

#15.1-15.2 Patsy's Mine Trail

Length: 1.6 miles

Time: 1.5 hours

Difficulty: Moderate

Elevation Gain: 856 feet



Description: This is a popular hillside trail leading to an old mine carved into solid rock (POI #18). The hiker has a beautiful view of the valley and lake with the refreshment of cooling off in Farmington's most popular mine. **NOTE: The safety of the mine cannot be guaranteed. Enter at your own risk!**

Access Locations:

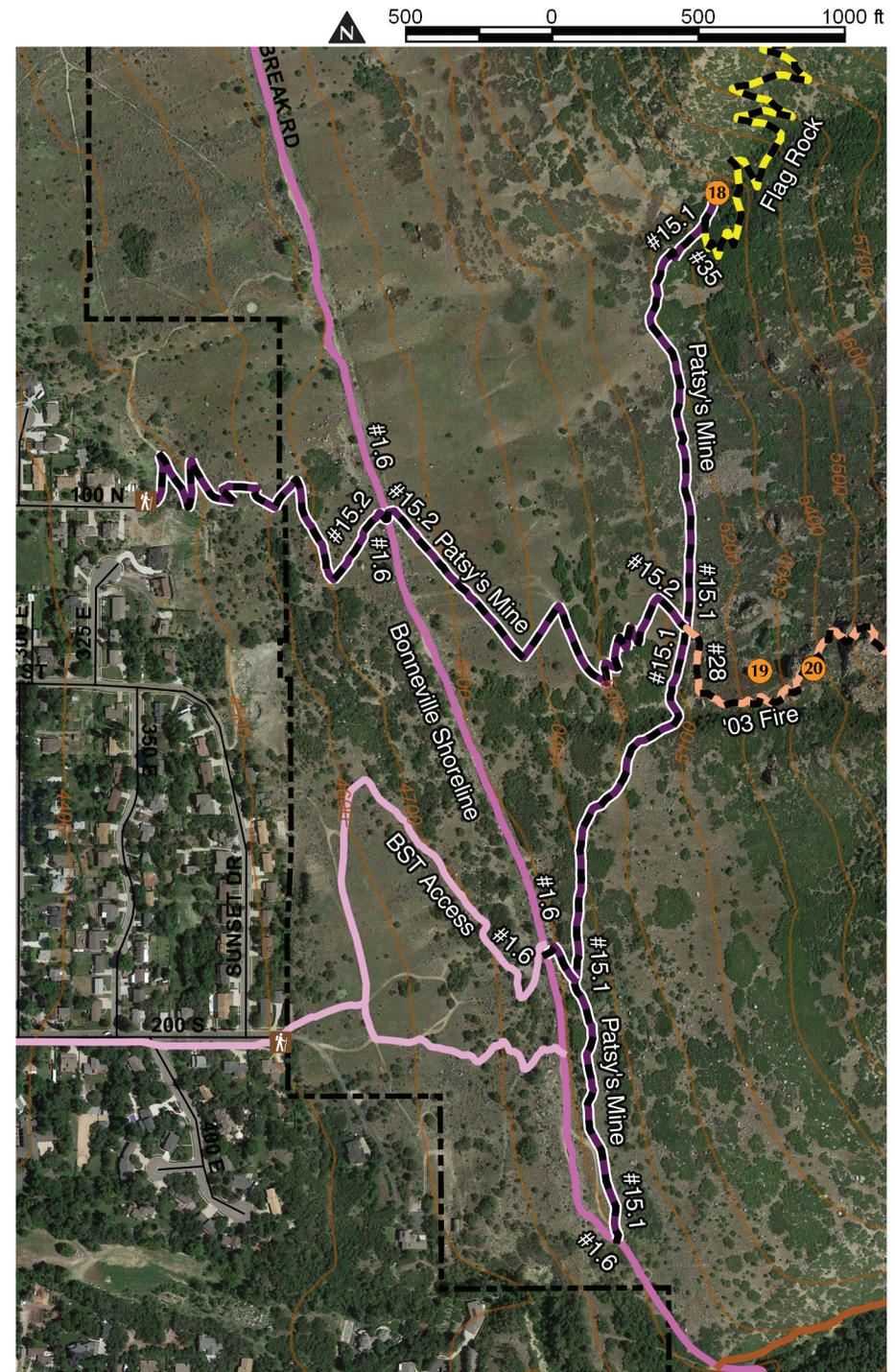
Access #1 - 100 N.: This trailhead is off the Bonneville Shoreline Trail east of 100 N. To reach this section of the BST, drive to the far east end of 100 N. and park where the pavement ends. This trail provides access up to the BST and is part of section #15.2. Walk 100 feet up the jeep road and watch for the trail on the right. The trail switchbacks up the hillside to the firebreak road. Cross the road (BST) and take the trail up the hillside to an intersection by a bench. You are now on section #15.1.

