

FACILITY AND GROUNDS

- 1. ADMISSION** - Explore our grounds, museum, research center and Glen Location via the trolley. Ask us about our membership and educational field trips.
- 2. TROLLEY STATION, CABOOSE** - Ride our vintage trolley to an authentic mining location. Learn the hows and whys of the Caboose and why we no longer see them at the end of a train.
- 3. CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORP (CCC) EXHIBIT BUILDING** - Find out how thousands of men from our area and around the United States helped build our countries parks and began our conservation projects. Then stop at the Children's Interactive Garden and help us observe and record the bees, butterflies and hummingbirds.
- 4. IRON RANGE RESEARCH CENTER (LIBRARY, ARCHIVES & GENEALOGY)** - Talk to our research center's staff to see if you can find your relatives in one of many databases.
- 5. MUSEUM EXHIBITS** - Explore the many museum exhibits (listed on back side of this map).
- 6. SAMI CAMP AND STABBUR** - Two nationalities are represented with these structures. The indigenous, Sami people of northern Scandinavia and Russia and then the Norwegians of Europe.
- 7. MINE OVERLOOK AND GAZEBO** - From this overlook you can see the overburden from the Hibbing Taconite Plant and behind you is our gazebo where many couples stand to say, "I do!"
- 8. MINI GOLF** - Grab a score card and equipment and learn about Iron Ore Mining as you play a round of mini golf.
- 9. NORTHWOODS CABIN AND HOMESTEAD** - Observe the authentic, handcrafted methods used to build these structures so that they were livable for early pioneers to the area. Learn what daily activities were needed to make it through tough winters in the cold north.





Self Tour Visitor Guide

The Museum of the Iron Range

The Land. The Mines. The People. The Work.

MUSEUM - LOWER LEVEL

- PEERLESS** - A 1928 Buick five-passenger touring car was a predecessor to the Greyhound Bus Company founded on the Iron Range.
- OVERLOOK GALLERY** - Enjoy our current temporary exhibit that changes on a six month period. Then walk into the Children's Learning Area and interact with your children with Legos.
- VETERAN'S EXHIBIT** - Representing the essential role that iron played in the war effort, this exhibit features a 3"/50 caliber gun mount on loan from the U.S. Department of the Navy, Naval Historical Collection.
- THE OJIBWE & THE EARLIEST MINNESOTANS** - The Ojibwe are a Native American people who have lived in what is now Minnesota for centuries. The Earliest Minnesotans-Learn what it means to be BP (Before Present). Could you have survived?
- THE FUR TRADE** - The demand for furs brought together Europeans and Native peoples in Minnesota in the 1600s. Europeans established fur trading posts throughout the wilderness of North America. Minnesota, with its network of lake and river "highways", became an important hub during the fur trade era.
- THE EMIGRANT JOURNEY** - Noise, smells and sickness. Could you have withstood all that to begin a new life in a new country?
- LABOR EXHIBIT** - In renovation.
- HALL OF GEOLOGY** - Discover billions of years of history through rocks and minerals. Can you believe we were once a home for crocodiles?
- SALOON** - Learn how this place was once a gathering place for many languages and the heart of the town.
- EDUCATION** - From children to adults see what it took to become a citizen of the United States through education.
- MINING AND LOGGING** - Past to present-First we logged and then we mined. Learn how the process needed to change to keep iron ore mining a viable industry.

MUSEUM - UPPER LEVEL (NO MAP)

OVERLOOK - Observation Area-Look at the graphic panels and identify features in the landscape at the Glen Location.

THEATER - Watch a documentary about the Iron Range, "Iron Range: Minnesota Building America." Created by the Minnesota Humanities Center and Twin Cities Public TV station. In 2009, this movie won a regional Emmy award for best cultural documentary.

WEAVING - Talk to demonstrators and learn about the Katri Saari loom.

RUDY PERPICH - Learn about Governor Perpich and how he helped make this museum a reality.

IRON RANGE RESEARCH CENTER (LIBRARY, ARCHIVES & GENEALOGY) - Our helpful staff will assist you in uncovering the mystery of genealogy.

