

The Susquehanna Mine Train Starts it's 20th year!

For 20 years families have been taking the historic Delaware River Railroad Excursions from Phillipsburg NJ to The Susquehanna Mine. Families have been overjoyed learning the mines funny and tragic history, blowing up the mine and collecting rubies.



Phillipsburg, New Jersey May 11, 2025 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - On it's 20th year of operation the mine Train leaves from Phillipsburg, New Jersey and debark at "Snyders" station.

This is the site of The Susquehanna Mining Company as well as the Corn Maze where patrons can enjoy the mine, corn maze and beautiful countryside for two hours before the train returns for the northbound trip.

Patrons enjoy the beautiful picnic area under the pine trees and light snacks and drinks are available in the gift shop. New this year a large pavilion has been constructed with seating for 30.

Each year the attraction has grown, adding something special each year. in the fall months as many as 1000 people a day visit.

Interesting gifts and minerals can be found in the Mine Store along with light snacks and drinks.

Placer Mining

The Susquehanna Mining Company is a Placer Mine. Placer mining (/ˈplæsər/)[1] is the mining of stream bed (alluvial) deposits for minerals. This may be done by open-pit (also called open-cast mining) or by various surface excavating equipment or tunneling equipment. Placer mining is frequently used for precious metal deposits (particularly gold) and gemstones, both of which are often found in alluvial deposits—deposits of sand and gravel in modern or ancient stream beds, or occasionally glacial deposits. The metal or gemstones, having been moved by stream flow from an original source such as a vein, are typically only a minuscule portion of the total deposit. Since gems and heavy metals like gold are considerably denser than sand, they tend to accumulate at the base of placer deposits. Placer deposits can be as young as a few years old, such as the Canadian Queen Charlotte beach gold placer deposits, or billions of years old, like the Elliot Lake uranium paleoplacer within the Huronian Supergroup in Canada. The containing material in an alluvial placer mine may be too loose to safely mine by tunnelling, though it is possible where the ground is permanently frozen. Where water under pressure is available, it may be used to mine, move, and separate the precious material from the deposit, a method known as hydraulic mining, hydraulic sluicing or hydraulicking.

There is plenty to do. You can buy speciality and upgraded bags of mine rough (ore) and pan for rubies and gems. Geodes are also found on site and you can learn how to crack them open!





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