



## Geological, Mining, Historic and Environmental Park of Sardinia

### ITALIAN CENTRE FOR COAL MINING CULTURE

#### COAL MUSEUM

The **Coal Museum** is located in the Great Coal Mine of Serbariu in Carbonia, in the South West of Sardinia. The mining site operated from 1937 to 1964 as the most important Italian energy resource. In the early 2000s it was restored with educational and turistic purpose, leading to the inauguration of the Coal Museum in November 2006. The Museum tells the story of the mining site and of the miners who hardly worked there, along an itinerary that has its main attractions in the lamp room, in the winding engine room, in the mine shaft and in the underground gallery.



Great Coal Mine of Serbariu (age photo)



Exhibition in the Lamp Room



Winding Engine Room



Underground Gallery

The Lamp Room hosts a permanent exhibition on the history of coal, of the mine of Serbariu and of the town of Carbonia. Here is kept a precious collection of mining lamps, work tools, objects of daily usage, photos, documents, period film segments and video-interviews to the miners. The Underground Gallery shows how mining methods have changed over the decades from the 30s until the closing down of Serbariu mine, in accurately reconstructed spaces enriched with work tools and machinery used in the past or still in use in coal mining. In the Winding Engine Room visitors can see the system that moved the cages up and down the shaft to transport the miners and the wagons.

The site hosts cultural events, temporary exhibitions, conferences and seminars. The Museum attracts schools from the whole island; educational programs have been improved with different activities (lessons, age videos, educational games etc.) in order to offer a complete cultural service and to attract students from the rest of Italy and from abroad. The site restoration project includes other buildings, that will host a multifunction structure for advanced university training and the historical, demographic and anthropological archives, the Palaeontological and Speleological Museum, the Centre for Research on Clean Energy Technologies of Sotacarbo SpA, handcrafts workshops, accommodation and catering facilities and a convention centre.

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