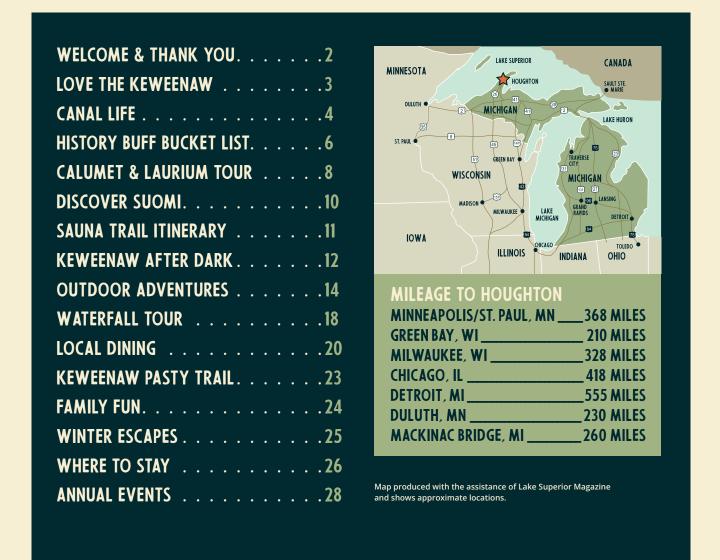
KEWEENAW PENINSULA

VISITOR GUIDE









# WELCOME & THANK YOU



# THE KEWEENAW IS A PRETTY AMAZING PLACE. BUT DID YOU KNOW THAT YOUR VISIT MAKES IT EVEN BETTER?

When lodging with one of Visit Keweenaw's partners, your stay contributes to our Destination Development Fund. The Fund makes investments in area trails, community art, historical conservation projects and even supports local volunteer groups who work to protect and maintain the trails we all love.

But did you also know your stay with our partners powers countless community events and festivals like Pasty Fest, the CopperDog 150 Sled Dog Race, and Michigan Tech's Winter Carnival? These events celebrate our communities and elevate what makes the Keweenaw so special.

SO THANK YOU FOR VISITING. We're glad you've chosen to spend your time with us. Enjoy your experience in the Keweenaw.





## LOVE THE KEWEENAW

WELCOME TO MICHIGAN'S KEWEENAW PENINSULA—A PLACE WHERE RUGGED NATURAL BEAUTY MEETS RICH CULTURAL HERITAGE. WE'RE DELIGHTED YOU'VE CHOSEN TO EXPLORE OUR SCENIC TRAILS, HISTORIC SITES, AND VIBRANT COMMUNITIES.

As you embark on your adventure, we kindly ask you to embrace the principles of responsible recreation to ensure the Keweenaw remains a pristine destination for generations to come.

#### **RESPECT & SUPPORT LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

Our towns are the heart of the Keweenaw. Engage with local businesses, eateries, and artisans to experience the unique culture of the area. Your support sustains our communities and enriches your visit.

#### SAFETY FIRST

Always prioritize your well-being. Weather can change rapidly; dress appropriately and be aware of your surroundings. When you put yourself at risk, you risk the lives of others.

By embracing these practices, you contribute to the preservation of the Keweenaw's natural wonders and the well-being of its communities. We hope your journey is filled with memorable experiences and that you carry a piece of the Keweenaw spirit with you long after you leave.

#### LOVE, THE KEWEENAW

**P.S.** For more tips on demonstrating your love of the Keweenaw, visit **LoveTheKeweenaw.com** 



#### **LEAVE NO TRACE®**

Our landscapes thrive when we all do our part. Dispose of waste properly, stay on designated trails, and avoid disturbing wildlife. Simple actions like packing out what you pack in help maintain the natural beauty of our environment.

#### **RESPECT WILDLIFE**

Respect animals' space and observe from a safe distance. Avoid feeding them. Human food can harm wildlife and disrupt their natural behaviors.

#### **BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHERS**

Share trails and public spaces courteously. Keep noise levels low to preserve the tranquility that many seek here. And respect private property so that public spaces remain public.

