

Tour Logistics at Soudan Underground Mine State Park Podcast

Prior to going on a tour at Soudan Underground Mine State Park, it is important that you are aware of certain information to make your tour more enjoyable.

The underground is a consistent 50 degrees Fahrenheit, so a warm jacket or sweatshirt is recommended. If you happen to forget your warm clothing, items can be purchased in our nature store.

The pathways on the historic tour consist of small rocks, so visitors will want to wear sturdy, closed toed footwear. This will help keep your feet safe and secure.

There are two spiral staircases with approximately 36 steps each that participants climb to get to areas of the mine. The physics lab also has a flight of stairs that participants climb. If you have special ADA needs or are just unable to climb a staircase, we do have an elevator that can transport you. Please listen to our podcast entitled Tour Accessibility for more information about the accessibility of the mine.

People with claustrophobic tendencies need to be aware that while on the cage ride underground, you will be in close proximity to other people. For a select few it is too much for them to handle. Do not worry, if you get on the cage and you have a problem, we can get you off again. We have found it best for claustrophobic people to stand near the front of the cage. Please inform your tour guide prior to going underground if you might have a need for more space. We attempt to limit the cage rides to 10 or 11 people per deck, but that is dependent on the size of people and the numbers on the tour.

While traveling underground, you may encounter some bats. The best practice is to leave them alone and they will leave you alone. If you would like more information on our bat populations, please listen to the bat podcast.

We do not have easily accessible bathrooms underground, so it is recommended that visitors use the bathroom prior to going underground. If for some reason, you are in dire need of a bathroom, one can be made available to you. Please notify a park staff member and they will be able to assist you.

All underground participants are required to wear hard hats, which are provided. We have special hats for infants. Infants are allowed underground, but strollers and baby backpacks are not allowed, due to space limitations. We also limit the size of bags that individuals can bring underground. More information is available at the front desk. To help with storage of bags, we do offer free lockers and locks to store your belongings in during your tour.

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