

Name 1	ANTHONY'S MAIN ROAD
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ID number	002.61.Idrija
Manager / Administrator	Idrija Mercury Heritage Management Center, Bazoviška 2, SI-5280 Idrija
Ownership	Public
Owner	Republic of Slovenia
Local / Original ID Number	EŠD 4826
Type of Object	Mine, Development of new activities

DESCRIPTION

Short description	The museum display Anthony's Main Road includes: Šelstev – the entrance building to the mine, the 300 m long tunnel – one of the oldest preserved and still open mine entrances in the world, the underground Chapel of the Holy Trinity, Attems' decline, level I/20 and I/17 of the Kropáč mining field. The entire area is equipped with the elements of the preserved cultural heritage. In the area of Anthony's shaft there are 8 important geological profiles (of a total of 14).
Measures	It contains 1300 m of mine roads in three levels. The lowest point is 96 m below the surface or 22 m below the level of the entry shaft.

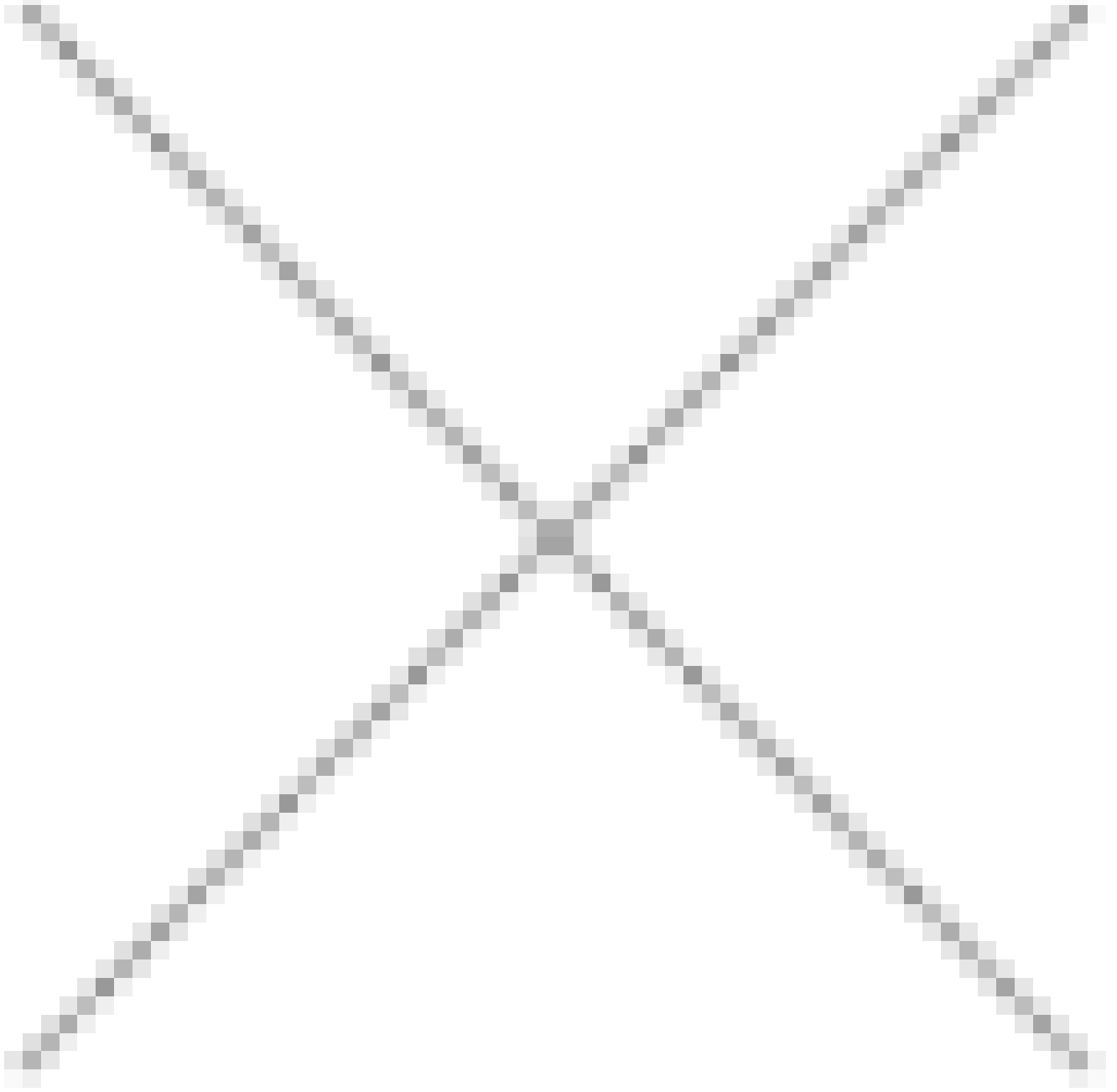
Materials Rock, wood, steel, concrete

Dating 1500

Author / Producer Idrija Mercury Mine

Picture attachments

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Original use

In the pioneer mining period, in 1500, the first mining tunnel was excavated, which was called the Entrance shaft or later Anthony's Main Road. After that, for nearly 500 years, it was used for the miners to arrive for work in the pit and to leave after the finished work. In the middle of 18th century, at the end of the 300 m long tunnel, the chapel of the Holy Trinity was placed. From there, the Attems' decline leads the way to the pit. In front of the tunnel entrance, the Šelstev entrance building was built in the 18th century. A part of the tunnel was backfilled at the end of the 1960s. On the I/17 and I/20 level, in the Kropáč-Ziljska ore body, the rich sedimentary cinnabar ore with native mercury was excavated up until 1977. Initially, all the work was performed manually with simple tools ("špica" - a bar with a chisel-shaped point, "šlenger" - a heavy hammer with a curved handle, "rejštnga" - crowbar, "krutca" - a tool resembling a large hoe, "pek" - pick with sharp-pointed ends, "trigl" - iron, trough-like vessel). In the second half of the 19th century, they started to introduce machine drilling. During World War II it served as a temporary shelter for the residents.

Present use

Anthony's Main Road is being preserved, secured and presented as important mining heritage of Idrija with exceptional universal values. The museum display Anthony's Main Road presents the miners' work underground, the use of mining manual and machine tools and methods throughout the centuries and typical pit elements - shafts, tunnels, declines and various forms of supports. At the location, there are preserved and presented natural attractions - 8 geological profiles of Idrija ore deposit, including the cinnabar mineralisation and native mercury. Some of them are scientifically very important. Today, Anthony's shaft also serves as ventilation of the predominant part of the pit and as the emergency exit way for miners and visitors in case of extraordinary events. The sliding hole Kavčič connects the level I/17 with lower I main level. From here on, the unfilled part of the pit with tunnels and blind shafts is accessible all

