

THE THEMATIC PARKS OF INDUSTRIAL AND MINING TOURISM

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| Germany | Emscher Park | http://www.gelsenkirchen.de/English/tourism/Portrait_of_the_city/City_Guide/The_Landmark_Art_and_Industrial_Heritage_Trail.asp | <p>The Landmark Art and Industrial Heritage Trail begins at the Nordsternpark, one of 19 "anchor points" along the Route of Industrial Heritage, which is also an important element in the regional Route of Industrial Heritage. The focus along the way is on the scenic experience, interesting leisure offerings and the significance of landmark art. You are invited to come with us on the Landmark Art and Industrial Heritage Trail and see just how enchanting 'man-made heritage' can be.</p> | DE EN |
| Ireland | Copper Coast European Geopark | http://www.coppercoastgeopark.com/ | <p>The Copper Coast European Geopark is located on the South East coast of Ireland, between Tramore and Dungarvan in County Waterford. The Copper Coast gets its name from the 19th Century copper mines that lie at its heart. It comprises some 25 km of spectacular coastline consisting of oceans, volcanoes, deserts and ice sheets all combined to create the rocks, which provide the physical foundation of the natural and cultural landscapes of the Copper Coast. The aim is to present the different facets of the heritage (natural, built and cultural) and the activities (education, tourism, events) of the Geopark.</p> | EN |

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| Portugal | Mining Park of Cova dos Mouros | http://minacovamouros.sitepac.pt/ | A 1000 meters open path where you can find pre-historic reconstitutions of residences and primitive tools, including models of human figures. The visitor gets the feeling of being on a journey to remote times, beginning on the Chalcolithic 2 500 b.C. By boat or jeep you can discover the interest that Mourish Mines provoke. The visitor may also purchase minerals, regional handy craft and have a refresh drink. | PT EN |
| Spain | | | | |
| Andalucía | Mining Park Sierra of Gador | http://www.almediam.org/articulos/articulos_002.htm | In the Mining Park Sierra of Gador, between Sierra Nevada y Mediterranean Sea you will reveal how humans´ activities from pre-history directly influenced composition, distribution and genetic diversity of the actual ecosystems. This park is the better place than others to see it because in the region human always were acting as creator of ambit. | ES |
| | Mining Park of Tinto River | http://parqueminerodertinto.sigadel.com/ | In the Mining Park of Tinto River you can carry out a exceptional trip in different railroad, to enter you in a mine, to visit an authentic Victorian house and to know the history of a region completely transformed by the mining activity since a museum. | ES |

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| Castila y La Mancha | Mining Park of Almadén | http://www.minasdealmaden.com/ http://www.mayasa.es/ing/actividad3.asp | When arrived the moment of the final closing of the mine-metallurgical one of mercury of the mines of Almadén, Mines of Almadén and Myrtles, INC. proposed the transformation of its installations in a socio-cultural space: the Mining Park of Almadén. The Almadén mines have been in use since ancient Roman times and his is the largest known mercury site in the world. The Almadén mines constitute a place of interest with notable geological, palaeontological and mining features that have made them unique the world over. No longer in use, consideration has been given to the transformation of the metallurgical mining facilities in the mining park of Almadén into an area for culture, education and quality tourism, where you can enjoy the magnificent scientific, industrial and technological heritage of one of the oldest mines in the world adapted to modern times. | ES |
| | Mining park of Puertollano | http://www.puertollano.es/?sec=ciudad&sitio=turismo_museo_mineria | The Museum of the mining Industry of Puertollano where years ago the most important mining installations of the north oval of the coalfield were found. In the building of the museum is carried out a trip through the evolution that shows us Puertollano since the Carboniferous one to the closing of the mines. It shows us as the coal formed by the action of the volcanic eruptions on the fauna and existing vegetation in that period. Further on visitors find the section of palaeontology with fossils of the carboniferous one. | ES |
| Cataluña | Archaeologic Park Mines of Gavà | http://www.gavaciutat.cat/eng/asp/01_buscador_general.asp?key=prehistorical+mines | In the park you will discover prehistoric mines of Gavà and mining galleries the most authentic in the Europe. They were begun to exploit before 6.000 years and were used about 1.000 years. The main objective of this enormous mining exploitation was the extraction of green metal, varascita, which is used to make rings. | CT |

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| Cataluña | Tourist Train Lleida – La Pobla de Segur | http://www.armf.net/ | Tourist Train Lleida is a historic train, chiefly by the Regions of Lleida through the sponsorship of the tourist board of the Delegation of Lleida. You also travel with the trains by other places of the railway network, through the charter trains service. | ES |
| Galicia | Project of Mining Park in Fontao | http://webs.uvigo.es/smgminas/pdf/parque.pdf | The idea to design the park came up in order to bring to the lights for visitors to see this heritage of mining and the nature that associate with it. While offering to open Fontao to public, important pedagogical and cultural roles are played on society. Just wait a bit and you can discover this park. | ES |
| Región de Murcia | Project of Geologic Mining Park of Mazarrón | http://actualidad.terra.es/articulo/html/av2636920.htm | The mines of Mazarrón, that supplied silver to the Roman emperors for their campaigns over 2,000 years ago, now they can live another golden phase. Not only by the natural wealth that still they hoard (they conserve the greater reserve of zinc of Europe) but also as cultural interest of historic place – the hill of San Christopher and the Perules, the entrance of the town along the road of Murcia, opens the door to a to revive of this volcanic promontory that presides the town, and where still today a mysterious landscape is distinguished for abandoned hills and wells. Half century after the chimneys stopped spitting smoke, Mazarrón seems to have found another vein in its bowels. | ES |
| The United States of America | Coal Heritage Mining Park | http://www.montva.com/departments/plan/cmhp/scicenter/scicen.php | The Coal Mining Heritage Park Science Center represents 29,2 acre site characterized by an abandoned mine site and company town, steep slopes, a small stream, and wetlands. The story of the Merrimac Mine is two fold, firstly, the history of the place and the people during the mine's heyday, secondly, the natural history and scientific reality of a Brownfield site left, for the most part, to its own devices. | EN |

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| | <p>The Golden Loop Historic Parkway</p> | <p>http://www.web-xpres.com/stcfg.htm</p> | <p>On the Golden Loop Historic Parkways you will enjoy trails, historic sites, driving tours featuring Gold Rush History near Victor, Colorado. It is interesting to mention that in 2001 the ark got Colorado Mine Reclamation Award and State Honor Award for Historic Preservation. It offers to discover such catching places as Vindicator Valley Including the Theresa and Vindicator Mines, Stratton's Independence Mine, A National, Historic Register Site, Battle Mountain Trail - a Millennium Trail, Independence Mill site Trail, Golden Circle Trail, the Gold Coin Mine, Golden Loop Driving Tour Through Historic, Mining Backcountry Roads and many more.</p> | <p>EN</p> |
| | <p>The Harrison Coal & Reclamation Historical Park</p> | <p>http://www.hcrhp.org/</p> | <p>The Harrison Coal & Reclamation Historical Park was established in 1992 for purpose of forming an organization dedicated to the preservation of Ohio's coal and surface mining heritage. You are offered to discover not only preserved mining heritage but also archives and machinery relating to the surface mining industry.</p> | <p>EN</p> |

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