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MILEAGE TO HOUGHTON

MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL, MN	368 MILES
GREEN BAY, WI	210 MILES
MILWAUKEE, WI	328 MILES
CHICAGO, IL	418 MILES
DETROIT, MI	555 MILES
DULUTH, MN	_230 MILES
MACKINAC BRIDGE, MI	260 MILES

ANNUAL EVENTS

JANUARY

Heikinpäivä, Hancock, finlandia.edu/heikinpaiva

Snowshoe Hare at Keweenaw Mountain Lodge, Copper Harbor, keweenawmountainlodge.com

FEBRUARY

Michigan Tech Winter Carnival, Houghton & Hancock, mtu.edu/winter-carnival

Jibba Jabba Rail Jam, Houghton

MARCH

CopperDog 150, Keweenaw-wide, copperdog.org

UP Health System Great Bear Chase, Calumet, <u>greatbearchase.com</u>

Mardi Gras Madness at Mount Bohemia, Lac La Belle, <u>mtbohemia.com</u>

APRIL

Upper Peninsula Dark Sky Fest, Copper Harbor

MAY

Keweenaw International Migratory Bird Festival, Copper Harbor

Ride the Keweenaw, Keweenaw-wide, copperharbortrails.org

Keweenaw Mountain Lodge Back 9 Endurance Run, Copper Harbor, back9endurancerun.com







JUNE

Bridgefest, Houghton, bridgefestfun.com

JULY

4th of July Celebrations, Keweenaw-wide

Dam Jam Music Festival, Calumet, thedamjam.com

Copper Country Strawberry Festival, Chassell, coppercountrystrawberryfestival.com

Run the Keweenaw, Copper Harbor

International Guts Frisbee Tournament, Hancock

Keweenaw BrewFest, Houghton

Canal Run, Hancock, canal.run

Key Ingredients, Hancock

End of the Road Keweenaw Tour & Classic Car Show, Copper Harbor

Miners Revenge Mountain Bike Race, Greenland, <u>soketrails.org/events</u>

AUGUST

Farm Block Fest, Allouez, farmblock.com

Pasty Fest, Calumet, mainstreetcalumet.com/pasty-fest

Keweenaw Mineral Days, Keweenaw-wide, <u>museum.mtu.edu</u>

Verna Mize Triathlon, Houghton

Houghton County Fair, Hancock, houghtoncountyfair.com

Eagle Harbor Art Fair, Eagle Harbor

Great Deer Chase, Calumet, greatdeerchase.org

Art in the Park, Copper Harbor, copperharborartshow.com

SEPTEMBER

Copper Harbor Trails Fest, Copper Harbor, <u>copperharbortrails.org</u>

Parade of Nations Multicultural Festival, Houghton & Hancock, <u>mtu.edu/</u> international/get-involved/parade-nations

Geek U.P. Mini-Con, Houghton, geekup906.com

OCTOBER

Houghton Fall Festival, Houghton

Mount Bohemia's Trail Running Festival, Lac La Belle, <u>mtbohemia.com</u>

Keweenaw Cup Cyclocross Races, Copper Harbor, facebook.com/KeweenawCup

NOVEMBER

41N Film Festival, Houghton, <u>41northfilmfest.mtu.edu</u>

Hancock Christmas Walk, Hancock

DECEMBER

Houghton Winter Wonderland, Houghton

The Poor Artists Sale, Calumet, coppercountryarts.com

Winter Wonderfest & Tree Lighting, Copper Harbor

Chassell's Old-Fashioned Christmas, Chassell

Christmas in Calumet, Calumet

Candle Luminary Trail, Hancock, hancocktrails.org

Italian Hall Memorial Luminary Commemoration, Calumet

THE "LEAVE NO TRACE" MODEL RELIES ON SEVEN KEY PRINCIPLES:

LEAVE NO TRACE.

1. PLAN AHEAD & PREPARE

Before heading out on your adventure, know the regulations and concerns for the area you'll visit to be prepared for any extreme weather, hazards, and emergencies. Schedule your trip to avoid high-use times and consider splitting your group into smaller groups of four to six people. Use a map and a compass to navigate where cell service is limited.

2. TRAVEL & CAMP ON DURABLE SURFACES

Protect riparian areas by camping at least 200 feet from lakes and streams. Good campsites are found not made. If you are in popular areas, concentrate on existing trails and campsites, travel single file, and keep campsites small and focused on areas where vegetation is absent. When hiking, stay on public trails and respect private lands by not trespassing. Focus on durable surfaces when setting up camp, including trails, campsites, rock, gravel, dry grasses, and snow.

3. DISPOSE OF WASTE PROPERLY

Inspect your campsite and resting areas for trash or spilled food—pack out trash, leftover food, and litter. Deposit solid human waste in catholes dug six to eight inches deep and at least 200 feet from water, camp, and trails. Pack out toilet paper and hygiene products. Wash your dishes using biodegradable soap with water carried 200 feet from streams and lakes and scatter when finished.

4. LEAVE WHAT YOU FIND

Preserve the past through observation. Leave rocks, plants, and other natural objects as you find them. Avoid introducing or transporting non-native species and do not build structures, furniture, or dig trenches. This keeps the often thin Keweenaw topsoil intact.

5. MINIMIZE CAMPFIRE IMPACTS

Campfires can have lasting impacts on the backcountry. When cooking, use a lightweight stove and use a candle lantern for light. Where fires are permitted, use established fire rings, fire pans, and mound fires keeping fires small by using sticks from the ground that can be broken by hand. Burn all wood and coals to ash, and put out campfires completely.

6. RESPECT WILDLIFE

Observe wildlife from a distance. Never feed the animals, as it can damage their health, alter their natural behavior, and expose them to other predators. Avoid wildlife during sensitive times: mating, nesting, raising young, and winter. After meals, store your food and trash securely. Control your pets at all times, or consider leaving them at home.

7. BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHERS

Respect others to protect the quality of their experience. Be courteous and yield while using the trails. Let nature's sounds prevail by avoiding loud voices and noises.

By following the "Leave No Trace" principles, it is our hope that visitors become world-class stewards and advocates of our lands and communities.

EVERYONE—BOTH RESIDENTS AND VISITORS— PLAYS A KEY ROLE IN MAINTAINING THE KEWEENAW'S PRISTINE ENVIRONMENT.

WHEN EXPLORING THE REGION'S BEACHES, FORESTS, TRAILS, BYWAYS, AND HISTORIC SPACES, YOU CAN PRESERVE THE KEWEENAW FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS OF TRAVELERS.

GET A SPRING

The rapid melt-off from the Keweenaw's epic snowfalls replenishes the rivers and streams to create rushing waterfalls from mid-March through late April. Traveling to the area via US-41, **Canyon Falls** near L'Anse has viewing points for several small waterfalls before reaching the "Grand Canyon" of the Upper Peninsula with a deep gorge through slated rock.

When you enter the Keweenaw, you can take a hike to view six or seven drops of **Hungarian Falls** as you take in nature, explore the unique geology, and find opportunities for fishing.

While waterfall viewing often requires hiking, nothing compares to hikes through the vast forests or wetlands, especially when you consider the areas are not yet overgrown and the pesky bugs haven't yet arrived. Explore **Gardener's Creek Trail** in Calumet to listen for the pileated woodpeckers or head out to **Sturgeon River Sloughs Wildlife Area** near Chassell for a wetland tour sure to provide ample bird watching opportunities. Because the trees have not yet leafed, this is the peak season for wildlife observation.

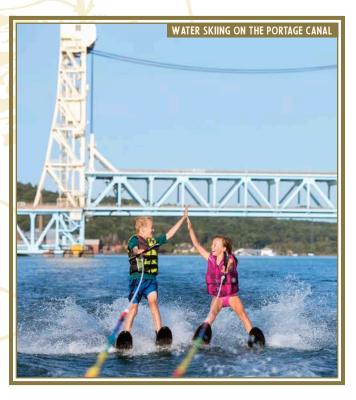
If birding is how you connect with nature, the West Bluff of **Brockway Mountain** has a raptor counting station where you can observe some of the 10,000 soaring birds that pass over the Keweenaw each spring. When the winds are southerly, upwards of 100 per hour are counted: harriers, falcons, hawks and eagles abound.

IN YOUR STEP

WHILE SOMETIMES OVERLOOKED, SPRING IN THE KEWEENAW OFFERS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES TO WATCH MOTHER NATURE BRING EVERYTHING BACK TO LIFE AS YOU TRAVERSE THE TRANSFORMING LANDSCAPE.

The Keweenaw Dark Sky Park, headquartered in the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge, paired with the region's lengthened nighttime hours means increased celestial opportunities. From stargazing to meteor showers and starscapes to northern lights, the Keweenaw is one of the best places in the lower 48 states to view the Aurora Borealis. Celebrate the night with us at the Upper Peninsula Dark Sky Festival.

