“Queen of the Silver Camps”

The Tonopah Historic Mining Park is located on the site of the original mining claims that started the rush to Tonopah, making it the “Queen of the Silver Camps.” It was Jim and Belle Butler’s original discovery at Tonopah that started the second largest silver strike in Nevada’s history.

Tonopah’s mining history is brought to life through preserved and restored mining equipment, buildings, indoor museum exhibits, and a gift shop. Our self-guided walking tour begins with a video presentation of the history of Tonopah and its mines in our on-site theater. Guided tours are available in our Polaris off-road vehicle. Some of the buildings located on the property are open for visitors to enjoy and experience what it was like to work in a turn-of-the-century mine. The park covers more than 100 acres (40 hectares) so be sure to give yourself plenty of time to look around. Improvements to the park are ongoing, making the Park a perfect place to revisit in the future.
Welcome to the **Tonopah Historic Mining Park**!

The Tonopah Historic Mining Park sits on a portion of Jim Butler's original mining claims, staked by Jim and his wife Belle in 1900. In late 1900, Butler accepted the first lease on his claims with nothing more than a handshake. In June 1901, Butler sold his claims to the newly formed Tonopah Mining Company of Nevada, a Delaware company formed by a group of Philadelphia businessmen. As a condition of the sale, Butler made sure that the current lessees of these claims could continue working them until midnight on December 31, 1901, to honor his agreements with the lessees. The Tonopah Mining Company started development of the claims in 1902 and successfully worked them up to 1930 when the mines were shut down due to the low price of silver. Later that same year, they were reopened again in the same fashion that they began—under the leasing system. This lasted until 1948, when the Tonopah Mining Company could no longer make a profit on these mines and they were shut down for good. Shortly afterwards, the Tonopah Mining Company went bankrupt and ceased to exist. Twenty years later, in 1968, these same mining claims were sold to Howard Hughes and the Hughes Tool Company. Then, after changing ownership several times, Echo Bay Exploration, Inc. deeded these patented mining claims to Nye County in 1992, who then transferred them to the Town of Tonopah in 1993. Over the years, the Tonopah Historic Mining Park has become the one-of-a-kind tourist destination that it is today.

**Self-Guided Walking Tour**

Many other sites and attractions exist in the park and are marked with informative signs. Please stay on the trails, and for your safety, stay out of fenced areas. The Tonopah Historic Mining Park is at an approximate elevation of 6,200 feet (1,890 meters) above sea-level, so please pace yourself accordingly. It is recommended you wear walking shoes or hiking boots, apply sunscreen, bring drinking water, and check local weather reports to dress appropriately.
Centrally located between Reno (228 miles) and Las Vegas (211 miles)

Entrance to Park is located behind the Mizpah Hotel

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Business Hours
Open 7 days a week, closed holidays
Summer: 9am-5pm, Winter: 8am-4pm*
*Daylight Savings Time

Entrance Fees
Visitor Center: FREE, Walking Tour: Adults: $5
Senior Citizens, Children & Locals: $3
Children (7 & under), Disabled, Military, & Veterans: FREE
Guided Polaris Tours: $12-$35 (1 to 5 people)
Contact us for group & school rates

Check out our website for upcoming events—
including our Blacksmithing Classes!