#### PLAN AHEAD AND BE PREPARED

Our region offers vast wilderness areas where cell service can be limited. Before setting out, inform someone of your itinerary and carry necessary supplies. Familiarize yourself with local maps and trail conditions to navigate safely.







## CANAL LIFE

## YOUR SUMMER GUIDE TO HOUGHTON-HANCOCK

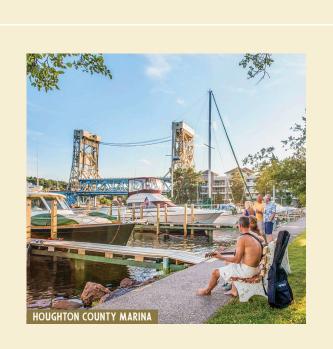


Houghton-Hancock's **canal scene** is the heartbeat of **summer**—where slow mornings meet golden sunsets, and every turn offers something new to discover. Whether you're looking to **dine al fresco**, **soak in a sauna**, **sip a cocktail with a view**, **or simply take a sunset stroll**, here's how to make the most of your time along the Portage Canal.

#### **START YOUR DAY, CANAL STYLE**

**SUNRISE ON THE CANAL**: Grab a coffee from **Suomi** or **5th & Elm** and take a peaceful walk along the waterfront. Watch as the first rays hit the bridge—there's no better way to wake up in the Keweenaw.

DOWNTOWN GEMS & FARMERS MARKETS: Head to Main Street Rocks on Shelden Avenue for unique finds, then slip through the new accessible pedestrian corridor by Michigan Made to Lakeshore Drive in Houghton for a mix of shopping and waterfront vibes. If you're visiting on a Tuesday, the Houghton Farmers Market on the Waterfront Pier is a must for fresh local goods.



### WHERE TO EAT, DRINK, & RELAX BY THE WATER

#### **OUTDOOR DINING HOT SPOTS**

**DT (The Downtowner) Deck (Houghton)** – The perfect mid-day patio spot for lunch with a view.

**The Den Patio (Houghton)** – A cozy, tucked-away spot with great food and summer cocktails.

**Gino's Patio (Hancock)** – A laid-back outdoor dining space with Italian favorites.

**Roy's Pasties (Houghton)** – Start your day with a breakfast pasty or grab lunch and dine at Roy's outdoor dining area on the Portage Canal.



#### SOCIAL DISTRICT & DRINKS WITH A VIEW

**Observatory Lounge (7th floor, Hampton Inn Houghton)** – Sunset cocktails with a front-row seat to Mont Ripley & Quincy Smelter.

**KBC (Houghton)** – Known locally as "The KBC," Houghton's Keweenaw Brewing Company features two outdoor dining decks with a prime canal sightline and a mural of the waterfront.

**Small Craft (Hancock)** – A stylish craft cocktail bar next to Takka Portage.

**Ambassador (Houghton)** – A historic lounge with beautiful murals and indoor canal views. Try the tostada pizza and fishbowl cocktails.

**Houghton Social District** – Grab a drink from The Den or The Ambassador and take a leisurely stroll to the pier—sip while you soak in the canal breeze in the LoHo (Lower Houghton) Social District.

# TAKKA PORTAGE

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#### SWEAT. CHILL. REPEAT

Hancock's **Takka Portage** offers an **authentic Finnish sauna experience**—complete with hot-cold cycles, guided sessions, and full-body wellness benefits. **Pro tip:** Take the plunge, but skip the alcohol—sauna & cocktails don't mix!

**Live Music & Evening Vibes:** Catch **live music at Porvoo Park**—a favorite waterfront spot that brings the energy of Canal Life to light. **Houghton's Tuesday Farmers Markets** are also known for having live music on the pier.

#### **GOLDEN HOUR WALKS & PHOTO OPS**

**Houghton's "Gateway to the Keweenaw" mural** – Snap a pic with the iconic **Portage Lake Lift Bridge** in the background near Bridgeview Park.