If late spring adventures on a bike are more your speed, join us for **Ride the Keweenaw** as we kick off the season of singletrack riding across the Copper Country. As a premier biking destination, the competition will be friendly yet fierce to the finish line.



NESTLED ALONG THE PORTAGE CANAL'S SHORES, THE TOWNS OF HOUGHTON AND HANCOCK SERVE AS A GATEWAY TO THE KEWEENAW PENINSULA.

Seamlessly blending the area's rich history and natural beauty, these communities connected by the iconic Portage Lake Lift Bridge, offer visitors a mix of amenities with

easy access to the adventures of *Kuparisaari*, otherwise known as Copper Island.

Houghton, and its northern neighbor Hancock, serve as the metropolitan hub for the Keweenaw Peninsula. The walkable downtown areas offer the region's densest collection of dining, shopping, and outdoor equipment outfitters.

Visitors will find a variety of one-of-a-kind restaurants and drinkeries interspersed among sandstone architecture. Explore Shelden Avenue and Quincy Street to discover numerous cultural experiences that pay homage to the region's rich history.

Following along the route of Houghton's former railroad grade, the **Houghton Waterfront Trail** offers some of the best views of the Keweenaw Waterway. During the summer, the trail is frequented by pedestrians and bicyclists enjoying views of the Quincy Smelter, Portage Lake Lift Bridge, and the Quincy Mine. Stop by the pier to enjoy frequent live music and weekly farmer's markets.



GATEWAY TO THE

KEWEENAW

Young families should visit **Ray Kestner Waterfront Park**, home to the famous Chutes and Ladders playground, where they can enjoy ice cream and outdoor equipment rentals courtesy of **Portage Paddle Sports**.

Nearby recreation areas like **Nara Nature Park** and the **Maasto Hiitho & Churning Rapids Trails** give travelers plenty of opportunities to hike and pedal during the warmer months. Live entertainment venues like the Rozsa Center for the Performing Arts, the largest performance venue in the Upper Peninsula, the Bonfire and The Orpheum Theatre cultivate a plethora of evening entertainment.

Learn about the history of this copper-rich region by taking an underground mine tour at **Quincy Mine**, or check out the diverse minerals of the region at the **A.E. Seaman Mineral Museum** at Michigan Technological University in Houghton. Or connect with the region's nordic roots by visiting Hancock's **Finnish-American Heritage Center**. Sporting enthusiasts should visit Houghton's History of Hockey Museum, in Dee Stadium, and learn why the city is considered the birthplace of professional hockey.



TAKE A HIKE

There are many ways to experience the Keweenaw, but the region's collection of natural areas are often best explored through its diverse array of walking paths and hiking trails.

BIG VIEWS: Towering hundreds of feet above Lake Superior in northern Keweenaw County in Lac La Belle, the **Cliff View Trail** at Mount Bohemia offers spectacular panoramic views of Lake Superior and the Keweenaw Peninsula. The roughly 3 mile down and back hike up Mount Bohemia is a steady, uphill climb, so it's not for the faint of heart.

A TASTE OF HISTORY: The **Chassell Historic Trail** guides visitors along a 0.4 mile combination of walking paths and boardwalks exploring the town's lumber production history. Along the trail, visitors will discover signs sharing information about the timber industry and important local residents.

FAMILY FRIENDLY: **Nara Nature Park** in Houghton links to the Michigan Technological University trail system and combines for nearly 50 miles of hiking, biking, skiing and snowshoeing. With easy parking and an onsite chalet, families can explore a mature northwoods forest. Both the Nara Loop and the River Loop trails are approximately a half mile trek with mild elevation changes.

WATERFALL LOVERS: Between Hancock and Lake Linden, **Hungarian Falls Nature Area** features an impressive series of waterfalls and interesting geology to explore. Fed by Dover Creek, moderate to advanced hiking can be found on both sides of the falls. **ISLE ROYALE NATIONAL PARK**: The "Big Island" draws hikers from across the globe seeking true wilderness experiences. With approximately 160 miles of rustic hiking trails, there's no shortage of options with trails ranging from beginner to advanced levels.

SÖKĒ SOUTHERN KEWEENAW: **Silver Mountain** is a massive outcrop of basalt that rises over 250 feet above the surrounding landscape located near the Sturgeon River Wilderness Area. This intermediate-difficulty hike over rugged terrain is only 0.9 miles from the parking area to the top with impressive views of the vast Keweenaw wilderness. Be sure to pack snacks and water and get GPS directions to the remote trailhead.

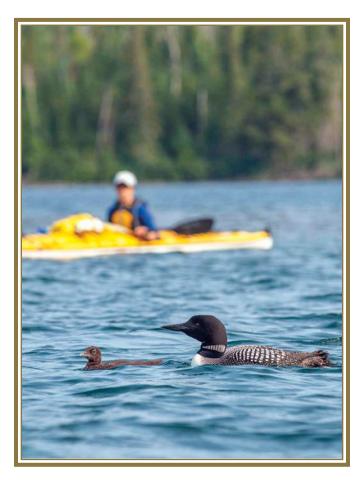
TIPS FOR HIKING THE KEWEENAW

- Plan before you go. Know your route even if you lose cell service. Download the AllTrails App before you start your adventure to help with route info.
- 2. Check the weather. Superior can be moody and the weather can change quickly.
- Practice ©Leave No Trace principles. Leave the Keweenaw the way you found it.
- Wear hiking boots with good tread to avoid slips and falls.
- 5. Bring water and bug repellent when heading to backcountry areas.
- **6**. Stay on the trail to avoid trespassing and to protect sensitive wildlife and plants.
- 7. Use common sense to keep yourself safe and the Keweenaw beautiful!

Explore the paradise of **Isle Royale National Park**—a remote island wilderness accessible only by boat or seaplane. The abundance of solitude rests in the heart of Lake Superior and offers more than 165 miles of rugged hiking trails with varying lengths and degrees of difficulty.

Beyond the trails, Isle Royale boasts abundant fishing, serene paddling, and unique backcountry camping. Unlike many other national parks where the average visit is four hours, the typical visitor here stays more than three days. While camping isn't mandatory, many visitors choose to camp at one of the island's 244 sites with vaulted toilets, others stay in one of the 80 rooms at **Rock Harbor Lodge**. Experience the island with guided sightseeing tours or reel in trout or salmon on a half-day fishing charter. Unwind with pizza and cocktails at the Greenstone Grill or let lodge chefs cook your catch at the Lighthouse Restaurant to close out your visit.

Open from April 16 through October 31, peak visitation is in July and August. Wolves and moose traverse the island and are part of the longest continuous study of a predatorprey system in the world. On the numerous outcroppings, reefs, and inland lakes, you're likely to run into countless small mammals and hear the haunting call of the loons. The **Greenstone Ridge Trail** is the longest on the island at 43 miles and takes hikers from Greenstone Ridge through the woods and swamps to tranquil lake overlooks.



SOLITUDE & ADVENTURE ISLE ROYALE NATIONAL PARK



Surrounded by Lake Superior, 99% of the island is federally protected wilderness. Visitors are encouraged to bring broken-in and comfortable hiking shoes, plan for an overnight stay, pack insect repellent and a map, and make time for a ranger talk. The remoteness of the island means limited cell phone reception, so wearing a watch and keeping your phone in airplane mode to conserve battery are also recommended.

Not sure where to begin? Fan favorites include: a hike to Suzy's Cave to explore an inland sea arch, paddling Raspberry Island to find blooming pitcher plants, looping around Scoville Point to watch for moose, walking the Windigo Nature Trail to take a scenic journey through the forest, or crossing the Minong Ridge Overlook Hike to photograph the aurora borealis. The pristine, remote lands of Isle Royale National Park will remain forever among your most remarkable memories.

TOP 5 WATERFALLS



WATCH AS FRESH WATER FLOWS OVER ANCIENT ROCK FORMATIONS INTO SWIRLING POOLS BELOW.

Peak waterfall viewing season is typically from mid-March through late April when the spring snowmelt recharges our rivers and streams. However, our regional waterfalls look splendid under the lush green canopy of summer, with the vibrance of fall color, or the glimmer of winter's frozen touch.

Here are our top five waterfalls (in no particular order—we don't play favorites!) to experience on your next visit to the Keweenaw Peninsula.

1. HUNGARIAN FALLS

Tucked away in a forest of hardwoods, is a prized recreational destination known as Hungarian Falls Nature Area. Protected by the Keweenaw Land Trust, this nature area offers moderate to advanced hiking trails along both sides of the cascading falls. With trails that lead past a historic dam to upper falls or lead down the steep gorge to middle and lower falls, hikers are welcome to choose their own adventure.

2. LOWER EAGLE RIVER FALLS

Lower Eagle River Falls is not only impressive, but it is also one of the most accessible waterfalls in Keweenaw. Located along the south side of M-26, this waterfall is best viewed from the pedestrian bridge crossing over Eagle River. Eagle River Falls is located on the site of the original Lake Superior Fuse Company and remains of the dam still span most of the 60-foot-wide river. This dam extends the falls to a total height of well over 60 feet!

