

## **Kennecott opens copper mine pit to visitors for free**

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Kennecott Utah Copper Corp. is opening its open-pit mine at no charge to visitors in cars until July 25.

The Bingham Canyon Mine Visitors Center is one of Utah's most popular attractions.

It looks over the world's deepest man-made hole, where electric-powered shovels scoop up 98 tons of crushed rock at a bite. Dump trucks as big as a house take the ore for crushing.

Kennecott says it is waiving a \$5 entrance fee per car from Friday until July 25. Other fees still apply for tour buses.

The visitor center is a showcase for more than a century of mining that reduced an 8,000-foot mountain to a giant hole. The mine pit is 2 1/2 miles wide.

Bingham Canyon Mine is about 20 miles southwest of Salt Lake City in the middle of the Oquirrh mountain range.