



Leadville, Colorado



IMWA Mid-Conference Tour: August 7, 2013



You will be asked to RSVP for the Tour shortly before the Conference begins.

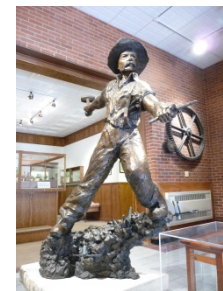
All conference attendees are invited to join us to tour the world-famous Leadville mining district, located high in the Colorado Rocky Mountains west of Golden. Buses will depart at 7:30 AM from the Colorado School of Mines and return at approximately 5:30-6:00 PM. IMWA 2013 will cover all transportation costs, museum fees, snacks/drinks, and lunch.

Leadville lies at the center of a mining district in the heart of the Rocky Mountains and includes many historic structures and sites from Leadville's dynamic mining era, with mining and smelting of its world-class silver and lead deposits. Leadville is the highest incorporated "city" in the United States at 10,152 ft (or 3,094 m). Placer gold was discovered here in 1860, but the town's name comes from the silver-lead deposits that were discovered in 1876. By 1880, Leadville had a population of 40,000 people (at that time, the second largest city in Colorado); now it is around 2,700.

In Leadville, the tour will split up into three groups and rotate between sites, so everyone gets to see it all! In between, we will assemble as one large group for a catered lunch at the ballroom of the National Mining Hall of Fame Convention Center (<http://www.mininghalloffame.org/concenter.htm>). For stop one, we will see the currently operating Climax Molybdenum Mine (tailings facilities and open cut mine), a subsidiary of Freeport-McMoRan Copper and Gold Inc.



For stop two, we will tour the Leadville National Mining Hall of Fame and Museum (<http://www.mininghalloffame.org/>) and have a chance to see the historic town of Leadville (<http://www.leadville.com/>).



For stop three, we will tour some of the legacy mining influences, including one of the major mine drainage tunnels (http://www.usbr.gov/gp/eca/leadville/lmdt_overview.pdf), surface reclamation work, and water treatment facilities (<http://www.epa.gov/Region8/superfund/co/calgulch/>).