3. JACOB'S FALLS

Jacob's Falls is one of two Keweenaw waterfalls that can be seen right from your vehicle! Located approximately three miles northeast of Eagle River on the south side of M-26, Jacob's Falls has a total drop of 40 feet. The section that is visible from the roadway falls about 20 feet over rough basalt stone. Adjacent to Jacob's Falls, visitors will find **The Jampot Bakery**—well known for their wide selection of homemade baked goods and preserves.

4. MANGANESE FALLS

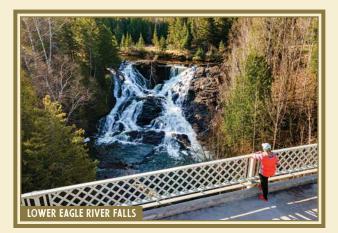
With water that cascades nearly 45 feet from the top of a rocky gorge past sheer moss-covered walls, Manganese Falls is like something out of a fairytale. A short walk on a trail near Lake Fanny Hooe in Copper Harbor will take you to a viewing area atop the deep gorge, surrounded by the lush greenery of summer.

5. HAVEN FALLS

Nestled within a quaint roadside park in Lac La Belle, Haven Falls provides an ideal setting for a picnic lunch. Alongside Jacob's Falls, Haven Falls is the most accessible waterfall in the Keweenaw. The falls can be seen from your vehicle and drop over rough conglomerate rock into a small creek that runs through the park.

RESPONSIBLE RECREATION TIPS

As you explore, we ask that you please recreate responsibly. Help safeguard the splendor of these natural areas by sticking to well-defined trails, respecting others, and leaving no trace of your visit. Enjoy your journey and may the allure of nature inspire a sense of responsibility in all who explore it.



IMAGINE A RIVER CORRIDOR SO DEEP, SO WILD, AND SO REMOTE THAT THEY DESIGNATED IT A WILDERNESS... NEVER TO BE DEVELOPED AGAIN.

Now imagine a place exactly like that right here in the Keweenaw and you've got the **Sturgeon River Gorge Wilderness Area**! This rugged corner of the Ottawa National Forest is about an hour south of Houghton. No motorized vehicles are allowed within its borders, making it a true gem for backcountry explorers.

The highlight of this wild place is **Sturgeon River Falls**. Found deep at the bottom of the gorge, the waterfall packs a punch as the entire river squeezes through a narrow, rocky gap. A 1-mile hiking trail (one-way) takes you down to the falls. Pack a snack because you'll need the energy for the hike back uphill! Additional rapids and sheer cliff walls downstream from the falls add to the grandeur of this scenic spot.

Viewpoints abound from the rim of the gorge, most notably at the **Bear's Den Overlook**. A short, gentle hiking trail leads to a steep precipice above the river far below. Want even more big views? Just north of the gorge lies **Silver Mountain**, an impressive rocky outcrop that has sweeping 360° vistas and is a popular spot for rock climbers. The hike to the top of Silver Mountain is gorgeous and a moderate challenge no matter the season.

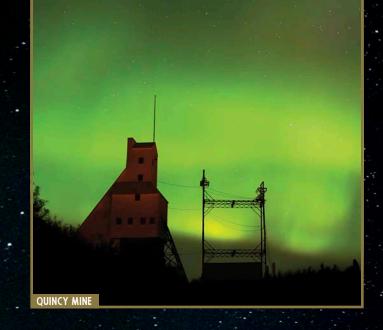
The Sturgeon River Gorge Wilderness has thousands of acres of old growth forest open to backcountry hikers. This expansive landscape is one of the quietest, most pristine places in the Keweenaw. During your visit, be sure to ©Leave No Trace so that others can enjoy this special place. Pack out your trash, keep your dog on a leash, leave what you find, and be courteous to other visitors. Together we can keep the wilderness character intact for other explorers to discover!

Getting to the Sturgeon River Gorge is easy. From the north, take US-41 to M-38 in Baraga. Follow M-38 until you see signs for Silver Mountain and Sturgeon River Falls. Turn on Prickett Dam Road before splitting off onto Forest Road 2270. Follow this south through the Ottawa National Forest for a little over 9 miles until you reach the trailhead for Sturgeon River Falls. You'll pass Silver Mountain on your way, and the Bear's Den Overlook is another ¾ mile further on FR2200.

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GORGE WILDERNESS





LIGHTS OUT!

STAY UP FOR A CELESTIAL SHOW IN THE KEWEENAW. YOU'LL ENCOUNTER SOME **OF THE DARKEST SKIES IN** THE LOWER 48 STATES.

Marvel under swirling colors that bend and stretch across the stars. Seek a low, unobstructed horizon for a chance at seeing the aurora or gaze into the Milky Way on a clear night. Know when conditions are right by downloading an app like My Aurora Forecast to receive alerts on your phone. You can catch the glowing green phenomenon as it dances across the sky with peak months being April, October, and November.

SCOUT YOUR SPOT: Head to the north shore at Great Sand Bay or Hunter's Point Park in Copper Harbor. Around Houghton, try the ADA accessible Nara Nature Boardwalk or McLain State Park for big views close to the Portage Canal. Head 15 minutes from Houghton for Breakers Beach or try Calumet Waterworks Park for good north-facing views free of most ambient light.

KEWEENAW DARK SKY PARK

Hunt for the stars and corner the aurora to your heart's content at the 550-acre Keweenaw Dark Sky Park in Copper Harbor. It was recognized by the International Dark-Sky Association in 2022, becoming the first in the Upper Peninsula. Headquartered at the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge, stargazers and astral photographers can enjoy prime conditions for seeing and capturing the night sky. Look for photography workshops and educational events from the Lodge and ask questions of the friendly staff.

Photography legend and Keweenaw Mountain Lodge employee Chris Guibert says Hole #4 on the golf course is one of his go-to spots for the aurora and stars and gets completely dark. You can park at the Lodge and explore the property following posted maps. The Keweenaw Dark Sky Park is open to the public year-round, but he also recommends folks checkout Brockway Mountain Drive in Eagle Harbor Township. Drive this 9.5-mile stretch up Brockway Mountain to reach one of the Keweenaw's highest peaks.

PRO-TIPS: Explore where you'll go during daylight hours. That way you're familiar with your surroundings in the dark. Most smartphones can capture the aurora and the stars if you use the right settings. Use a red flashlight to preserve your night vision when navigating on foot and make sure you're dressed for the weather. The northern lights arrive like waves in the sky, drawing you in-make sure you're comfortable watching for a while.



FAMILY FUN

TAKE A HIKE

The Keweenaw offers many trail experiences to choose from, even those that include the family canine companion. From day trips to Porcupine Mountain Wilderness State Park to forays into the Sturgeon River Gorge Wilderness Area, you'll have a hard time choosing!

RECOMMENDATION: Nara Nature Park and Nara River Boardwalk south of Houghton are great options for families, especially those with young children. Gentle trails and boardwalks traverse forested landscapes and wetlands with plenty of opportunities to spot wildlife.

VISIT A PARK

The Keweenaw is home to a wide variety of parks, from traditional playgrounds to nationally recognized wilderness parks and a unique historical park system that shares the region's rich copper mining heritage.

RECOMMENDATION: Houghton's Ray Kestner Park (known locally as "Chutes and Ladders") appears to be inspired by the classic childhood board game. Spend hours climbing and sliding along the scenic Keweenaw Waterway and cap it off with some ice cream from **Portage Paddle Sports**.

BECOME A ROCK STAR

Rock hounding is a beloved pastime in the Keweenaw, and there's something irresistible about spending hours walking along the lakeshore admiring wave-tumbled minerals. With more than 200 miles of Lake Superior shoreline and numerous public beaches, this is a great activity for families seeking free entertainment and possibly a free souvenir.

RECOMMENDATION: Families that include rock lovers should visit the A.E. Seaman Mineral Museum in Houghton. This is the State of Michigan's official mineral museum and it's located on Michigan Tech's campus.

SHRED SOME TRAILS

The Keweenaw is known as one of the top mountain biking destinations in the Midwest. And families seeking a little adrenaline will discover that this sport isn't just for the experts. Many of the Keweenaw's nearly 100 miles of singletrack are suitable for newbies. **Keweenaw Adventure Company** offers guided trips and equipment rentals for all skill levels.

RECOMMENDATION: New riders are encouraged to check out the Michigan Tech Trails in Houghton, Swedetown Trails in Calumet, The Keweenaw Mountain Lodge Trail System and the Orchard Trail (both in Copper Harbor).

STELLAR EXPLORATION

Stay up late to enjoy a cosmic show: Guess constellations, watch for shooting stars, or even catch a glimpse of the Northern Lights.

