

Gunnison County

Taylor Park District

The Taylor Park District lies in northeast Gunnison County, in northern Taylor Park near the Pitkin County line. According to Dunn (2003) the district includes mines on the northeast and southeast slopes of North Italian Mountain and areas west and southeast of the old town of Dorchester. Vanderwilt (1947) states that the district is "not well defined"; he includes the Forest Hill Mine, which we consider within the **Forest Hill District**. Henderson (1926) considered the Taylor Park district as synonymous with **Taylor River District**, **Tincup District**, and Forest Hill District. The Taylor Park District appears within the **Dorchester District** on the website www.mindat.org, where it also includes the iconic mineral-collecting area of Italian Mountain. Eberhart (1969), discussing the early mining camps, considered this area a part of the **Forest Hill District**. All these districts are discussed in the Gunnison County section of this report, but the reader must recognize the confusion accompanying their location and nomenclature.

Vanderwilt (Ibid) notes complex geology, with veins in the valley in granite. North Italian Mountain has a core of Tertiary intrusive flanked by dolomite with lead-zinc veins and replacement deposits. Fridrich et al. (1998) describe the Italian Mountain intrusive complex as ranging from quartz diorite porphyry to porphyritic dacite intruding Paleozoic rocks as young as the Belden Formation. Cunningham et al. (1994) detail the age to 33.9 Ma, using the work of Cunningham (1976). Cunningham (Ibid) interprets that the deposits in the Italian Mountain Complex are zones, with zinc-copper richer in the center and lead-silver farther away. An additional reference is Harder (1909).

Mines listed in the district (mindat.org) include:

- [Italian Mountain](#)
 - [Blue Wrinkle Mine \(Anderson claim\)](#)
 - [Star Mine](#)
 - [Stewart Mine](#)
 - [Truebe Prospect](#)
- [North Italian Mountain](#)
- [Star Mine Lambertson](#)

Minerals listed in the district (mindat.org) include:

Actinolite	Ankerite	Cerussite
Alabandite	Anorthite	'Chabazite'
Albite	Anthophyllite	'Chlorite Group'
'Allanite'	'Apophyllite'	Clinocllore
Amphibole Supergroup	Azurite	var: Pennine
Analcime	Barite	Clinozoisite
Andradite	'Biotite'	Cordierite
Anglesite	Brucite	Cyanotrichite
Anhydrite	Calcite	Diopside

Dolomite	Hydrozincite	'Scapolite'
Dravite	'K Feldspar var: Adularia'	Schorl
Edenite	Laumontite	Scolecite
Epidote	Magnetite	Siderite
Fluorapatite	Malachite	Smithsonite
Fluorite	Massicot	Sphalerite
Forsterite	'Mica Group'	Spinel
Galena	Monticellite	'Stilbite'
Graphite	Orthoclase	Sylvite
Grossular	Phlogopite	Talc
Halite	Piemontite	Tetrahedrite
Haüyne var: Lazurite	Prehnite	'Thomsonite'
Hematite	Pyrite	Titanite
Hemimorphite	Pyrrhotite	Tremolite
'Heulandite'	Quartz	'Uvite'
Hisingerite	Sanidine	Vesuvianite
'Hornblende'	Saponite	

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