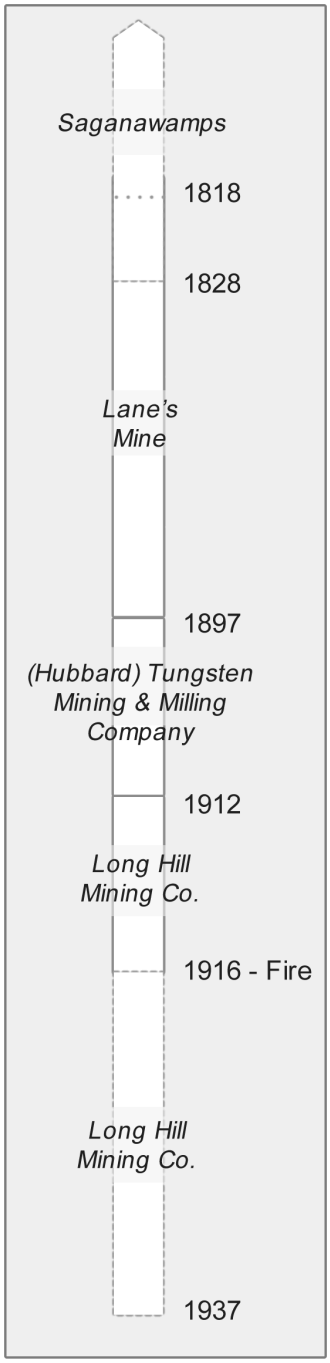
Old Mine Park Timeline

Mine Area was active
1828 to approximately 1920



Pre-History - Native Americans refer to the area as "*Saganawamps*." The vast amount of quartz found here is used to make stone tools & arrowheads

1700

1725 - A Town Deed was filed for "Saganawamps"

1757 - Mineral deeds filed by Howkins Nichols of Stratford

1800

1803 - Elnathan Sherman leased Saganawamps to Philo and George Sherman to extract and burn lime

1818 - Ephraim Lane takes rock samples to Professor Benjamin Silliman of Yale College who identified them as Tungsten and Topaz.

1885 - Strength of Tungsten when added to steel discovered

1887 - Dr. Adolph Gurlt, Professor of Geology at the University of Bonn, Germany makes an examination of the Trumbull mining site.

1897 - The *Tungsten Mining & Milling Compan*y is established.

1899 - The American Tungsten, Mining & Milling Co. issues $100,000 in bonds for a building program, including a large milling plant.

1900

1900 - USGS geologist William Hobbs visits the mining complex and finds that the mining and milling procedures recommended by Professor Gurlt were not followed, helping to cause the mine's failure.

1906 - Tungsten Mining & Milling Company declared bankrupt because they could not separate the Pyrite from the Tungsten ore.

1912 - Fred Beach organizes the *Long Hill Mining Co.*

1916 - A fire of suspicious origin completely destroys all buildings of the Long Hill Mining Company.

1937 - Mining becomes unprofitable and the owners of the Long Hill Mining Company allow the 61-acre property to revert to the Town of Trumbull.

1942-1946 - Reopened for the War Effort?
Although numerous sites on the Web state the Mine was active during this period, this is in error. It was considered to reopen the Mine for Tungsten during *World War Two* but it never actually occurred.

2000

1990 - Area added to the National Register of Historic Places