Workshop 1: Mining in the Forest of Dean

Key Stage: KS1 & KS2

Learning Objectives: Understand the role that coal mining has played in the Forest

of Dean.

What is a Free miner?

What was it like to be a child working in a mine?

Curriculum Links: KS1: Develop awareness of the past and passing of time.

KS2: Local History: Changes in an aspect of social history.



Workshop Description: Explore the main industries of the Forest of Dean – iron production and coal mining. Outside in our woodland a Free Miner's mine gale is concealed, students can see how it was constructed and find out how a Free Miner lived. In the Galleries they will discover the history of mining in the Forest and experience 'pulling the hod'.

Workshop 2: Mining Walk

Discover the past as you explore Soudley to look for evidence of its mining heritage. You will be guided around a short circular walk to look for evidence of the ancient tram ways and mining.

Learning Objectives: Understand the role that coal mining has played in the Forest

of Dean.

Understand the impact of mining on the local area

Curriculum Links: KS1: Develop awareness of the past and passing of time.

KS2: Local History study

Changes in an aspect of social history.





Two Location Mining Experience for KS2: For this experience we team up with Hopewell Colliery to offer students the experience of going underground as well as exploring mining in the Forest of Dean at the Heritage Centre. (Subject to availability. Tour payment paid directly to Hopewell Colliery)