



MINE TOURS & MINE VIEWS

MINNESOTA DISCOVERY CENTER TROLLEY TOURS (CHISHOLM) (Formerly Ironworld) OPENS MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

The Mesabi Railway transports visitors by trolley from the main park to the site of the former mining community known as Glen Location. 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. Minnesota Discovery Center's two trolleys, the Glen and Mesaba, are both 1928 W-2 class Melbourne trolleys with a capacity of 60 people each. The Trolley Tours are on weekends only. For more information about hours and rates, please call 800-372-6437 or 218-254-7959.

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 May 1st through September 30th (closed July 4th) **(Call for dates the center will be open)**, 9am-6:00 p.m and the gift shop closes at 5:30 p.m. Admission is free. For additional information, please contact the Laurentian Chamber of Commerce at (218) 741-2717.

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.

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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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 3 miles long, up to 2 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) 262-4900 or (218) 262-4166.

SOUDAN UNDERGROUND MINE STATE PARK (Soudan)

Discover Minnesota's deepest secret! The Soudan Underground Mine appears as it did when it closed in 1963 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

Memorial Weekend— Labor Day, daily tours are offered hourly from 10am-4pm . After Labor Day through the end of September, tours are offered daily at 10am, 12pm, 2pm and 4pm (hourly 10am-4pm on weekends). Tours are offered hourly on weekends in October through October 24th from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

High Energy Physics Lab Tour

Memorial Day— Labor Day, daily tours are offered at 10am and 4pm. After Labor Day through September 30th, tours will be offered daily at noon. Tours will be offered at 12pm on October 2nd, 3rd, 9th, 10th, 16th, 17th, 22nd, 23rd, & 24th.

The annual temperature underground is 50° 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+) \$10, Youth (5-12) \$6, Children under 5 no charge. The historic tour is now ADA accessible. For more information, please call (218) 753-2245.

HILL ANNEX MINE STATE PARK (Calumet)

Take a 1 1/2 hour tour into the heart of an open pit iron ore mine. The Hill Annex Mine also features original mining company buildings and equipment. Learn about the mine operation and the people who worked here. This National Historic Site played an important role in state, national, and world history. Tours are offered Wednesday through Saturday, May 26th—September 4th. Tour times: Fossil Hunting at 10:00, Mine Tour at 12:30 and 3:00. Tour fees: Adults \$10, Children (ages 5-12) \$6 and children under 5 Free. The Clubhouse museum is open Wednesday—Saturday, from 9:30 am—5:00 pm. For more information about off-season hours and group tour rates during the spring, summer, and fall, please call 218-247-7215.

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