

SUTRO TUNNEL HISTORIC SITE Guided Tour Safety Information & Site Rules 2026

Thank you for purchasing a ticket to the Historic Sutro Tunnel Site! This is an active historic restoration site and an active work site. Your safety is our top priority. Please read and follow all rules below. By entering this site you acknowledge security cameras and other photography is in process and will be used for marketing and security purposes.

1. Mandatory Liability Waiver

- **Everyone** (adults and adults for minors) must sign a liability waiver **before entering** the site. If you have not signed one, you will not be allowed on the tour.

2. Key Hazards on Site

Be alert at all times. The following hazards exist:

- **Rattlesnakes** — Commonly seen on the property. Watch where you step and keep hands away from rocks and brush.
- **Drowning Hazard** — The pond is deep and not fenced for public use. Stay away from the water and dock.
- **Old Building & Structure Hazards** — Unstable floors, collapsing walls, and weak roofs (especially the Red House / “Rosa May’s”). Do **not** enter or climb on any buildings without Docent/Tour Guide Authorization. Other risks: Building collapse, falling debris, and unmarked hazards.
- **Trip & Fall Hazards** — Sharp objects, nails, uneven ground, trenches, holes, and debris are everywhere.
- **Tunnel Hazards** — Possible cave-ins, possible flooding from Comstock Load bodies of water, poor visibility, and unstable ground. **Enter at your own risk! Stay with your guide at all times.**

This is NOT a typical park — treat it like a construction site.

3. Tunnel Access Limits (Fire Department Requirements – 2026)

- **Maximum 49 people** allowed inside the tunnel at one time.
- With tables/chairs or “occupancy” setup: **75 feet maximum** into the tunnel.
- Without tables/chairs (standing only): Up to **200 feet** during events.
- Guided tours only: Up to **300 feet** (no events allowed beyond this).

4. Strict Site Rules – MUST BE FOLLOWED

- **Do NOT pick up anything** — Artifacts, glass, metal, rocks, or any historic items belong to the Friends of Sutro Tunnel. Leave everything exactly where you find it.
- **Do NOT touch, climb on, or move** any displayed objects (ore carts, machinery, rail cars, batteries, pictures, square nails, rustic metal items, etc.).
- **Stay outside all marked-off areas** — Caution tape, signs, fences, and “Authorized Personnel Only” zones are strictly off-limits.
- **No dogs or pets** allowed on the site.
- **No fires, smoking, vaping, or open flames** of any kind.
- **Stay on designated paths and with your tour group** at all times.
- **No drones** without prior written approval from the board.
- Follow all instructions from guides, staff, and security.

Violations may result in removal from the tour and loss of future access.

5. Parking, Restrooms & Tour Tips

- **Parking:** Use the designated parking area only (sharp objects on site can damage tires). Mobility-challenged guests may be driven closer — coordinate with staff.
- **Restrooms:** Two porta-potties are available. Large groups may have additional facilities.
- **Tour Length:** Historical tours typically last **1.5 to 2+ hours**. Wear sturdy closed-toe shoes, bring water, and dress for weather and uneven terrain.
- **What to Bring:** Water, sunscreen, hat, layered clothing. No large bags or coolers unless pre-approved.

6. Emergency Information

- In case of emergency, notify your tour guide immediately. Site contacts (as of 2026):
 - Lucy “Tour and Events” 775-400-5111
 - Spencer “Site Caretaker” 775-479-4659
 - Jen “Emergency Contact” 775-309-3961

Your safety comes first. By participating in this tour, you acknowledge the risks and agree to follow all rules. Thank you for helping us preserve this important piece of Nevada history!

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**Historic Sutro Tunnel Site
Volunteers and Special Tours on the Property
ACCIDENT WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

I, _____, HEREBY ASSUME ALL OF THE RISKS FOR MY PRESENCE AT HISTORIC SUTRO TUNNEL SITE (Sutro Tunnel Road, Dayton, NV 89403) on _____(date), including by way of example and not limitation, any risks that may arise from negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons or entities being released, from dangerous or defective equipment or property owned, maintained, or controlled by them, or because of their possible liability without fault.

I acknowledge that this Accident Waiver and Release of Liability Form will be used by Friends of Sutro Tunnel, and that it will govern my actions and responsibilities during my special tour or other reason for visit at the Sutro Tunnel Site, owned and maintained by Friends of Sutro Tunnel.

In consideration of my visit to the Sutro Tunnel Site, I hereby take action for myself, my executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors, and assigns as follows:

- (A) I WAIVE, RELEASE, AND DISCHARGE from any and all liability, including but not limited to, liability arising from the negligence or fault of the entities or persons released, for my death, disability, personal injury, property damage, property theft, or actions of any kind which may hereafter occur to me, including my traveling to and from the Sutro Tunnel Site: Friends of Sutro Tunnel, its heirs, board of directors, executive director, the caretaker of the Sutro Tunnel Site, agents and assigns, and all other persons, firms or corporations liable or who might be claimed to be liable, (collectively the "Releases").
- (B) INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS, AND PROMISE NOT TO SUE the entities or persons mentioned in this paragraph from any and all liabilities or claims made as a result of my presence at the property of the Sutro Tunnel Site, whether caused by the negligence of release or otherwise.

I acknowledge that Friends of Sutro Tunnel and its board of directors, executive director, caretaker of the Sutro Tunnel property, volunteers, representatives, agents and assigns, and all other persons, firms, or corporations are NOT responsible for the errors, omissions, acts, or failures to act of any party or entity conducting a specific activity on their behalf. The Accident Waiver and Release of Liability shall be construed broadly to provide a release and waiver to the maximum extent permissible under applicable law.

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT AND I FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENT. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY CONTRACT AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

Visitor/Parent Guardian Signature

Date

Print Name

Friends of Sutro Tunnel

Date

Print Name