

Kennecott offers free admission

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SOUTH JORDAN — Kennecott's Bingham Canyon Mine, one of Utah's biggest attractions, will allow free entry through July 25.

"We get quite a few tourists from out of the country and out of the state," Rio Tinto-Kennecott Utah Copper spokeswoman Jana Kettering said. "It really appeals to all ages."

Visitors may witness hands-on educational displays about how Kennecott produces copper, gold, silver and molybdenum, as well as see trucks the size of houses that deliver copper ore to the in-pit crusher.

The main attraction, however, is just the sheer size of a mine so big that it can be seen from outer space.

"The magnitude of the mine is pretty overwhelming to see it in person," Kettering said. "The first time you see it, you just stand there in awe. It is definitely something that you won't forget."

Hours for free admission are from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., however, the last car will be admitted at 7:15 p.m.

The regular rate for passenger vehicles is \$5. All fees are donated to local charities.

— Elise Bassett

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