

DESCRIPTION & COMPONENTS

Mining: The Bigger Picture engages students in what they expect of mining companies, based on how and why mining has changed and stayed the same over the past 150 years.

Your visit begins with an exploration of how mining has changed over the past 150 years before tackling the challenges mining faces today. In our historic tunnel, your students will discover the changing and unchanging realities of working underground. In our Mill, your students will discover how Britannia separated minerals from waste rock and why it is still significant. Mining can have a tremendous impact on the environment. The Britannia Mine once did. Students will discover how Britannia is now a model for modern mining remediation.

Your visit will culminate with a facilitated discussion on mining's past, present, and future, including the roles we all play in it.

MINING THEN AND NOW

Your class will travel into our historic tunnel to discover the working conditions of the Britannia miners with a look at how things have and have not changed compared to today.

MILLING THEN AND NOW

In the Mill, students will discover how the precious minerals were separated from the worthless waste rock and why this method of separation is still important today.

THE ENVIRONMENT THEN AND NOW

Your class will take a look at where Britannia is now from an environmental perspective. Students will discover how Britannia can be a model for the clean-up of closed mines and what is being done today to protect the environment.

OUR RESOURCES, OUR FUTURE

Your students will end their visit with a facilitated discussion on the future of mining and their roles in it.

LUNCH

Lunch space will be provided for your students to eat their bag lunches.

ARRIVAL & DURATION

Program duration: **2.75** hours

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 School Office/Secretary for 'how to pay'. Prepare your students: consult our pre-trip [Educator Resources](#) & watch our movie [Groundbreaking](#). Make sure students know to wear sturdy footwear & a warm jacket.

ON ARRIVAL

Check in & pay at our Ticket Desk. Your group may wish to use our washrooms. Our train seats 36: if your group is over 36, split into equally-sized subgroups with maximum of 36 in each. Meet our Interpreters.

DURING YOUR VISIT

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

AFTER YOUR VISIT

Please complete our [short survey](#) to help us make sure our programs meet your needs & help shape our future educational programs. Build on your visit with our post-trip [Educator Resources](#).

To book or change your booking contact us via
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