Access #2 - 200 S.: This trailhead is off the Bonneville Shoreline Trail east of 200 S. To reach this section of the BST, drive to the far east end of 200 South and park where the pavement ends. This provides access up to the BST. Walk 200 yards straight up the foothill to the firebreak road. Cross the road and take a short switchback up about 30 feet to the trail that goes diagonally to the northeast up the hillside to an intersection by a bench. This is section #15.1.

Access #3 - BST: This trailhead has a more gradual approach and is farther south off the Bonneville Shoreline Trail at about 300 South. As you approach from the south, notice that the firebreak road (which is also the BST) splits for a short distance. Section #15.1 begins as you pass between several large rocks at the split in the BST.

Features:

- This trail leads to an interesting mine going straight back into the rock for 150 feet. This was dug by hand and later with steam power at the turn of the century over a 20 year period by Patsy Morley, an Irish prize fighter. He hiked every day from his small back room apartment in the print shop on Main Street, certain he was about to hit a rich silver vein - until one day he mysteriously disappeared.
- The entire hike is along the face of the foothills and affords a panoramic view of the lake and Antelope Island.
- Watch for Eagle Rock (POI #19) halfway up the trail at an intersection with



Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better.

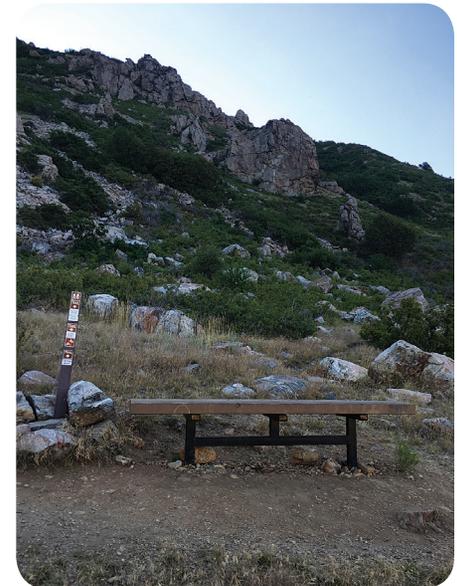
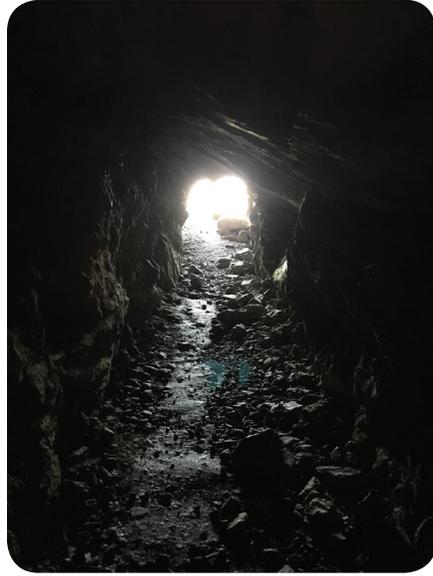
-Albert Einstein

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a bench. Look at this rock with a little imagination and see an enormous 12'-tall bald eagle perched on a boulder. "Tracy's Tower" is behind him (POI #20).

- Flag Rock is northeast of the mine on a rocky crag. The Flag Rock Trail (#35) splits off toward Flag Rock just before you reach the mine.

Trail Surface and Status: The dirt trail is in good shape all the way to the mine.



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"Head to the hills - Hike!"