



MINE TOURS & MINE VIEWS

MINNESOTA DISCOVERY CENTER TROLLEY TOURS (CHISHOLM) (Formerly Ironworld)

The Mesabi Railway transports visitors by trolley to the site of the Glen Location ghost town. Round trip, the railroad runs 2.5 miles along the edge of the Glen mine. Spectacular vistas show off the man-made canyon whose steep walls plunge down hundreds of feet to a pit now filled with cold spring water. The original Mesabi Railway line served thousands of Iron Range residents daily. It ran 36 miles from Gilbert to Hibbing and operated from 1912 to 1927. Trolley tours are \$4 (in addition to admission) and are offered Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 1 and 3 p.m., Thursdays 1, 3 and 6 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 11 a.m., and 1 & 3 5 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. (weather permitting). For more information about hours and rates, please call 800-372-6437 or 218-254-7959.

HIBBING TACONITE ACTIVE MINE TOURS (Hibbing)

Get an up-close look at a working taconite mine in this unique, 1-1/2 long bus tour. You'll see mining equipment and processes. Tours are available Thursdays, June 26 through August 8 at 1 p.m., departing from Minnesota Discovery Center in Chisholm. **Reservations are recommended** and can be made through Minnesota Discovery Center Admissions Office by calling (218) 254-7959 or (800) 372-6437. Children should be 12 years of age or older and accompanied by an adult. Admission: \$5.00

MINEVIEW IN THE SKY (Virginia)

Mineview in the Sky overlooks the Rouchleau group of mines, an open pit expanse nearly three miles long, 1/2 wide and 450 feet deep, at the southern edge of Virginia. The Rouchleau group of mines produced more than 300 million gross tons of iron ore. The information center at the top of the overlook houses a gift shop, travel information, interpretive displays, panoramic viewer and restrooms. Outdoors includes a picnic area, playground, and mining equipment displays. Mineview in the Sky is open daily 9 a.m.—6:00 p.m. (Admission is free. For additional information, please contact Mineview (218) 741-2344

MOUNTAIN IRON PARK & WACOOTAH OVERLOOK (Mountain Iron)

See a class S-4 Baldwin switcher 1910 steam locomotive weighing 82 tons, which was last used in the Mountain Iron Open Pit in 1955. It has a tender coal capacity of seven tons and water capacity of 5,000 gallons. Also located on-site are a power shovel, bulldozer, large mining truck tire and a mining shovel bucket. The Park is open year round. The Wacootah Overlook is open 7 days a week from mid May through mid November. Admission is free. For more information, please call the City of Mountain Iron at (218) 748-7570.

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****Dates, times & admission are subject to change without notice****

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HULL RUST MAHONING MINEVIEW (Hibbing)

Hull Rust Mahoning Mineview is two miles north of Howard Street on 3rd Avenue East. Visit this National Historic Site and discover the beauty of the world’s largest open pit mine. The spectacular view from the Hull Rust Observation Complex shows the pit spanning more than 8 miles long, up to 3.5 miles wide, and 535 feet deep. Information Guides will answer questions regarding mining and the area. Hull Rust is open 7 days a week. The hours of operation from May 15—September 30, 9am—5pm. For more information, please call (218) 262-4166 or (218) 262-4900

LEONIDAS OVERLOOK (Eveleth)

From here, visitors will see former mine sites, as well as the active mine, UTac. This is the largest man-made point on the Iron Range. You will be able to view over 15 miles of scenery from here. The water towers of several communities are also visible from here, as well as the Laurentian Divide, visible on the horizon as a low range of hills. Leonidas Overlook is open 7 days a week from May through October. Admission is free. For additional information, contact the City of Eveleth at (218) 744-7444.

SOUDAN UNDERGROUND MINE STATE PARK (Soudan)

Discover Minnesota’s deepest secret! The Soudan Underground Mine appears as it did when it closed in 1962 and features tours of mine buildings, miles of hiking trails, a nature trail that winds around an old, open pit mine, and the opportunity to experience a once in a lifetime underground mine tour. The tour begins in the Visitor Center, which houses educational exhibits focusing on Soudan’s geological and mining history.

Underground Mine Tours

Daily tours are offered on the hour between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Memorial Weekend through September, and October 4, 5, 11, 12, 17, 18, and 19. Tour is 90 minutes in length.

Physics Lab Tour

Follow the path of physicists from around the world. Tours are offered daily Memorial Day through September and October 4, 5, 11, 12, 17, 18 and 19. Please call number below for times. Tour is approximately 1-1/4 hours.

The annual temperature underground is 51° F, so dress appropriately— jacket and sturdy shoes are recommended. A vehicle permit is NOT required to enter the park grounds. **Admission: (Per Tour)** Adults (13+) \$12, Youth (5-12) \$7, Children under 5 no charge. Both tours are ADA accessible. For more information, please call (218) 753-2245.

HILL ANNEX MINE STATE PARK (Calumet)

The Hill Annex Mine State Park offers two different tours, a Mine Tour and Fossil Tour, each 1.5 hours in length and offered on Friday and Saturday Memorial Weekend through Labor Day. Learn about the mine operation and the people who worked here, or hunt for fossils. The Historic Mine Tour is offered at 12:30 and 3 p.m. The Fossil Hunt is by reservation only. T Cost for each tour is \$10 for ages 13 and up, \$6 for ages 5-12 and free for kids under 5. For more information about off-season hours, group tour rates during the spring, summer, and fall, or to inquire about the Fossil Hunting Tour, please call 218-247-7215 or 218-743-3362.