Empire Mine State Historic Park

1 hour and 4 minutes from Sacramento

Empire Mine State Historic Park is the site of one of the oldest, deepest and richest gold mines in California. In operation for more than 100 years, the mine extracted 5.8 million ounces of gold before it closed in 1956. The park contains many of the mine's buildings, the owner’s home and restored gardens, as well as the entrance to the 367 miles of abandoned and flooded mine shafts. View Park Brochure.

Day Trip Option

The visitor center features a model representing 5 square miles of the underground workings of the “Secret Room.” The “Secret Room” was an entire room filled with a scale model to keep track of the mine’s entire 367 underground workings.

Tips on how to recreate responsibly during your visit are available at parks.ca.gov/SafetyTips.