RECOMMENDATION: Did you know that Copper Harbor is home to the Upper Peninsula's only internationally certified dark sky park (Another park? We couldn't help ourselves). Headquartered at the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge, families can explore the Keweenaw Dark Sky Park which offers regular dark sky educational programming and a telescope lending program for dark sky viewing.



ACCESSIBLE ADVENTURES

THE KEWEENAW IS A HAVEN FOR **OUTDOOR ENTHUSIASTS AND HISTORY BUFFS WITH A TREASURE TROVE OF ACCESSIBLE ADVENTURES.**

OUTDOOR EXPLORATION

Nature lovers will find the Houghton Nara River Boardwalk and Houghton Waterfront Trail ideal for soaking in the scenic beauty of the region. The Waterfront Trail starts at Ray Kestner Park, which has a beach wheelchair available for use, and leads visitors along the southern shore of the Portage Canal and under the Portage Lake Lift Bridge. Accessible restrooms are located under the Lift Bridge.

The Nara River Boardwalk takes visitors along the banks of the Pilgrim River. A habitat for local wildlife and plant life, it features six-foot wide boardwalk trails crisscrossing the wetlands for an enjoyable down-and-back experience.

During the winter months, explore Michigan Tech's recreation trails. Sit skis are available for use on these trails which are often used for national cross-country ski races. Accessible restrooms are available on site.

ENJOY A SHOW

Houghton's Rozsa Center for the Performing Arts attracts talent from across the globe to entertain and inspire audiences. The venue has accessible seating and digital print programs for audience members.

RUSHING WATERFALLS

Eagle River Lower Falls is located right off M-26 in the hamlet of Eagle River. A must-visit for its breathtaking views. The site is equipped with an accessible path, allowing visitors of all abilities to witness the cascading waters. A viewing bridge is located a short paved distance away from the parking area.

Located in Lac La Belle, Haven Falls is a roadside park featuring Haven Creek flowing over bedrock. Viewable from the parking lot, the falls roar to life in late spring and early summer, dwindling to a trickle by late summer.

EXPERIENCE HISTORY

Begin your geological journey of the Keweenaw at the A.E. Seaman Mineral Museum in Houghton, where the glittering displays of minerals pay homage to the area's rich history. Visitors can appreciate these natural wonders with collections from the Keweenaw and across the globe.

Experience what life was like living in a remote part of the Keweenaw during the 19th Century. Fort Wilkins Historic **State Park** is a 17 building complex demonstrating the daily lives of local soldiers, their families and supporting services.

Check out the History of Hockey Museum in Houghton's Dee Stadium. Learn why Houghton is considered the birthplace of professional hockey. Sled hockey equipment is available during ice season.

Visit the Keweenaw National Historical Park Visitor **Center** in Calumet to learn more about the region's copper mining heritage and accessible attractions.



ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT RENTALS

Equipment Loans of the Keweenaw provides adaptive equipment rentals for outdoor enthusiasts of any age and for all seasons. Visit 809 Hecla Street, Hancock, MI.



Nestled on Michigan's Upper Peninsula, the Keweenaw Peninsula beckons environmentally conscious travelers seeking an outdoor adventure that aligns with their sustainable values and lifestyle. With an expanding network of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations, the Keweenaw is more accessible than ever for EV enthusiasts.

From the bustling cities of Detroit, Milwaukee, and Chicago, a scenic drive of seven to ten hours brings you to the heart of Keweenaw's pristine wilderness. Upon arrival, the towns of Houghton, Hancock, Calumet, and Copper Harbor welcome you with strategically positioned charging stations, ensuring that your journey is as seamless as it is eco-friendly. Be sure to use an app like PlugShare to find the nearest charger.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE

ACCESS

DID YOU KNOW?

Copper Harbor, MI is the furthest community (in the Lower 48 States) from an interstate highway. But don't worry! This destination has you covered with two EV charging stations located at **Keweenaw Mountain Lodge** and **Mariner North**. After a day of exploration, these sites provide a convenient and swift charge, powering you for your next adventure.

More information on the Keweenaw's EV charging stations can be found at **VisitKeweenaw.com**.

BIKE A MOUNTAIN

THERE'S NO BETTER PLACE TO RIDE YOUR MOUNTAIN BIKE THAN IN THE KEWEENAW! WHETHER YOU'RE AN EXPERIENCED RIDER OR JUST GETTING STARTED, WE HAVE SINGLETRACK FOR ALL TYPES OF TRAIL LOVERS.

FAMILY FRIENDLY RIDING

New to mountain biking and want to try a fun outdoor sport? The Keweenaw's easy trails (green circle) are suitable for the whole family! The **Michigan Tech Trails** in Houghton and **Swedetown Trails** in Calumet are both excellent places to start if you're taking it easy or have young riders in your group. Gently rolling terrain, wide trail corridors, and a lack of big bumps or drops make these trails a cinch to explore. You're also very close to town for a post-ride ice cream cone or dinner!

The **Copper Harbor Trails** also have a number of easyrated trails, including less-challenging singletrack at the **Keweenaw Mountain Lodge**, which offers guided rides, bike rentals, a bike wash, and mechanic station on site.

INTERMEDIATE TRAILS: OUR BREAD & BUTTER

Intermediate trails (blue square) can be found throughout the Keweenaw's trail networks. They form the backbone of the **Copper Harbor Trails** and **Churning Rapids & Maasto Hiihto**. Designed for moderately skilled riders who have a few miles under the belts, these trails feature a wide variety of elements depending on the terrain, forest type, soils, and construction style. Older hand-built singletrack often twist through the forest, bouncing riders over exposed roots and rocks that will challenge your balance at every turn. Newer flow trails may feature smooth berms, rollers, and the occasional jump for bonus smiles.



BIG THRILLS ON EXPERT-ONLY TERRAIN

Adrenaline junkies rejoice: the Keweenaw has you covered! The **Copper Harbor Trails** feature some of the fastest, rowdiest trails in the Midwest thanks to our steep terrain and exposed bedrock. From high-flying jump lines to literal cliff faces, these black diamond trails are designed for speed and require skill and bravery to tackle. Not to be outdone, the **SöKē Trails** are built upon (and within!) Adventure Mine in Ontonagon County.

GEAR UP FOR ADVENTURE

Keweenaw Adventure Company - Copper Harbor Keweenaw Mountain Lodge - Copper Harbor Cross Country Sports - Calumet Rhythm Bike & Board - Houghton Down Wind Sports - Houghton

Article by Nathan Miller

BRING YOUR BIKE UP NORTH AND EXPLORE WELL OVER 100 MILES OF THE MIDWEST'S MOST SCENIC SINGLETRACK!

RIDE OFF THE BEATEN PATH

Off-road vehicles help you reach some of the most beautiful and rugged destinations in the Keweenaw. Ride 160 miles of off-road trails reaching the high ground of Copper Harbor and through thick forests to Mass City on the Bill Nichols Trail. Use your machine to access remote parts of some of the oldest growth forests in Upper Michigan. Every designated trail is a scenic route here, taking you along rocky shorelines, tight corridors and hilly slopes.

RIDING AN ATV OR SXS UNLOCKS A REALM OF SIGHTS THAT ARE TOO REMOTE TO REACH BY FOOT. FUEL UP YOUR RIDE AND ENJOY THE STUNNING LANDSCAPE AROUND YOU.

See the Keweenaw's mining history first-hand as you ride converted railroad grades that used to move copper and timber through the peninsula. You'll notice old mining ruins and standing historic structures that whisper the last stories of previous generations. Want the local scoop on where to ride? Keweenaw ATV Club President Daryl St. John shared a few of his top picks:

- 1. FISH COVE—PEACE AND QUIET: A craggy shoreline outlook is perched on the southern side of the upper Keweenaw. Take Trail B through Lac La Belle past Breakfast Lake. Turn right onto Trail BK at Hoar Lake and continue to Fish Cove on Lake Superior. You'll likely see more wildlife than people here.
- 2. HIGH ROCK BAY—TOP TIER KEWEENAW: One of the most coveted locations to reach in the Keweenaw—High Rock Bay is a thrill to see on ORV. Take Trail B to BR and work around Schlatter Lake to reach this dreamy point. Find an elevated bare rock coast poking out into the crashing waves of Lake Superior next to a stone beach. Watch out for deep water and rocky roads. 4WD required.
- 3. COPPER HARBOR—A DAY LONG DISCOVERY: Make a whole day of riding from Houghton/Hancock to Copper Harbor, or vice versa. The trail system splits after Hancock, giving you options to break off into Dreamland, Gay, or Eagle River along the way. Keep your eyes peeled for waterfalls, streams, and wildlife.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO:

The Keweenaw's ATV system runs on a mix of public and private land ownership. Remember to ride responsibly and respect property owners. Do not ride off the trails. For the 2024 ORV season, Trail BA to Freda is closed and ORVs must keep off Brockway Mountain Drive. Watch out for other riders, logging trucks and vehicles you will encounter on the trails. Be respectful of other recreationalists by keeping speeds to a minimum and sharing the trail. Always practice responsible recreation while in the Keweenaw.

