

The World of Mining at Schneeberg Mountain in Ridanna (Ridnaun)

Description

Schneeberg is one of Europe's highest-altitude mountain mines; it was also the longest operating mine in the Alps. In the mountain range between Ridanna and Passiria (Passeier), the deposits of ore ranged from 2,000 – 2,650 metres in elevation. Legions of mountain miners unearthed precious silver, lead and zinc for nearly a millennium, under the most extreme of climatic-and technical working conditions. They dug a maze of tunnels, shafts and lines running a total of 130 to 150 kilometres. The heyday of the mining industry led to the construction of the world's largest open pit ore-handling system on rails, which is mostly still preserved today.

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Categories: Tunnels, mines, pits, quarries

Setting: alpine, rural, high mountain

Topic: underground, traditional, rustic, narrow, gloomy, isolated

Facade: concrete facade, rendered facade, natural stone facade, steel-steel construction

Furniture style: rural / rustic, 60s

Water: 

Electricity:	✗
Elevator:	✓
Parking:	✓
Access for	passenger cars, commercial vehicles



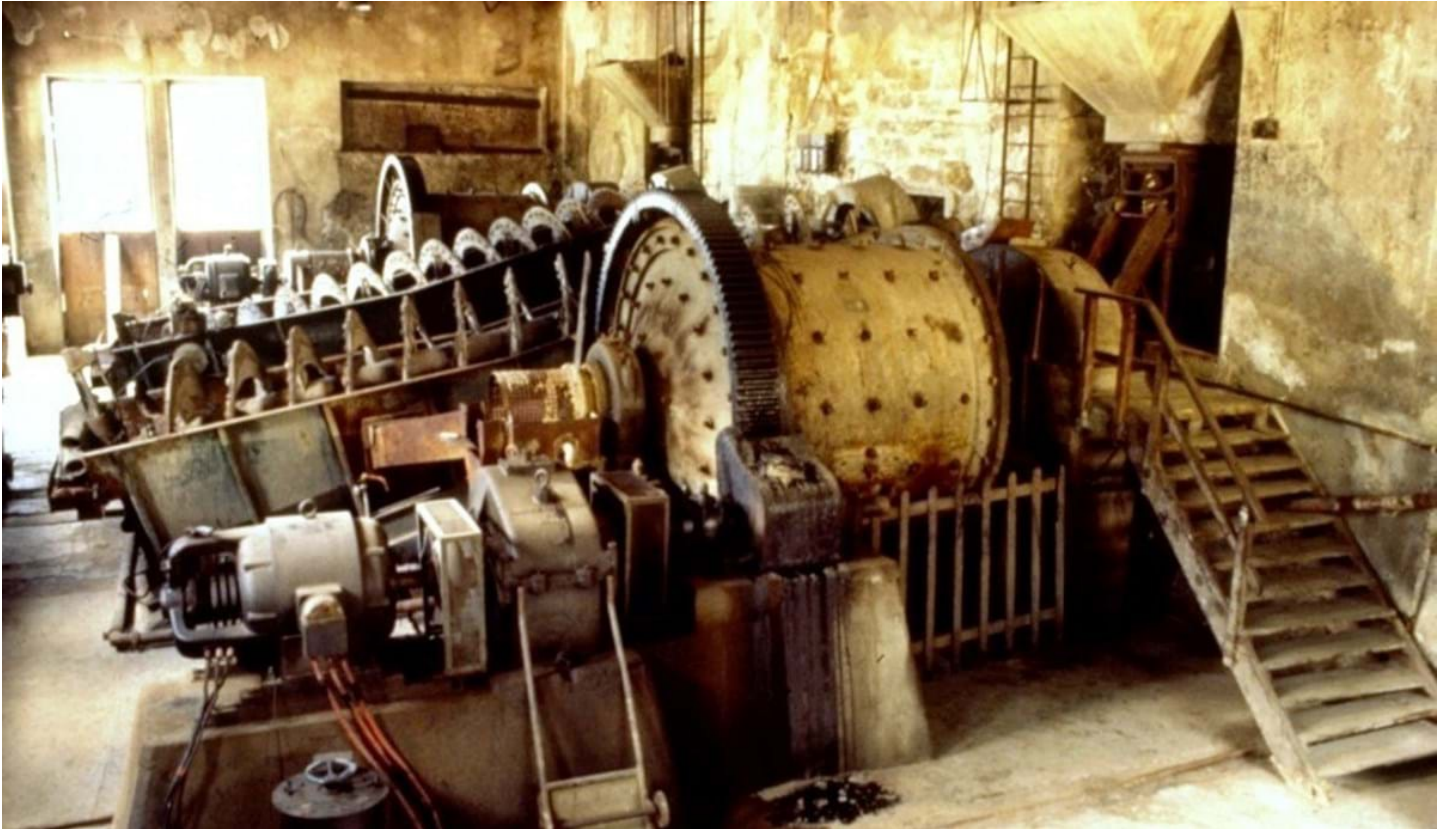
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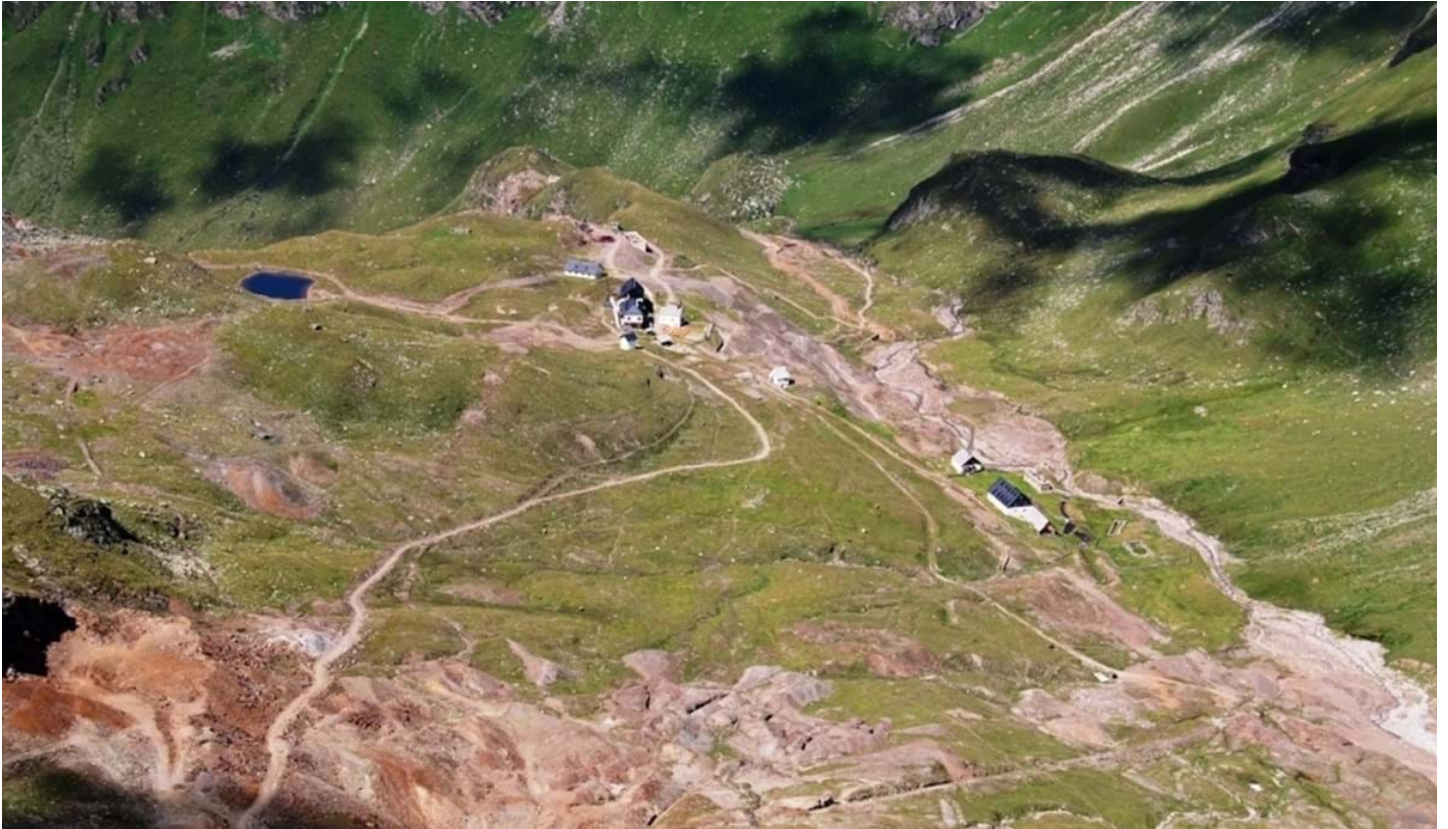
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