

# The miningsociety “Alte Hoffnung Erbstolln”



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The society in the City Annaberg

# Adventures in the old Silvermine

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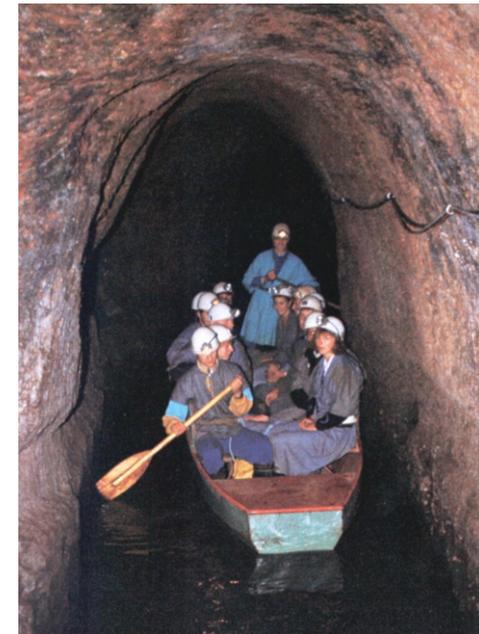
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The miningsociety  
“Alte Hoffnung Erbstolln”  
says welcometo you with a  
“Glück Auf!”.

Firmtour, classoutings, familyex-  
cursions and -parties, grouptours:  
our mine is a place whre you can  
have a romantic and (rustical)  
adventure together.  
You have only to test us!

Go into the mountain by boat with  
us and explore the trails of the past:  
geologie, history, technology.



**Businesshours:**

**Guided Tours:**

Only after enrolment in time:

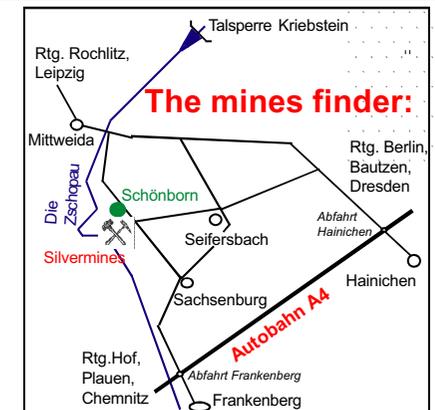
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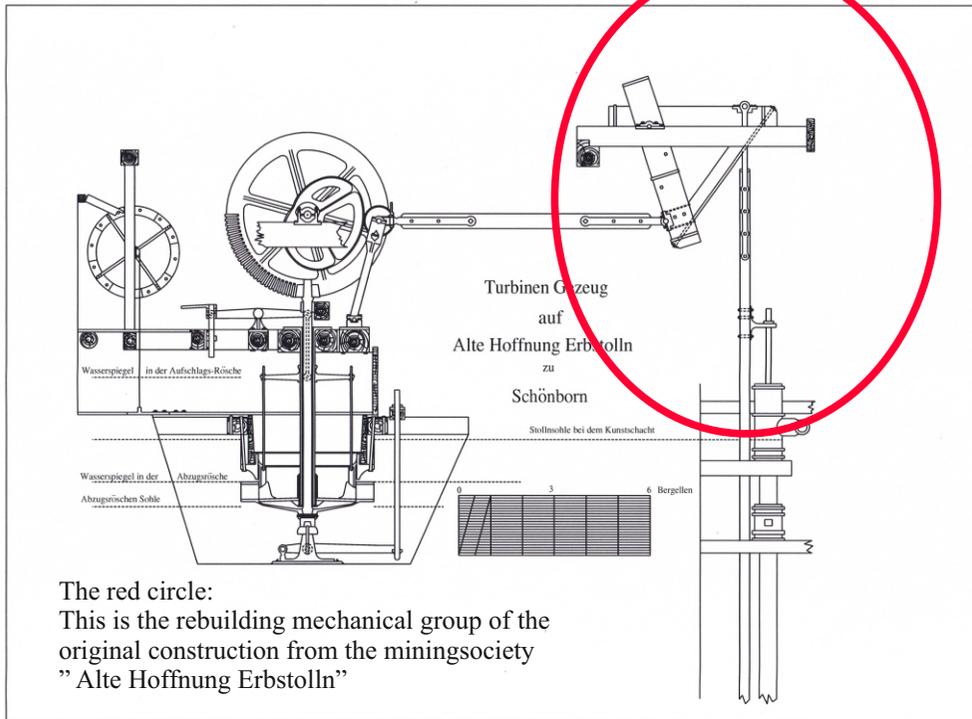
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Groups of more than 10 persons please enrol  
in time.

Guided tours other only after enrolment in time.



# The "Kreiselradgezeug"



The red circle:  
This is the rebuilding mechanical group of the original construction from the mining society "Alte Hoffnung Erbstolln"

## ***1843 the first turbin, working under the earth, in the mining area of Freiberg was used to move the pumps at "Alte Hoffnung Erbstolln":***

The first turbin for moving pumps in a shaft, working under the earth, was constructed by "Braunsdorf & Brendel" in 1839 like the "father of the turbin", Benoit Fourneyron (1802-1867), did it. (Look at the drawing)

With the help of the entrance money, money and object donations and the regional administration we were able to rebuild this historical machine in the original size and at the old place. A visit to this place is part of the guided tour.

We need your help in different ways to reconstruct the whole mine.

## ***Our standardroute (Visitors from 6-75 years):***

A tour of the newly-built "Rollschachtkaue" (Rollingshaftbuilding) with "Scheidebank" and rollingshaft. The drive-in you will do by boat and you will come out at the "Eisenbahnstolln"; you have to be able to climb 5 ladders; under the earth you can sit down in the so-called "Steigerstube". You visit the turbin rooms with the "Schützerstolln", and also you will see remains of the old pumping systems, the iron pump from 1871, pumps, made by wood, from the "Kreiselradgezeug" from 1843. And at last you will see the reconstructed "Kunstwinkel" with pumping pole systems.

From our mainbuilding over the mainshaft you have to walk down the mountain to the river "Zschopau" ca. 300 meters. Getting the equipment, the visit itself and giving back the equipment together will take 1,5 till 2 hours. For tours with entrance and exit only by boat you have to ask before, than we can organize this for you.

## ***Extended exkursion through the complete area of the mine:***

This tour is a though one: 3-7 hours after the the old miners in the complete area of our opened mine. The visit starts, like the oldminers do it, in the so-called "Betstube" of the former "Huthaus" of the mine. Under the earth you visit the water-technologie systems (inclusive the standardroute), "Linsgrube", "Hermann"-shaft, "Diebshäusel-Stolln", "Wildemann-Stolln", and finally you will see the so-called "Neue Hoffnung Gottes-Stolln" at the old "Grubenwehr". There must be at least 5 people. Only people over 12 years with-out "Platzangst", but with own old clothes and boots. You have to enrol in time. You have to be very fit. There are some very small shafts.

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You need old clothes, don't come with white clothes. Use our protection-clothes. The temperature is around 8-11°C, the whole year. More advices you can get from the notices in the main building.

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