Make this your year to ride one of the Midwest's best ORV trail systems. Don't have an ORV? Reserve one for your trip from Copper Country Rentals in Calumet. Download a free Keweenaw ATV Trail Map from <u>VisitKeweenaw.com</u>.



EXPLORE THE BEACHES

FEEL THE SPLENDOR OF THE WARM SUMMER SUN AS YOU HUNT FOR AGATES ALONG THE KEWEENAW'S PEBBLED SHORELINE, FOLLOWED BY A REFRESHING AND INVIGORATING DIP IN THE COOL, FRESHWATERS OF LAKE SUPERIOR.

HUNTER'S POINT PARK - COPPER HARBOR, MI

Hunter's Point is a beautiful Copper Harbor destination that features volcanic rock formations and a red pebble beach that extends the length of the point into Lake Superior. Take a walk out to the point and enjoy the unique variety of flora as you listen to the calming songs of birds and other wildlife.

Home to an array of diverse shorelines, the Keweenaw is a prime destination for an Upper Peninsula beach day. Whether you seek a pleasant picnic area with views of Lake Superior or want to discover the treasures that wash up on her shores, here are our top Keweenaw beaches to explore.

AGATE BEACH - TOIVOLA, MI

Given its name, you'd expect this secluded beach to be filled with the beloved banded stone. And while you may be lucky enough to find an agate, the remote sandy cove is the true draw. Grab a pasty and enjoy a slow afternoon listening to Superior's waves gently lap against the shore.

MCLAIN STATE PARK - HANCOCK, MI

Centrally located between the cities of Hancock and Calumet, McLain State Park offers two miles of Lake Superior shoreline. Not only is this beach a paradise for rockhounds, but it also offers fantastic sunset views of the Keweenaw Waterway Upper Entrance Light. The park includes amenities like restrooms, hiking trails, a campground, and an accessible pathway to the beach.

BETE GRISE BEACH - LAC LA BELLE, MI

Local legend says that the pure white sand of this bay "sings" by pressing down with the palm of your hand, or "barks" when struck. This sound is said to be the voice of a Native American maiden who lost her lover to the Great Lakes and still calls to him from shore. The sand is said to lose its magical singing power when removed from the beach, so be sure to set aside a few hours to enjoy it while you are there.

SCHOOLCRAFT TOWNSHIP PARK

Schoolcraft Township Park features a sandy south shore beach on Big Traverse Bay. This is the perfect beach for those warm summer days when you want to kick back and soak up the rays. Enjoy wild berries and swim in the lake during the day, then wind down with a campfire and s'mores as the sun goes down.

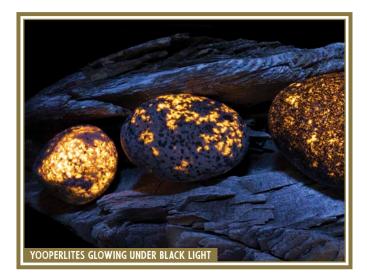
The promise of unparalleled beauty awaits—adventure North and discover the many treasures hidden along our pristine shores as you listen to the rhythmic melody of Lake Superior's waves. From sun-kissed sands and glistening gemstones to the refreshing cool waters of the Big Lake, the perfect Keweenaw Beach Day is waiting for you.

OVER A BILLION YEARS AGO, ANCIENT LAVA FLOWS HELPED FORM THE KEWEENAW PENINSULA DURING A GEOLOGICAL EVENT KNOWN AS THE MIDCONTINENT RIFT.

Volcanic activity of that time is responsible for the abundance of copper throughout the region, massive Keweenaw cliffs, and a great variety of rocks and minerals that even the best rockhounds are itching to discover. From copper veins deep underground to distinctive Keweenaw agates and the mesmerizing glow of 'Yooperlites,' the Keweenaw Peninsula stands out as a geological haven. Along the Keweenaw's pebbled shores, rockhounds will find everything from fossilized horn coral and Jacobsville sandstone to prehnite, amethyst, jasper, and rhyolite.

IDENTIFYING ROCKS & MINERALS

Learning how to properly identify rocks and minerals takes time and practice. For a valuable hands-on experience, we highly recommend visiting the **A.E. Seaman Mineral Museum**, the official Mineral Museum of Michigan. Exploring the diverse mineral displays there will provide you with a better understanding of mineral properties, such as color, layering, banding, luster, hardness, and texture.





ROCK PICKING DESTINATIONS

Begin your rock hunting adventure along the rocky shores of Lake Superior. While we can't give away all our secret rock hunting spots, we can point you in the right direction. The north shore of the Keweenaw tends to have more pebble beaches suitable for picking. Lake Superior waves toss and tumble the rocks found along these beaches, which lends to their smooth texture and rounded appearance. The huge waves and high tides you see during big storms also help move and rotate the massive piles of stones along the beach. This is why some of the best picking is right after a storm.

ROCK PICKING

Rockhounds looking to find their very own copper souvenir could use a metal detector to hunt the tailing piles at Cliff Mine. Need a metal detector? No problem. The A.E. Seaman Mineral Museum offers metal detector rentals for all your copper hunting adventures. Keep in mind that while there are many rock tailing piles throughout the Keweenaw, most of them are on private property. If you'd like to hunt additional rock piles, plan your trip during **Keweenaw Mineral Days**. This event provides a legal opportunity for mineral collecting on surface prepared piles throughout the region.

RESPONSIBLE ROCK PICKING

While delving into the mineral treasures of the Keweenaw, we urge you to do so responsibly. Please refrain from trespassing and adhere to the annual limit of 25 pounds per person per year on Michigan state-owned and public trust lands. It's important to note that mineral collection is prohibited in National Parks, and metal detection is not allowed in our State Parks.

<u>VisitKeweenaw.com/blog/post/become-a-keweenaw-</u> rockhound-your-guide-to-rock-picking-in-the-keweenaw

SUPERIOR PADDLING

DRAMATIC LANDSCAPES, EXHILARATING WATERS, AND ENDLESS PADDLING OPTIONS AWAIT.

The inland lakes of the Keweenaw and the vast Lake Superior offer unique experiences for anyone looking to explore via kayak, canoe, or standup paddleboard.

The inland lakes in the region each offer many distinct features and warm summer temperatures, fishing, and wildlife viewing. **Lake Fanny Hooe**, located outside of Copper Harbor, is two miles in length, but only a fifth of a mile wide. This lake offers sweeping views of **Fort Wilkins Historic State Park** and the surrounding rugged terrain.

Also near Copper Harbor is **Lake Medora** with its rocky islands, opportunities to explore, and a unique topography perfect for an explorer's adventure. Pack a picnic and soak up the silence.

STURGEON RIVER SLOUGH WILDLIFE AREA

Launching into Portage Lake from **Hancock Beach** or **Houghton's Kestner Waterfront Park**, paddlers can traverse under the iconic Portage Lake Lift Bridge—the gateway of the Keweenaw. Alternatively, you can put your paddlecraft in near Chassell or canoe on the **Sturgeon River Sloughs**—a birdwatcher's paradise.

South of Houghton, **Lake Perrault** is a beautiful waterway surrounded by northern hardwood forests, hemlocks, and giant white pines. Here you can end your paddle excursion with a hike that circumnavigates the lake.

Near Chassell is **Otter Lake**—one of the bigger lakes in the area at 2.5 miles long and 0.8 miles wide. Paddlers can go up-river to view the expansive forest canopy or explore the wetlands where the Otter River and lake meet to find birds and other wildlife.

Although some consider **Lac La Belle** part of Lake Superior, it was once separated by dunes along Bete Grise Bay before a channel was carved out to provide boaters an escape from Lake Superior's sometimes fierce waves. This lake is ideal to relax, get close to wildlife, and move through the channel to enjoy the pristine white sand beaches at **Bete Grise**.

For those seeking adventure, Lake Superior challenges even the most experienced with her unpredictability. But the areas around **Copper Harbor** offer views into remote coves and expansive vistas of geological formations inaccessible by land. The water can take you where no vehicles can.

When adventuring by water, we recommend bringing a waterproof/tear-proof map, lifejacket, sunscreen, water bottles, and snacks, while remaining mindful of the public landing sites to keep paddling experiences available along the waterways.

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BOUNDLESS

BOATING

THE KEWEENAW PENINSULA IS EMBRACED BY THE VAST WATERS OF LAKE SUPERIOR, WITH THE HISTORIC KEWEENAW WATERWAY CUTTING THROUGH ITS CORE.

Dredged in the 1860s to facilitate the seamless passage of freighters, the waterway provided access to the cities of Houghton and Hancock during a time when large quantities of copper were being exported from the region by boat.

Embark on a maritime adventure and discover firsthand why boating has become one of the Keweenaw's most beloved summer activities. Allow our local guides to curate a unique experience for your family and take you to destinations that simply can't be reached by car.

