was explored by many, many, mining operations.

While the Tonopah Area Coalition got the State to fill in a dangerous pit close to the Palo Verde Mine road at Saddle Mountain, there are thousands of pits left unfilled across the Western Desert of Arizona.

Staying on numbered routes is the best method for avoiding mining pits.

Abandoned mines and mine shafts present a safety hazard to the unsuspecting. Fortunately, this one is marked with a pole and flag.



These wary desert travelers obviously heeding the warning flag.



This is the mine shaft that they were peering down into. So be careful....there are PIT falls out in the desert. Western Desert photographs by TK.