



Arizona Rocks 57

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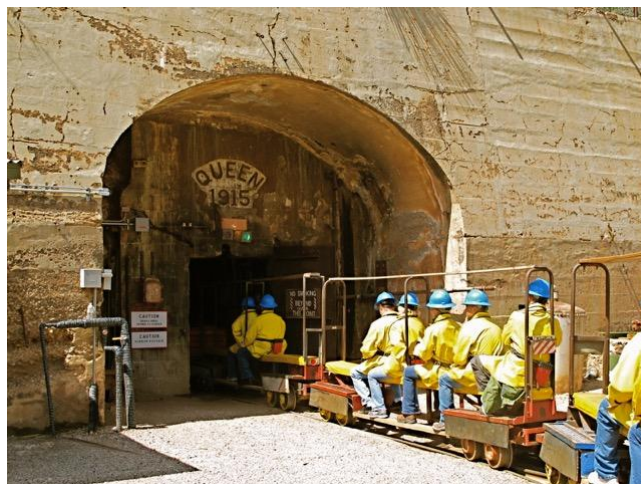
Bisbee is another mining town that has become a tourist destination and worth a visit. In Arizona Rocks 41, I wrote about how the Bisbee mines have over 320 different mineral species, the most for an Arizona locality, and near the top of the list of all worldwide localities with the most minerals.

There are two places of geological interest to visit in Bisbee besides all the other tourist attractions. The Queen Mine Historical Tour is a great way to see how underground mining was carried out in Arizona in the past. You get to ride in and out on the mine train, climb through parts of the mine with demonstrations of how the miners worked, and see the rocks and ore that they mined.

The Bisbee Mining and Historical Museum that is affiliated with the Smithsonian Institution has excellent exhibits of Bisbee history, minerals, and geology.



Bisbee Mining and Historical Museum



Queen Mine Historical Tour



Inside the Queen Mine



Azurite



Malachite



Part of their mineral exhibit