Hop aboard a luxury pontoon or cozy cabin cruiser with **Keweenaw Boat Tours** and take in views of pristine Keweenaw shoreline. Keweenaw Boat Tours offers several different tour options. Explore the Jacobsville Lighthouse and Sandstone Cliffs, take a boat ride to the very tip of the Keweenaw, visit hidden waterfalls, or experience the magic of a Lake Superior sunset—Captain Jason Swain can customize these adventures to make your trip one of a lifetime.

Copper Country Boat Tours offers their own set of water adventures. Passengers are invited to kick back and enjoy a slow-paced tour aboard the emissions-free S.S. Dragonfly or the all new 15 passenger cruiser. Take a historical tour in Copper Harbor or the Keweenaw Waterway, watch the sun set behind the Portage Lake Lift Bridge, or view shipwrecks hidden in the depths of Lake Superior.

For an epic six-hour boat ride around the tip of the Keweenaw, choose **U.P. Adventure Company**. Alternatively, opt to join their experienced team for a captivating day trip or an overnight adventure to Manitou Island. U.P. Adventure Company tailors all trips to meet your specific needs, ensuring a personalized and memorable maritime experience.

Charter a tour aboard the *MV Sandy* while visiting Isle Royale National Park. MV Sandy tours operate from Rock Harbor beginning in early June and ending in early September. Explore points of interest like the Edisen Fishery, Rock Harbor Lighthouse, Passage Island and more. Although the Isle Royale Queen IV and Ranger III are primarily responsible for transporting passengers to and from Isle Royale, they do offer special cruises on select dates.

<u>VisitKeweenaw.com/outdoors/outfitters-equipment-</u> rentals/guide-services

HERITAGE SITES

THE KEWEENAW NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK HEADQUARTERS & VISITORS CENTER IN CALUMET SERVES AS A GATEWAY TO THE REGION'S CAPTIVATING PAST.

Immersive exhibits provide a comprehensive overview of what life was like during the peak of the copper mining boom. Visitors can explore over twenty unique Heritage Sites across the Keweenaw Peninsula to gain a deeper understanding of the region's historical significance. Stop by the park's Visitor Center in downtown Calumet for ranger-led tours and exhibits.

ADVENTURE MINING COMPANY 200 Adventure Avenue, Greenland, MI adventureminetours.com

A.E. SEAMAN MINERAL MUSEUM Michigan Technological University 1404 E. Sharon Avenue, Houghton, MI <u>museum.mtu.edu</u>

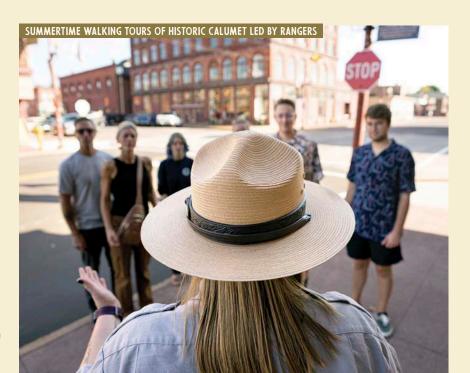
CALUMET THEATRE 340 Sixth Street, Calumet, MI calumettheatre.com

CARNEGIE MUSEUM OF THE KEWEENAW 105 Huron Street, Houghton, MI carnegiekeweenaw.org CHASSELL HERITAGE CENTER 42373 Hancock Street, Chassell, MI chassellhistory.org

COPPER COUNTRY FIREFIGHTERS HISTORY MUSEUM 327 Sixth Street, Calumet, MI

COPPER RANGE HISTORICAL MUSEUM 44 Trimountain Avenue, South Range, MI pasty.com/crhm

COPPERTOWN USA MINING MUSEUM 25815 Red Jacket Road, Calumet, MI visitkeweenaw.com/listing/coppertownusa-mining-museum/265



DELAWARE COPPER MINE 7804 Delaware Road, Mohawk, MI delawareminetours.com

FINNISH AMERICAN HERITAGE CENTER & HISTORICAL ARCHIVE 435 Quincy Street, Hancock, MI finlandia.edu/fahc

FORT WILKINS HISTORIC STATE PARK 15223 U.S. Highway 41, Copper Harbor, MI, michigan.org/property/fort-wilkinshistoric-state-park

HOUGHTON COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM 53150 Michigan State Highway 26, Lake Linden, MI houghtonhistory.org

HANKA HOMESTEAD MUSEUM 13249 Hanka Road, Askel, MI hankahomesteadmuseum.org

KEWEENAW HERITAGE CENTER AT ST. ANNE'S 25880 Red Jacket Road, Calumet, MI keweenawheritagecenter.org

KEWEENAW COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY Throughout the Keweenaw, MI keweenawhistory.org

LAURIUM MANOR INN 320 Tamarack Street, Laurium, MI laurium.info

MICHIGAN TECH UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES AND COPPER COUNTRY HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS Garden level of the Opie and Van Pelt Library, MTU, Houghton, MI mtu.edu/library/archives

OLD VICTORIA RESTORATION 25401 Victoria Dam Road, Rockland, MI facebook.com/oldvictoria

PAINESDALE MINE & SHAFT 42634 2nd St, Painesdale, MI painesdalemineshaft.com

PORCUPINE MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS STATE PARK 33303 Headquarters Road, Ontonagon, MI michigan.gov/dnr/places/v-centers/porkies

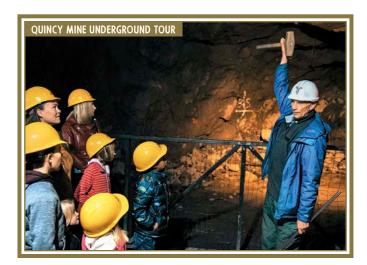
QUINCY MINE 49750 U.S. Highway 41, Hancock, MI quincymine.com QUINCY MINE COG WHEEL TRAM

STEP BACK IN TIME TO EXPERIENCE LIFE FOR MINERS WORKING UNDERGROUND IN THE COPPER COUNTRY—SO NAMED FROM THE 1843 MINERAL BOOM.

The history of the region has been extensively preserved and the passion and commitment of the early miners can be witnessed firsthand through guided tours, interpretive signage, historical sites, and museums.

Quincy Mine is preserved as part of the Keweenaw National Historical Park and has tour guides on-site for above and underground tours. To access the underground portion, guests ride on a cog wheel tram down the hillside with incredible views of Houghton and Hancock before making their way on foot into the mine. Above ground, visitors can walk around the museum, shaft house, and witness the marvels of engineering in the Nordberg steam hoist—the largest steam-powered hoist engine ever built.

The Quincy Smelter, on the Hancock waterfront, is the oldest and most complete smelter from this period, and is maintained for visitors to learn about the final processes in moving copper from ore to the final product.



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The Delaware Mine takes guests on a walking tour 100 feet below ground to a mine that operated from 1847 to 1887. As one of the earliest operating mines in the region, you will see the copper veins in the mine walls and remnants from the miners. Nearby are active archaeological excavations documenting historic and prehistoric mining in the area.

The Champion #4 Shaft House at the **Painesdale Mine & Shaft** provides background into the Copper Range Mining Company that operated from Atlantic Mine to Painesdale with free tours by appointment of the shaft house, hoist house, and the captain's house.

COPPER BARONS AND MINING COMPANIES APPEARED ACROSS THE KEWEENAW IN PURSUIT OF COPPER, SILVER, AND IRON FOR OVER 100 YEARS.

For those who love to explore, the **Adventure Mine** provides three different tour options of the underground mine. A 1.5 hour family hike underground, a 2-3 hour adventure where you can rappel 80 feet into a second location, or a 6 hour captain's tour to see mining artifacts left behind in the second level of the mine and a traditional miner's lunch the venerable pasty!

Remnants of the mining industry are sprinkled throughout the Keweenaw—from the historic **Calumet Theatre** to the **Laurium Manor Inn**. Visitors are encouraged to celebrate the unique heritage of the area, reflected in the architecture, artifacts, and the landscape itself.

IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE FINNISH CULTURE AND GET TO THE ROOTS OF THE KEWEENAW.

Saunas (pronounced SOW-nuhs) were brought to the area by Finnish immigrants working in mines in the late 19th century as a way to bathe, relax, and socialize. Initially focused along the shores of Lake Superior, a traditional sauna is followed with a plunge into cold waters to wash away the sweat. Today, many in the Keweenaw have wood burning or electric saunas on their property, going beyond relaxation and socialization to gain a myriad of health benefits.

SAUNAS ARE KNOWN TO REDUCE STRESS, IMPROVE SLEEP AND CIRCULATION, REDUCE INFLAMMATION, AND PROMOTE HEALTHIER SKIN.