**Pier & Boardwalk strolls** – The canal is at its dreamiest when the sun dips behind the hills or during the morning sunrise.

**Nara Nature Trail Boardwalk** – Serene and tranquil, the wheelchair-friendly spot explores a wetlands preserve just outside Houghton.

#### SEE THE CANAL FROM THE WATER

**Book a boat tour** with **Keweenaw Boat Tours** or **Copper Country Boat Tours**—it's the best way to see historic sites, epic views, and the canal's hidden beauty from a whole new perspective.

# READY TO EXPERIENCE CANAL LIFE?? SLOW DOWN, TAKE IT ALL IN, AND SAVOR EVERY SUMMER MOMENT BY THE WATER.

# HISTORY BUFF BUCKET LIST



#### HISTORIC COPPER COUNTRY MUST-SEE DESTINATIONS

Throughout the Keweenaw Peninsula, markers of history stand proudly against the test of time—a touchstone to the past and a launching point for modern discovery! Copper Country history is writ large in a story of stone and mineral, culture and architecture—a place where humanity and history still to this day weave a vibrant story. Increase your Copper Country history IQ by marking off all 17 must-see historic spots.

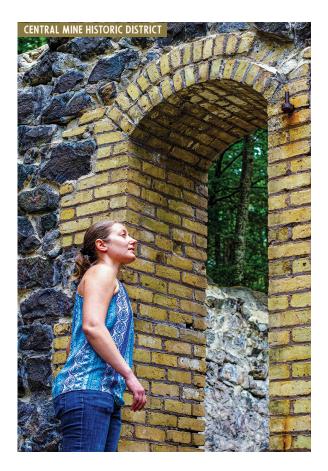




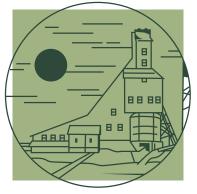


#### HISTORY BUCKET LIST

- 1. Hanka Homestead (Pelkie)
- 2. Painesdale Mine & Shaft (Painesdale)
- 3. Chassell History Trail (Chassell)
- 4. A. E. Seaman Mineral Museum (Houghton)
- 5. Carnegie Museum (Houghton)
- 6. History of Hockey Museum (Dee Stadium, Houghton)
- 7. Portage Lake Lift Bridge (Houghton/Hancock)
- 8. Quincy Mine & Hoist (Hancock)
- 9. Finnish American Heritage Center & Archives (Hancock)
- 10. Keweenaw National Historical Park Visitors Center (Calumet)
- 11. Downtown Calumet
- 12. Houghton County Historical Museum (Lake Linden)
- 13. Bammert Blacksmith Shop (Phoenix)
- 14. Central Mine Historic District (Central)
- 15. Eagle River Museum (Eagle River)
- 16. Delaware Mine Tours (Delaware)
- 17. Fort Wilkins Historic State Park (Copper Harbor)











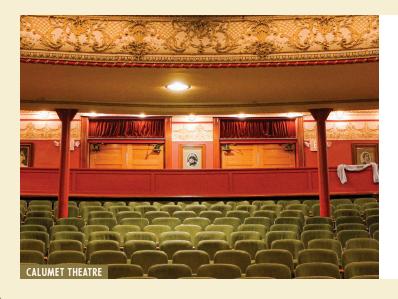


# NESTLED IN THE UPPER PENINSULA, THE HISTORIC TOWNS OF CALUMET AND LAURIUM ARE CHARMING GEMS STEEPED IN COPPER MINING HISTORY, STUNNING ARCHITECTURE, AND NATURAL BEAUTY.

Whether you're a history buff, outdoor enthusiast, or simply love exploring quaint small towns, these communities offer something unique. For a concentrated dose of Copper Country, check these off your To-Do list!

