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Gold Mining Interpretive
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Special Events/ Programs

Group Programs

Where was the first gold rush in the United States? Right here along the eastern edge of the Appalachian Mountains! Learn about the history of gold mining in Virginia and the east coast at the Gold Mining Camp Museum at Monroe Park. The museum offers a group program (by appointment only) at a reasonable \$3 per person fee. It is an entertaining and informative program suitable for public school groups, home-schooling groups, scouts, summer day camp programs, and families. Weather permitting, a gold panning demonstration can be included in the program. For an small additional fee, this experience can be upgraded to include a bag of creek sand laced with gold flakes.

To schedule a group program send an email to the park manager or call the park office during office hours.

Free Gold Panning Demonstrations!

The Gold Panning Demonstration sluice is now OPEN FOR THE SEASON
(weather permitting).

No reservations are required.

Learn the techniques of today's prospectors and try your hand at panning for the mother lode! **There is not a stream at the museum**; we use a sluice filled with sand from local streams so there is no need to bring your swimsuit or hip waders. Our staff will show you the techniques and if you are lucky you may go home with some gold!!!

Panning Demonstrations are held Wednesday through Sunday at 2:00 p.m. with an additional demonstration at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, weather permitting. Bags of creek sand concentrate with real gold flakes are on sale at the museum office as well as gem and mineral bags of various sizes.