Visitors to the region can experience true Finnish saunas at a few destinations. In Eagle Harbor along the shores of Lake Superior is our newest sauna escape—**Superior Steam** at **Fresh Coast Cabins**. Guests can book a private or social wood-fired sauna session, follow it up with a dip in Lake Superior, and then repeat. The sauna offers a full picture window to enjoy the beauty of the lake, as well as a patio area to relax on before or after the session. Guests are treated to complimentary towels, robes, changing rooms, electrolyte drinks, as well as a trained sauna guide.

The Nordic Spa at Mount Bohemia is a year-round spa offering a traditional Finnish sauna, as well as a eucalyptus steam cabin for relaxation. After the sauna, guests can transition to the cold pool or Nordic Waterfall or unwind in the large outdoor hot tub and hot pool with sweeping views of Mount Bohemia—voted best ski resort in the U.S. and Canada by USA Today.

SAUNA & SWIM

AFTER TREKKING ACROSS ROUGH TERRAIN, PADDLING THROUGH TUMULTUOUS WATERS, OR HITTING THE SLOPES, THERE IS NOTHING BETTER THAN UNWINDING IN A HOT SAUNA TO CAP OFF A BEAUTIFUL DAY.



"The Porkies," or Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park, is located approximately 1.5 hours from Houghton near Ontonagon and features 60,000 acres of old-growth forests, stunning waterfalls, and miles of awe-inspiring Lake Superior shoreline. While exploring the Porkies, visitors can't miss the breathtaking view of **Lake of the Clouds** and the Summit Peak observation tower.

Approximately 70 miles south of Houghton you'll find **Bond Falls**, located near Paulding. One of the most photographed falls in the Upper Peninsula, Bond Falls is 100 feet wide and features a drop of 50 feet with an easy and paved trail and boardwalk for wheelchair accessibility at six viewing locations from Bond Falls Road. Bond Falls Outpost provides views of the top of the falls from a trail with steps that take you to the base of the falls. These scenic falls are a can't miss.

DRIVABLE EXCURSIONS: DAY TRIPS

LET THE KEWEENAW BE YOUR BASECAMP AS YOU HEAD OUT ON DAYTRIPS ACROSS THE REGION TO CHECK OFF ADDITIONAL BUCKET LIST DESTINATIONS.

Just 40 minutes south of Houghton on the Keweenaw Bay is the Baraga and L'Anse Region with spectacular views of several waterfalls and Michigan's highest point—Mount Arvon. Outside of L'Anse, a roadside park and a quick onemile trail leads visitors to intimate views of cascading Canyon Falls and a deep gorge with beautiful rock formations.

The Upper Peninsula has countless can't-miss attractions, so we encourage you to set up base and explore everything our picturesque region has to offer: nature, small-town slowdowns, and history.

A MUST-SEE IN DOWNTOWN HOUGHTON, STUDIO 13 FEATURES KEWEENAW-INSPIRED GRAPHIC ARTWORK.

Owner Christopher Schmidt shares his passion for the Keweenaw through his unique designs available in his shop at 323 Shelden Avenue.

WHAT IS STUDIO 13?

"It's where I sell prints, cards, t-shirts, and stickers that highlight the beauty of the Keweenaw as well as things I'm passionate about like cross country, downhill skiing, and cycling."

HOW DID STUDIO 13 COME TO BE?

"I grew up in northern lower Michigan and ended up in Houghton when I studied at Michigan Tech in the late 80s. I graduated with a degree in physics and a masters in geophysics. I worked in-industry for ten or so years and came back to Houghton in early 2004. I started out making posters for bike races and ski races for local events. Over time, more started to approach me to create race posters. But the posters lose applicability once the event is over."



WHY INTERTWINE ART AND THE KEWEENAW?

"I wanted to find a way to give the posters life so they could keep on living. I started making posters with local appeal, but the real turning point was with the Keweenaw Explorer playing cards. It's a deck of 52 activities to do to experience the Keweenaw in all of its awesomeness. Someone approached me with this idea and suddenly I had 52 designs that reflected the Keweenaw, and they went into the card deck and onto my walls and have been available as posters and cards on their own."

WHAT DO YOU DO FOR FUN IN THE KEWEENAW?

"In the summer I'm riding my bike, in the winter I am skiing the trails. I ride mountain bike, road bike, gravel, all types of cycling. In the winter all types of skiing, downhill as well. My favorite place to cross-country ski is the Maasto Hiihto Churning Rapids trails. It's classic only but it's such a special place in the winter."

ADVENTURE MEETS ART



STIR YOUR SOUL

IN THE KEWEENAW, YOUR HARDEST DECISION IS WHETHER YOU WANT TO LAUGH, BE IMMERSED IN MUSIC, OR GET LOST IN A MOVING PERFORMANCE. OR EXPERIENCE THEM ALL.



ROZSA CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Step inside the Upper Peninsula's largest performance venue for world class entertainment. The 80,000-square-foot **Rozsa Center for the Performing Arts** hosts quality performers, musicians and comedians throughout the year. The Rozsa's tall, striking glass wall architecture is a beacon on Michigan Tech's scenic campus next to the Portage Canal. Whether you're a connoisseur of classical music, a theater enthusiast or just seeking a night of laughter, the Rozsa has a special show for you: <u>mtu.edu/rozsa</u>

ORPHEUM THEATER

Get ready to let loose and dance at the **Orpheum Theater**. Located in Hancock on 426 Quincy Street, the Orpheum features a 1912 vaudeville stage and movie theater. Savor a slice of **Studio Pizza** as you groove to live performances from local and international musicians. This intimate venue is a cultural gem in Hancock and will make you feel the connection between your seat and the stage. Get the scoop: **facebook.com/theorpheumhancock**





CALUMET THEATRE

Step into the Keweenaw's past by visiting the **Calumet Theatre**. Enter the lobby through a Jacobsville sandstone façade and choose your seat along the red-carpet rows after stopping by concessions. Access the second floor balcony via a marble staircase. Gaze down at the glorious auditorium and admire the artwork plastered arch that frames the stage. Watch a play performance or concert at the Calumet Theatre or enjoy a tour. After the show, swing into **Shute's 1890 Saloon** next door for a drink. The saloon features a Brunswick stained-glass canopy overhanging the original back bar. See upcoming shows: **calumettheatre.com**



BONFIRE AT THE CONTINENTAL FIRE CO.

Dine by day and dance by night at **Bonfire at The Continental**. Formerly the city fire station, the building is perched on the corner of Montezuma Avenue and Huron Street with views of the Portage Canal. Jam out to regional musicians or bust a move on the dance floor at weekend club nights. Unwind over food and drinks under the hanging ambient lights and beautifully crafted venue featuring a grand staircase to the second-floor dining room. Try delicious cocktails and mouth watering entrees while enjoying the talents of local and regional musicians. Never miss the music: **facebook.com/bonfire.cfc**

WHERE TO STAY



AHMEEK COPPERMINE CAMP 3295 Hwy US 41, Mohawk, MI ahmeekcopperminecamp.com

AMERICINN BY WYNDHAM CALUMET

56925 S Sixth St, Calumet, MI wyndhamhotels.com/americinn/calumetmichigan/americinn-lodge-and-suitescalumet/rooms-rates





ROCK HARBOR LODGE



AQUA LOG CABINS 6532 Lac La Belle Rd, Lac La Belle, MI <u>mtbohemia.com</u>

BELLA VISTA MOTEL 180 Sixth Street, Copper Harbor, MI bellavistamotel.com

BROCK WAY INN 840 Gratiot Street, Copper Harbor, MI brockwayinn.com

CEDAR POINT CABINS 9394 State Hwy M-26, Eagle Harbor, MI cedarpointcabins.net

CENTENNIAL COTTAGES 26950 No 4 Rd, Calumet, MI centennialcottages.net

COPPER COUNTRY INN 46995 US Hwy 41, Houghton, MI coppercountryinn.com

COUNTRY INN & SUITES BY RADISSON 919 Razorback Dr, Houghton, MI countryinns.com/houghtonmi

DA BEACH CABIN 6260 Gay Lac La Belle Road, Lac La Belle, MI, <u>dabeachcabin.com</u>

EAGLE RIVER COTTAGE 5029 W Main St, Eagle River, MI pasty.com/real-estate/eagleriver

EXPEDITION INN 24631 Veterans Memorial Hwy, Calumet, MI, expeditioninn.com

FITZGERALD'S HOTEL & RESTAURANT 5033 Front St, Eagle River, MI fitzgeralds-mi.com FRESH COAST CABINS 13051 State Hwy M-26, Eagle Harbor, MI freshcoastcabins.com

HAMPTON INN & SUITES BY HILTON 820 Shelden Ave, Houghton, MI hilton.com/en/hotels/cmxhghx-hamptonhoughton

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS 1110 Century Way, Houghton, MI holidayinnexpress.com/houghtonmi

HOUGHTON SUPER 8 BY WYNDHAM 1200 E Lakeshore Dr, Houghton, MI wyndhamhotels.com/super-8/houghtonmichigan/super-8-houghton/overview