#### THE KEWEENAW NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

Downtown Calumet is more than a picturesque main street. Once a copper mining hub, the heart of Calumet is part of the **Keweenaw National Historical Park (KNHP)** and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Visit the KNHP HQ on 5th Street, where kids can become Junior Rangers, and adults can explore the area's deep history. Don't miss the **guided Ranger Walking Tours** to see how Calumet's past shapes its present—from parks to architecture.



#### TOUR THE CALUMET THEATRE

**The Calumet Theatre** is unmissable with its towering sandstone walls, majestic cupola, and glittering marquee lights. A cornerstone for arts and entertainment since the early 1900s, it's a perfect example of how Calumet blends history with modern culture. Take a walking tour or catch a show to experience its rich legacy. Then swing into neighboring **Shute's 1890 Saloon** for a taste of the copper boom nightlife under the Brunswick stained-glass canopy!

#### **HEAD TO MAIN STREET CALUMET**

Let the historic cobblestone streets guide you! From the main 5th Street corridor to surrounding blocks, Calumet is a treasure trove of local gems, including tasty bites, art, music, and antiques. Hungry? Try the **Michigan House** for craft beer with Copper Country charm, or the **U.P. Pub** for a flat-top burger only locals know about. Sip artisan coffee on the patio at **Keweenaw Coffee Works** or explore artwork at **Gallery on 5th**. For something eclectic, visit **Vertin Gallery** for vintage finds or **Kitschy Spirit Records** for a taste of the local music scene. **Cross Country Sports** offers gear rentals for outdoor adventures.

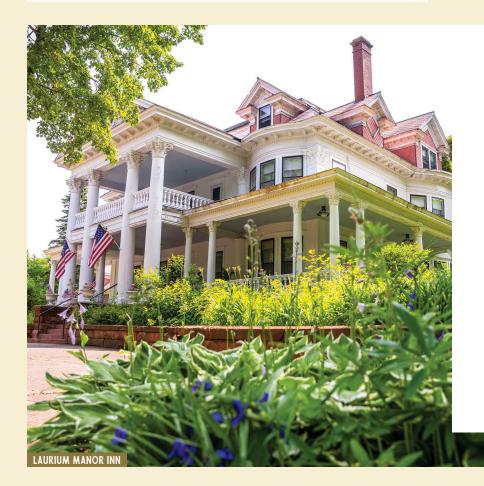
#### TURN ON THE WATERWORKS

No trip to the Keweenaw is complete without Lake Superior! Calumet Waterworks Park, just outside the village, offers a mixed sand-and-stone beach perfect for lounging, rock hunting, and swimming. Lake Superior agates and fluorescent sodalite often wash up here—bring a UV flashlight! Whether you're swimming in summer or watching sunsets over icy waters in winter, the Waterworks Park never disappoints. The park offers paved parking, pavilions, basketball courts, and rustic restrooms for a full day of relaxation. For bonus nature enjoyment, head across the street to Gardeners Creek Nature Trail. Loop trails total up to a peaceful 5-mile hike, with gorgeous deep woods flora and fauna, creeks, and a small cascading seasonal creek waterfall to discover.



#### TASTE OF LAURIUM

Laurium's food scene is diverse and delicious. Copper Country Sweets, housed in a stunning Jacobsville sandstone building, serves local and seasonal pastries. Craving something savory? Miller's Lanes offers tasty wings and a chance to bowl a few frames. Don't miss Toni's Country Kitchen, a pasty destination loved by locals. Served with a pat of butter, Toni's pasties are considered by some to be among the best in the region. Grab a Keweenaw Pasty Trail map to explore other must-try pasty spots!



#### STROLL THROUGH LAURIUM'S HISTORIC DISTRICT

Laurium, established in 1895 to house mine owners and captains, has its own rich history. Just blocks from Calumet, Laurium's tree-lined streets and grand homes evoke a peaceful suburban Copper Country feel. Pick up a Laurium Historic District Tour map to delve into family and architectural history on foot or by car. The Laurium Manor Inn is a must-see with its grand columned porch and stately white facade. This well-preserved home reflects the prestige of the mining elite and offers self-guided tours from 12-3PM daily. Better yet, book your stay at this incredible bed & breakfast for the ultimate historic stay.