the way to the III level of the Francis' shaft (Borba).

Original location 2357 Idrija – town, lot. no. 1461/3.

Present location 2357 Idrija – town, lot. no. 1460, 1461/3 (including with the corresponding pit routes in three levels), 1461/4.

STATE OF CONSERVATION

History of conservation:

Significant restorations and arrangements:

- 1990/93: emptying, restoring and Anthony's shaft between the Šelštev entrance building and shaft no. 11 (1991/93) and the arrangement of the hiking trail (1993/94);
- 1993/94: emptying and restoring the underground chapel of the Holy Trinity and the Attems' decline;
- 1994: the arrangement of the part of the mine on the Anthony's shaft, level I/17 and level I/20;
- 1995: the round connection (approx. 50 m) with a height difference of 22 m was made on the level I/17, between the Kavčič blind shaft and the Attems' decline;
- 1994: museum presentation;
- 2005/06: the reconstruction of the 63 m long entrance part of the Anthony's Main Road;
- 2014: the upgrade of the museum display.

Present state good

Necessary activities:

Performing regular maintenance services in accordance with the guidelines of the Institute for the Protection of Cultural Heritage of Slovenia, including the status control and preservation, security and presentation of the heritage.

DOCUMENTATION

Addresses /

**collections / links
etc. where further
in-depth
information is
accessible:**

- The Cultural Heritage Register of the Republic of Slovenia;
- Ordinance on the proclamation of the technical heritage in the Idrija and its surroundings for cultural monuments of national importance. Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia no. 66/01, 55/02, 16/08;
- Dolgoročni program postopnega, popolnega in trajnega zapiranja Rudnika živega srebra Idrija, 1988;
- Dopolnitvi dolgoročnega programa preprečevanja posledic rudarjenja v Rudniku živega srebra Idrija za obdobje 1996–2006, Government of the RS, 26.10.1995;
- Rules on the designation and protection of natural values (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia no. 111/04, 70/06, 58/09, 93/10 and 23/15);
- Republic of Slovenia, Ministry of Culture. Starting points of the programme of the comprehensive protection of the cultural heritage and natural values, related with the Idrija ore deposit. Idrija, 2010;
- ZVKDS Restavratorski center. Konservatorski načrt Idrija - Antonijev rov. Ljubljana, Idrija, 2010;
- Pišljarij, Klemenčič. Idejna ureditev in stalne postavitve v Antonijevem rovu. 1993.

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