Nenthead Mines Heritage Centre was the site of Victorian England’s largest lead mining and smelting complex. The site is approximately 200 83 hectares and set in the North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and European Geopark. The centre belongs to The North Pennines Heritage Trust.

EXHIBITIONS The main heritage centre museum introduces visitors to the site, providing Victorian mining artifacts and a new interactive geology display. In addition to a number of other buildings holding interpretive material there is also The Power of Water, a full scale interactive display of working waterwheels, and Brewery Shaft, a 100m deep shaft that visitors can look down and light up.

ACTIVITIES The main attraction for visitors is to take a guided tour into Carr’s Mine, a 300 year old Lead, Silver and Zinc mine, to experience what it would have been like for workers underground. The centre provides a panning activity for children to find minerals of their own and also a number of guided walks around the site.

PROJECTS The Trust operates a vibrant education service and many schools choose Nenthead Mines for their annual visit. The centre is also undergoing continual development, opening new mine entrances and conserving original buildings.

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