## DISCOVER SUOMI FINNISH CULTURE

WHEN FINNISH IMMIGRANTS ARRIVED
IN THE KEWEENAW DURING THE 1800S
COPPER MINING BOOM, THEY BROUGHT
MORE THAN A WORKFORCE AND A WARM
COMMUNITY—THEY BROUGHT THEIR
TRADITIONS, INNER-STRENGTH (A.K.A.
SISU), AND LOVE FOR THE OUTDOORS.

The Finnish legacy is still prominent—nearly one in three Keweenaw residents have Finnish heritage. You'll notice bilingual street signs in the City of Hancock, towns with names like Toivola, and many saunas—another Finnish influence. Hancock is sister cities with Porvoo, Finland—go to Hancock's Porvoo Park for striking views of the Portage Canal, Houghton, and Hancock. It's a great spot to sit for lunch with seating for families.

#### FIND YOUR OWN SISU

Find you own sisu in the Keweenaw by taking a refreshing dip in Lake Superior or relaxing in a hot sauna. (We recommend doing both.) There's Finnish foods to be found and ways to connect with the spirit of Finland in Michigan's northernmost destination. Swap stories with friendly locals and enjoy the pristine landscape. Visit Keweenaw invites you to slow down, embrace the elements and experience the Finnish way of life. The Keweenaw's landscape and climate is similar to Finland—one reason the cultural group decided to form deep roots here.

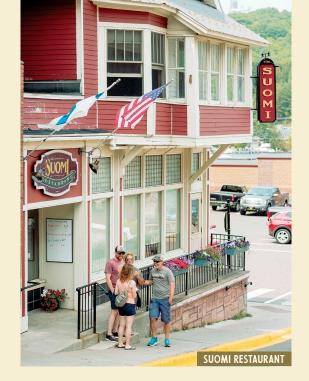
#### THE SUOMI RESTAURANT

For an authentic taste of Finland, visit the beloved **Suomi Restaurant** on Huron Street in Downtown Houghton. Their legendary pannukakku (Finnish pancakes) are golden, custardy, and irresistibly rich—best enjoyed with a generous smear of warm raspberry sauce. Pair your breakfast with a strong cup of coffee and fuel up for a day of adventure by the Portage Canal. To truly step back in time, take a **Quincy Mine Tour** and experience what life was like for the miners who built this region. And don't leave without trying Suomi's famous hand-crafted pasties, a hearty nod to the Upper Peninsula's deeprooted culinary traditions. Just look for the Finnish flag waving proudly outside—you've found the real deal.



#### **FINNISH HERITAGE SITES**

Looking for more Finnish culture, art, and history? Head to the **Finnish American Heritage Center** in Hancock on Quincy Street to discover a rotating Finnish gallery, archives, and different historical displays. Next door is **North Wind Books**—a Finnish gift and book store. Another unique site is the **Hanka Homestead** on US-41 just south of Chassell. It features a tourable farming homestead where you can see how families lived and survived harsh winters by being entirely self-sufficient. The Hanka Homestead is part of the Keweenaw National Historical Park and offers lesser-told insights into the Keweenaw's copper mining story.



