

## **Important Information About Your Trip**

- Plan on arriving 15 minutes early. Upon arrival, the group leader must check in inside the Visitor Center. Late groups may have to forfeit activities if they miss their scheduled arrival time by more than 30 minutes.
- Please make sure the group uses the restroom while the group leader is checking in. This will keep everyone on time and prevent any scheduling mishaps with other groups.
- Wear comfortable shoes and clothes that can get dirty if your group will be panning for gold.
- Reed Gold Mine staff reserves the right to close the panning area due to inclement weather, which includes temperatures below 55°, a heat index of 100°, torrential rain, thunder, lightning, etc.
- Picnic tables, without shelter, are available on a first-come, first-serve basis and can accommodate over 120 at a time. We also welcome groups to bring blankets and picnic along the open space near the parking lot. We encourage groups to have lunch before or after all scheduled activities. If it rains, site staff will try to provide alternative eating areas.
- ◆ There are no on-site food services. The site offers 2 vending machines for beverages only.
- Tour tickets for the underground mine are \$2.14 for visitors 13 and older, \$1.07 for visitors aged 5-12, and visitors under 5 will be free. Any adult or sibling that is part of the group and wishes to tour the underground mine must purchase tour tickets for themselves inside the Visitor Center.
- The group rate for panning tickets is \$2.14 per pan, or \$2.00 per pan if a tax ID is provided when the visit is scheduled. Your reservation must be made at least 2 weeks in advance to qualify for the group rate and your group must have 10 or more people. Otherwise, panning tickets will be \$3.21 each. Children must be 8 and older to pan for gold.
- Due to large group sizes, we request that groups minimize the number of parental chaperones to a 1:10 ratio. For example, for a group size of about 150 (6 classes of 25), there should be 6 teachers and 12 parent chaperones.
- If you have any questions please contact Reed Gold Mine State Historic Site at (704) 721-4653 or reed@ncdcr.gov.