



Photo courtesy of the Cuyuna Iron Range Heritage Network

In 1924, more than 100 people worked at the Milford Mine, with two shifts working around the clock. The Milford miners came from the United States, Canada, and across Europe. They came to the Cuyuna Range for a better life—to marry, have children, and live the American dream. They identified as Cuyuna miners and as Cuyuna families. Their camaraderie and sense of community transcended their former nationalities and ethnic identities.

The Milford Miners

Transforming this natural and human-made habitat into a recreation area is a humble attempt to preserve the memory of those who gave their lives to pursue the American dream, provide for their families, and build their community. The park features a covered picnic shelter, canoe launch sites, and a historic trail with signs illustrating the history of the mine and the mining disaster of 1924.

The Milford Mine Memorial Park



On the day of the disaster, 48 miners were working below. About 15 minutes before the end of the day shift, water and mud flooded into the mine at such a rapid rate that all the levels and the 200-foot deep shaft filled to within 15 feet of the surface in less than 20 minutes. Only seven of the 48 miners made it to the surface.

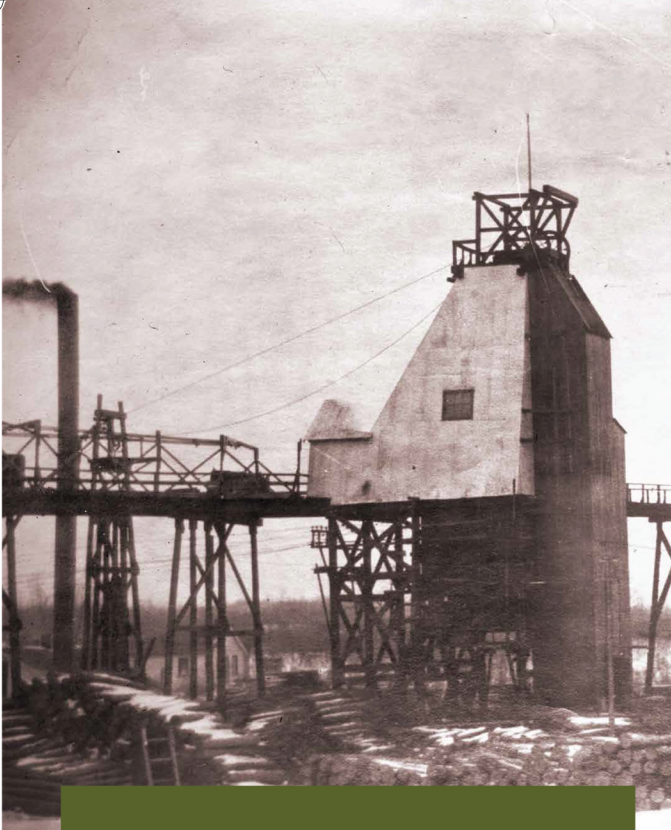
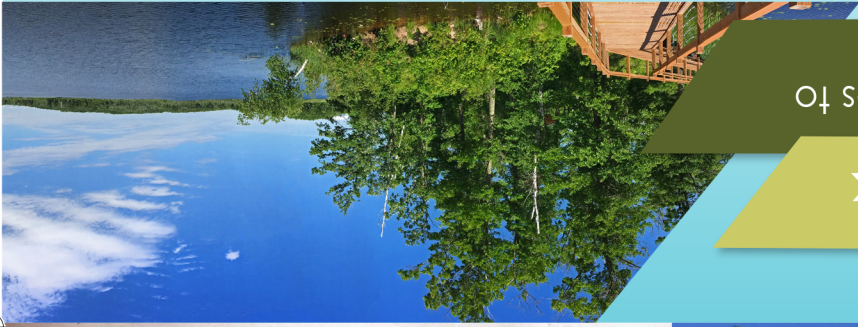
The Milford Mine Disaster



On February 5, 1924, 41 miners perished in the worst mining disaster in Minnesota's history. The Milford Mine Memorial Park is dedicated to these 41 miners, preserving the memory of those who gave their lives to pursue the American dream. The site has now been transformed into a place of recreation, reflection, and community—to be enjoyed by families, residents, visitors, and future generations.

Welcome to Milford Mine Memorial Park

Preserving the Memory of the 41 Miners Who Gave Their Lives to Pursue the American Dream



The Milford Mine

The Milford Mine, located in the northern part of the Cuyuna Range, operated at this location from 1918 to 1932. The mine's ore was a superior grade because it contained manganese, which was used in the production of hard, durable steel.

The Milford Mine Historic District

Milford Mine Historic District has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places by the United States Department of the Interior.



Milford Mine Memorial Park

26351 Milford Lake Drive, Crosby

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From Crosby, proceed 4 miles north on State Hwy 6. Turn left onto County Road for 30 for 1/2 mile and then proceed down Milford Lake Dive to the entrance of the Park

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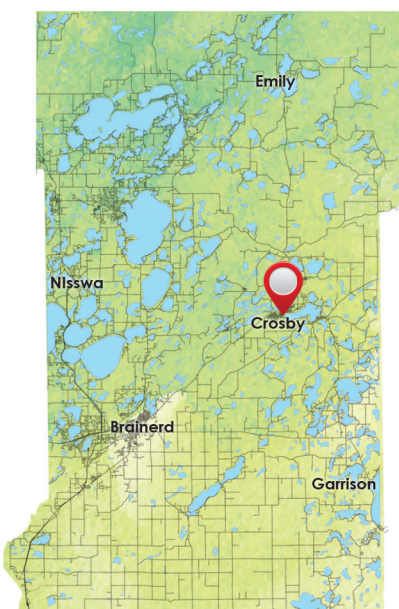


MILFORD MINE MEMORIAL PARK



TRAIL MAP LEGEND

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-  SHELTER
- ROAD NAME** ROAD NAME
-  ROAD / STREET / HIGHWAY
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-  CANOE LANDING/PIER BOARDWALKS
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