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## Park Info

### Quick stats:

1,300 acres  
33,410 annual visits

### Naturalist:

Interpretive programs, such as bat programs, hikes, and mine tours are led by professional interpreters.



### Wildlife

The park is home to northern songbirds, loons, hawks, and owls. White-tailed deer, black bear, timber wolves, fishers, and many smaller animals live in the park.

### History

Evidence of human habitation dating back to 4000 BC has been found in the park. The history of the area is rich and varied, ranging from logging - to a "gold rush" - to iron ore mining, which removed over 15.5 million tons of ore from the Soudan Mine alone.

### Geology

The origins of the underlying bedrock formations in the park date back over 2.7 billion years. The two bedrock formations are an iron-bearing metamorphic formation and a metamorphosed sedimentary rock formation. Mixed in these formations are deposits of other minerals such as nickel, lead, gold, silver, copper, and zinc.

### Landscape

The park is located on a rugged ridge on the south shore of Lake Vermilion and offers a unique combination of recreational opportunities, including picnicking, hiking, snowmobiling and tours of a former iron ore mine. Scenic stands of white and Norway pine, mixed with some balsam, aspen and birch, cover the upland areas. The lowlands are dominated by white cedar interspersed with balsam, tamarack, black spruce, ash and muskeg.

## Soudan Underground Mine State Park

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1,322 acres  
 36,707 annual visits  
 0 overnight visits

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