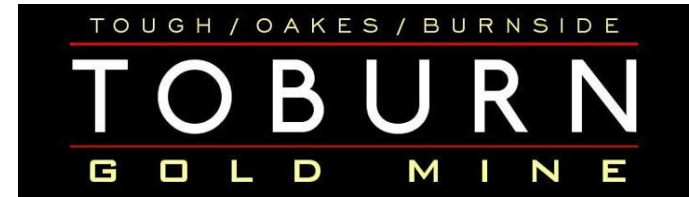




STATUE OF PROSPECTOR AND HIS LOYAL DOG

This bronze statue is meant to represent all of the prospectors that worked in the area.

Look for the hidden symbols commemorating local mining characters, such as Sir Harry Oakes, Rosa Brown, and Bill Wright.



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COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE

This plaque lists all the mines in the Kirkland Lake area, their gold production and other historical information. More information about the plaque is available on the “talking box” at the display.



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OTHER DISPLAYS

MUCKING MACHINE AND CARS

A mucking machine is used to load ore cars. It is powered by compressed air that is piped underground from a compressor on surface. The engine at the rear is battery operated and hauls the cars to the shaft for hoisting.

AIR POWERED WINCH

This piece of equipment could be powered by compressed air or steam. It might be used to raise and lower a shaft-sinking bucket or to pull heavy items along surface.

SHAFT SINKING BUCKET

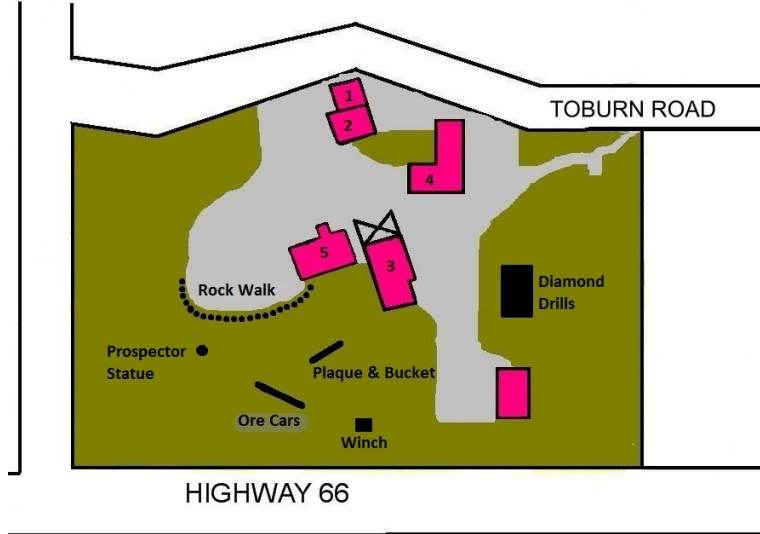
This bucket was used with a winch, pulley and tripod to hoist rock from a shaft excavation and to lower men and equipment into a shaft being sunk. It has a tipping mechanism that allows the contents to be easily dumped.

DIAMOND DRILLS

This display contains early examples of both surface and underground diamond drills. Further information is provided by posters and a “talking box” at the display.

ROCK WALK

These rocks represent the more common rocks found in the Kirkland Lake area and those explained in the geology video. Brochures describing the rocks are available from a dispenser at the start of the rock walk.



BUILDING DESCRIPTIONS

1 – **Office:** This building was originally the time office where miners punched in and out when they went underground and returned to surface.

2 – **Hoistroom:** The hoist raised and lowered the cages in the two compartment shafts in the headframe. The interior can be viewed through the window.

3 – **Headframe:** The headframe houses the shaft that accessed the underground workings as well as the ore bin, where hoisted ore was dumped before going to the mill.

4 – **Dry:** This building was the change-room where miners changed from street clothes to work clothes. Wet work clothes were hung in baskets to dry between shifts.

5 – **Compressor House:** The compressor was used to power pneumatic drills and mucking machines underground. Part of the building was also used as a workshop. The compressor can be viewed through the window. An interactive video display is also situated in this building depicting the history, geology and mining methods used at the Toburn Mine as well as a video of modern mining at the Macassa Mine.