To follow the most scenic route to Happy Jack Peak: From interstate 80 near Grand Island proceed north on Highway 281 At St. Paul turn west on Highway 92 for six miles. At Highway 11 intersection turn right (north/northwest) for eighteen miles.



Open Daily 10am-6pm Memorial Day-Labor Day. Picnic areas and grounds open sunrise to sunset. For off-season or group tour arrangements, contact:

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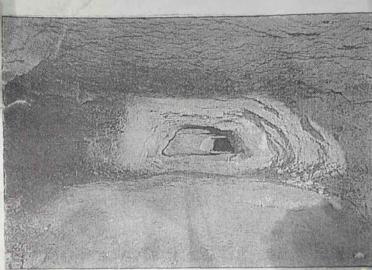
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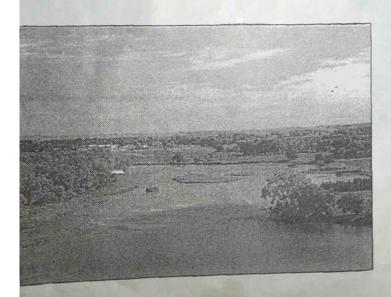


HAPPY JACK PEAK AND CHALK MINE SCOTIA, NE

When you walk through the portal entrance of Scotia's Happy Jack Chalk mine, you are walking back in time... not just to the year 1877 when the mine opened, but to an era when much of Nebraska was covered by a giant inland sea. It is the fossilized remains of tiny sea creatures, which make up the sediments you see. Like astronauts in space, the original miners who dug these caverns were explorers, who went where no man had ever gone before.



For generations, the tunnels left behind have been a recreational windfall to local residents. Now, accessible to the public, the mine is the only place in the world where you can view examples of "room and pillar" mining techniques. See the actual hand tools used by the miners in their painstaking efforts and explore this man-made wonder as you follow their footsteps into the past...



This is perhaps the only place in NE where the public can gain access to a unique plant community.

(James Lochlear, Director - NE State Arboretum)



Only underground chalk mine in North America. (Howard Last, Superintendent, American Mining Co., Winnemucca, NV)



This is the only publicly accessible "room & pillar" mine in North America (Gary Last, LRL Mining, Vancouver, WA)

