

An Experience

Touring the mine is truly a memorable experience.

The Happy Jack Chalk Mine is not only Nebraska's biggest, underground adventure, it is Nebraska's only underground adventure!



Your underground experience awaits!

Our Mission

Our Mission is to develop the Happy Jack Peak and Chalk Mine site into an educational, historical, recreational and scenic area for local residents and tourism in the distinctive North Loup River Valley area.

Through this mission, the Happy Jack Chalk Mine Associations extends itself to identifying education, historic, economic, environmental, social and recreational concerns and opportunities for developing and implementing strategies to better the quality of life for residents and those who visit the Central Nebraska area.

Happy Jack Peak and Chalk Mine

A million of years in the making...

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Take a look Back

Imagine that you are trekking across Central Nebraska in the Miocene Epoch, about 6-10 million years ago. There are no highways, no towns, no people... just seemingly endless grassland crossed by pristine rivers and dotted with small patches of woodland. The climate is pleasant and hardly ever cold. Elephants, rhinos, camels, horses, and tapirs still roam the area, and there might be a saber-toothed catlike predator lurking nearby. Near future Scotia, Nebraska, you are surprised to see a large lake—a very inviting place for animals of all kinds. That lake is depositing layers of sediment consisting of billions of tiny, algae-like organisms called diatoms. They grow abundantly as the ancient sunlight filters down through the cool, clear waters.

The Happy Jack Chalk Mine is one of the most unusual and interesting sites of geological interest on the Great Plains. The “chalk” is not chalk at all, but rather a soft rock called diatomite that contains abundant calcium carbonate,

Open for the Season

Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Call for Guided Mine Tours.

General Admission	\$8.00
Seniors (60 +)	\$7.50
Kids 12 and under	\$7.50
Kids Five and Under	Free

Large groups may tour the mine by special appointment.

We welcome school groups and other organizations.

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to schedule your group tour.

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the same chemical compound that makes up lime stone's. The term diatomite refers to those billions of diatoms that lived in that ancient lake millions of years ago.

Today

Today, the mine offers public tours that are both educational and exciting.

Happy Jack Chalk Mine is located near Scotia, Nebraska and also includes free hiking trails, picnic areas, scenic views, bird watching and over 150 varieties of native plant life.

For more information about the history of the Happy Jack Chalk Mine:

Visit our website at:

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