

WGS Member Activities

Summer 2026

On August 16th, 2026, the Wisconsin Geological Society took a bus to Platteville to tour the Mining & Rollo Jamison Museum. The tour took us down 90 steps into the Bevans Lead Mine.

In 1845 a young attorney, Lorenzo Bevans, opened a lead mine. In the first year it produced over 2 million pounds of galena (lead ore). It operated for about 10 years before all the galena was mined out.



In 1972, museum staff explored for and located the long-closed Bevans Lead Mine just south of the Museum. Inside the mine are artifacts from the lead mining era in Wisconsin. We explored the passages and tunnels, and marveled at the extent of the mine.





