

## Mining in Mineral King

Mineral King is in central Tulare County in the high Sierra Nevada, about 37 miles east of Lemon Cove, near Sequoia National Park. It is a small mining district where small amounts of gold, silver, copper, lead, and zinc have been found. Gold- and silver-bearing ore was discovered here in August 1873, and a "rush" to the area was on during the following year or two. However, little mining has been done in the area since, and it is now a well-known resort area with historic cabins.

Underground, or hard rock, mining was used in this area and refers to techniques used to excavate hard minerals. Hard minerals are minerals usually containing metals such as gold, silver, iron, copper, zinc, nickel, tin and lead. These same techniques are used for excavating ores of gems such as diamonds and rubies.

