

Tour Options at Soudan Underground Mine State Park Podcast

Soudan Underground Mine State Park offers three different tours. The historic tour is our traditional tour. It features a ½ mile cage ride to the deepest level of the mine and ¾ mile trains ride to the former working part of the mine. On this tour visitors will learn about the geology of the area, the mining process that was used at Soudan, technology changes that occurred during the mining operation, social aspects of the miners and the economic impact of the mine. The tour is appropriate for children young and old. The tour lasts approximately 1-½ hours.

The physics lab tour is another option for public visitors. Tour participants travel to the 27th level (our lowest level) and where they enter the high tech underground laboratory. It is like walking into James Bond's secret laboratory. Visitors learn about the various experiments that are being conducted ½ mile underground. These experiments include the study of neutrinos and the search for dark matter particles. While underground visitors also have the opportunity to view the colorful mural the lines the wall of the laboratory. All ages are welcome on the tour and there are activities to keep the younger children occupied. The tour lasts approximately 1-¼ hours.

The final tour offering is an underground geology tour. It is for organized groups only. Participants travel the ½ mile underground, but instead of taking the train ¾ mile, they will walk the ¾ mile. Along the trail participants view and study different Pre-Cambrian geological formations that encompass the mine. Participants then view the working area of the mine and learn about the mining process. The tour lasts approximately 2-½ hours.

For information on important tour logistics, please listen to our tour logistics podcast. If you have further questions, please contact the park office at 218-753-2245.

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