INDEPENDENCE STAY OF HOUGHTON

913 Razorback Drive, Houghton, MI independencestay.com/accommodations/ houghton

INN ON LAC LA BELLE 6251 Lac La Belle Rd, Lac La Belle, MI <u>mtbohemia.com</u>

KEWEENAW HODGE PODGE LODGE 6603 State Hwy M-26, Eagle Harbor, MI keweenawhodgepodgelodge.net

KEWEENAW MOUNTAIN LODGE 14252 US Hwy 41, Copper Harbor, MI keweenawmountainlodge.com

KEWEENAW WATERS RESORT 17800 Canal Rd, Houghton, MI keweenawwatersresort.com

KING COPPER MOTEL 447 E Brockway Ave, Copper Harbor, MI kingcoppermotel.com

LAC LA BELLE LAKESIDE CABIN 5722 Gay Lac La Belle Rd, Lac La Belle, MI <u>Ilbcabin.com</u> LAC LA BELLE LODGE 11627 Superior St, Lac La Belle, MI laclabellelodge.com

LAKE BREEZE RESORT 299 E North St, Eagle Harbor, MI

LAKE FANNY HOOE RESORT THE PINES RESORT 505 Second Street, Copper Harbor, MI fannyhooe.com

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MARINER NORTH RESORT 255 Gratiot Street, Copper Harbor, MI manorth.com

MINNETONKA RESORT 562 Gratiot Street, Copper Harbor, MI minnetonkaresort.com

MOUNT BOHEMIA RESORT 6532 Lac La Belle Road, Lac La Belle, MI mtbohemia.com

PARKVIEW LODGE 32423 N Hwy M-26, Twin Lakes, MI parkviewlodgeandgrill.com

QUALITY INN & SUITES 215 Shelden Ave, Houghton, MI qualityinnandsuiteshoughton.com RAMADA WATERFRONT BY WYNDHAM 99 Navy St, Hancock, MI ramadahancock.com

ROCK HARBOR LODGE Isle Royale, MI rockharborlodge.com

THE SPIRIT OF THE NORTH RETREAT COTTAGE 353 Fifth Street, Copper Harbor MI minnetonkaresort.com

THE VAULT HOTEL 600 Shelden Ave, Houghton, MI thevaulthotel.com

THE YELLOW HOUSE 308 Tamarack St, Laurium, MI laurium.info

TRAILSIDE LODGE 57900 US Hwy 41, Calumet, MI thetrailsidelodge.com

VIC'S CABINS 58696 US Hwy 41, Calumet, MI <u>vicscabins.com</u>

VICTORIAN HALL 305 Tamarack St, Laurium, MI laurium.info

WHITE HOUSE LODGING 3606 US Highway 41, Mohawk, MI whitehouselodging.com

WILDERNESS RESORT 6309 Fifth St, Lac La Belle, MI wildernessresortllc.com









TANTALIZE YOUR TASTEBUDS

A CURATED LIST OF OUR TOP PICKS FOR THE HUNGRY (OR THIRSTY) TRAVELER.

LOCAL WHITEFISH MARINER NORTH - COPPER HARBOR, MI

The Mariner has a ton of menu options and is a great choice for families and groups visiting Copper Harbor. I love their whitefish. It has a great batter and tons of flavor. You can enjoy it as a fish taco or go big with the dinner platter. - Brad

GREAT BURGERS THE U.P. PUB - CALUMET, MI

This unassuming pub offers some fantastic food! Sign claims, "Best Burgers," and it's true! The reubens are great, too! - Kayleigh

COOLEST PLACE TO HAVE A BEER KEWEENAW BREWING CO. - HOUGHTON, MI

The KBC welcomes you inside its wooden walled brewery. Take a seat at one of the log cabin tables or raised bar stools inside or enjoy one of the outdoor decks. If you like IPAs, ask for the Point Trail Ale. - Jesse

WATERFRONT DINING THE FITZGERALD'S RESTAURANT - EAGLE RIVER, MI

The Fitz is known for having great barbecue and an amazing atmosphere. But what really sets it apart is the views of Lake Superior. Their brisket is amazing and they make an incredible Old Fashioned. - Brad

STEP BACK IN TIME SHUTE'S 1890 SALOON - CALUMET, MI

Enjoy a local beer at Shute's 1890 Saloon. Originally an Italian Men's Club, this beautiful landmark features a stunning Brunswick stained-glass canopy. - Kayleigh

FISHBOWLS ON THE CANAL AMBASSADOR RESTAURANT - HOUGHTON, MI

Step into the striking Ambassador Restaurant for their award winning tostada pizza and delectable fishbowl drinks. Look up at the eleven fascinating murals spanning the ceiling. - Jesse

TASTY TAKEOUT SPOT RODEO KITCHEN - HOUGHTON, MI

The option to order online makes Rodeo Kitchen a quick takeout spot! Grab a burrito or pork bowl to go and enjoy it along the Houghton waterfront. - Kayleigh

HIDDEN GEM GLACIA TAVERN - MOHAWK, MI

The atmosphere is cozy and the staff are friendly. I may dispute Kayleigh's earlier claim, because Glacia makes a great burger. You can tell they put a lot of thought into the menu and flavor combinations. Be sure to call ahead and make reservations to get your preferred dining time. - Brad

FAMILY-FRIENDLY EATERY MINE SHAFT/ROCKHOUSE - HOUGHTON, MI

Find a traditional american food diner in Houghton complete with a bowling alley and arcade. It's mine themed, and will feed you like you've got a miner's appetite. I've never been disappointed in the food or service at Mine Shaft and it's great for any group or occasion. - Jesse

BAKERY BOOST RAMONA'S BAKERY - CALUMET, MI

Housed in a vintage gas station on 5th & Elm, this is the perfect spot to grab coffee and baked goods before a hike. - Kayleigh

DRINKS WITH A VIEW THE OBSERVATORY LOUNGE - HOUGHTON, MI

There's no better view when enjoying a drink than The Observatory Lounge in Houghton. The seventh floor venue provides fabulous views of the Keweenaw Waterway, Mont Ripley and downtown Houghton. - Brad

RISE & GRIND

KEWEENAW COFFEE WORKS - CALUMET, MI

Satiate your need for caffeine at Keweenaw Coffee Works in historic downtown Calumet. They have amazing lunch and bakery options. My go-to is their Oceanside roasted turkey, smoked bacon, and avocado sandwich. It's delicious! - Brad



COMPLETE RESTAURANT LIST: VISITKEWEENAW.COM

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BECOME A KEWEENAW PASTY TRAIL LEGEND?

PICK UP A PASTY

IF YOU'VE GOT THE GUTS (LITERALLY AND FIGURATIVELY), COMPLETE THE CHALLENGE TO ACHIEVE UNPRECEDENTED FAME AND SCORE SOME SWEET KEWEENAW SWAG:

- **1.** Snap a picture of yourself outside each of our **Pasty Shops** and try a pasty. Seriously, they're tasty.
- Post the pictures to your Instagram account using the hashtag #KeweenawPastyTrail. You can take your sweet time or do them all in a day. Just practice safe pasty consumption.
- After posting all the pics, send us a message on Instagram (@visit_keweenaw), or by email to info@visitkeweenaw.com, letting us know you're claiming Legendary Status and your mailing address.
- 4. We'll verify and send you some Keweenaw swag.

WHAT IS A PASTY?

Pronounced "pass-tee," a pasty is a folded pastry case with a savory filling—typically seasoned meat and root vegetables such as potato and rutabagas. This travel-ready meal came to the Keweenaw by way of Cornish miners who migrated to the area to work in the region's booming copper mines during the 19th century.



PASTY TRAIL SHOPS

Mohawk Superette (fresh pasties on Tuesdays and Fridays) 158 Stanton Ave, Mohawk, MI 49950

Toni's Country Kitchen 79 3rd St, Laurium, MI 49913

Amy J's Pasty & Bake Shop 1000 N Lincoln Dr, Hancock, MI 49930

Roy's Pasties & Bakery 305 W Lakeshore Dr, Houghton, MI 49931

Jen's Kitchen 56901 S. Sixth St, Calumet, MI 49913

Krupp's Mini Mart 32260 M-26, Toivola, MI 49965

Pasty Central (The Hut) 58540 Wolverine St #41, Calumet, MI 49913

Slim's Cafe & Bakery (serves pasties only on Thursdays) 38 Mohawk Street, Mohawk, MI 49950

Suomi's Home Restaurant & Bakery 54 Huron St, Houghton, MI 49931

Keweenaw Co-Op Market & Deli 1035 Ethel Ave, Hancock, MI 49930

Griffin Family Cafe & Catering 200 Michigan St #313, Hancock, MI 49930

East Fork Pasty Company at Ramona's Kitchen (only Sundays and Mondays from noon to sold out) 501 Elm St, Calumet, MI 49913

Bear Belly Pit Stop 11627 Superior St, Mohawk, MI 49950



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