

## DESCRIPTION

These sessions invite children to discover some of the amazing varieties of rocks and minerals found on our planet, as well as some of their properties.

Your visit includes any three of the following 20 minute sessions. A lunch space can be provided upon request, based on availability.

### MINERALS IN SOCIETY (20 MINUTES)

The connection between the almost endless list of things we use every day and mined materials is explored through a look at 'The Vortex' – a sculpture consisting of many familiar objects which contain mined materials. Included in this session is a brief overview of the Britannia Mine and why copper is important to us.

### MINERAL DETECTIVES (20 MINUTES)

In our mineral lab, your group will explore a wide range of rocks and minerals to discover both the familiar and less familiar properties they can have.

### MINERALS IN THE EARTH (20 MINUTES)

Your group will ride into our historic tunnel aboard our train to look for minerals. On the train ride, they will be watching for brightly coloured minerals. Once off the train, they will be invited to explore with their hands in one of our underground chambers to see if they can find any sign of metallic (shiny) minerals within the rock.

### GOLD PANNING (20 MINUTES)

Experience the thrill of panning for gold with us.

## ARRIVAL & DURATION

The duration of this program with three sessions is 1.5 hours. Included in this time we allow 30 minutes for check-in/out, washroom breaks, and moving between sessions. To add a fourth session, please allow an additional half hour.

Minimum Participants: 15 children

Click [here](#) for Rates and Arrival & Departure Times.

## BEFORE, DURING, AFTER

### BEFORE YOUR VISIT

Check & note all contents of your Booking Confirmation. Give a copy to your office/secretary for 'how to pay'. Prepare your group: make sure children know to wear sturdy footwear & a warm jacket.

### ON ARRIVAL

Check in & pay at our Admissions Desk. Your group may wish to use our washrooms. Meet our Interpreters.

### DURING YOUR VISIT

Accompanying adults must chaperone - we ask that children are courteous & respectful of our Interpreters, other Museum guests, and their peers. We encourage children to be enthusiastic, ask questions and participate in shaping their experience with us.

### AFTER YOUR VISIT

Build on your visit with our post-trip [Educator Resources](#).