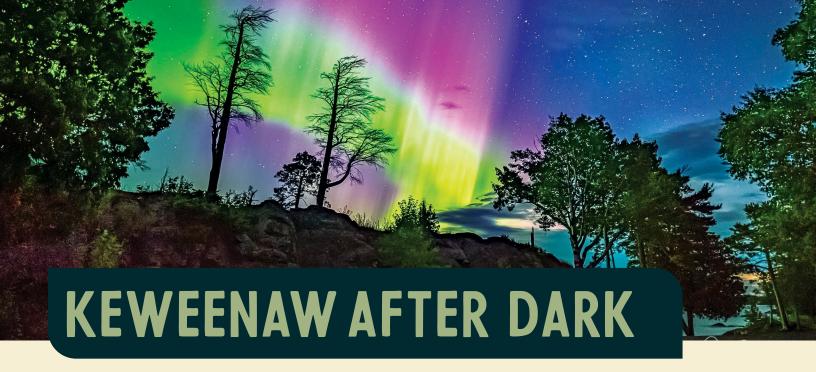
#### SAUNA TRAIL ITINERARY

#### HEAL YOUR MIND AND BODY IN ONE OF THE KEWEENAW'S AUTHENTIC FINNISH SAUNAS

A sauna session offers immediate health benefits—relaxing muscles, detoxifying your body, and refreshing your spirit.

- 1. Begin your sauna experience in Hancock at **Takka Portage**, where you can book a private or social session in a handcrafted, wood-fired Finnish sauna. Gaze out at the Portage Canal, watching boats, paddlers, and charming views of Houghton and Hancock. In winter, Takka Portage even features a dedicated snow angel station for an invigorating cool-down.
- 2. For a lakeside escape, Takka Saunas in Eagle Harbor offers breathtaking views of Lake Superior, where waves, wildlife, and freighters passing on the horizon enhance the experience. A natural rock pool allows for an exhilarating cold plunge between sauna time. Takka's focus on wellness includes a professional sauna guide, electrolyte water, and essential oils for an unforgettable visit.
- Want a private sauna at your convenience? Book a sauna suite at Keweenaw Waters Resort in Houghton or enjoy the American in Calumet, which features a sauna, pool, and hot tub for guests.
- **4.** For the ultimate Nordic Spa experience, head to **Mount Bohemia Ski Resort** in Lac La Belle. This year-round retreat features a variety of unique saunas, a steam room, Upper Michigan's largest outdoor hot tub, and a cold plunge pool—all designed to encourage relaxation and connection.

SAUNA RESPONSIBLY: Always sauna within your own health limits, especially if you have pre-existing conditions.



### THE KEWEENAW HAS SOME OF THE BEST DARK SKIES IN THE LOWER 48 STATES

Stargazing or chasing the northern lights in the Keweenaw is an unforgettable experience to share with family and friends. The Keweenaw is home to the Upper Peninsula's only DarkSky International-certified park, offering unmatched celestial views. The Milky Way and an infinite amount of stars are visible on clear nights.

#### WHERE TO SEE THE NORTHERN LIGHTS & STARGAZE: COPPER HARBOR

The best spot to see the stars and northern lights is the **Keweenaw Dark Sky Park** in Copper Harbor. It's headquartered at the **Keweenaw Mountain Lodge** on US-41 and is open to the public from 7PM - 7AM year-round. Bring your family to explore over 560 acres of wilderness and uninterrupted views of the night sky in a silent sanctuary. The property juts up against **Brockway Mountain Drive**, another popular spot for stars.

# TRIP TIPS: CELL SIGNALS CAN BE SPOTTY IN SOME AREAS, SO PLAN AHEAD. REMEMBER TO —

#### HOUGHTON/HANCOCK

If you're in Houghton/Hancock, try going to the **Nara Boardwalk** in Houghton, or to **Boston Pond** for a glimpse at the sky. These locations are close to hotels and downtowns if you're staying near the **Portage Canal. McLain State Park** on M-203 out of Hancock opens to stargazers after dusk and runs parallel to Lake Superior for two miles. Two miles past McLain State Park on M-203 turn left onto Lakeshore Drive to go chase stars at **Calumet Waterworks Township Park**. Stay off icy shores in winter.

#### **ISLE ROYALE NATIONAL PARK**

For a truly remote dark sky experience, **Isle Royale National Park** offers some of the most pristine stargazing in North America. Located about 50 miles offshore in Lake Superior, this isolated wilderness is free from light pollution, making every clear night a chance to witness the Milky Way in stunning detail. Whether you're camping along the shoreline or staying at the **Rock Harbor Lodge**, the night sky here feels endless.

- ☑ Download apps like **My Aurora Forecast & Alerts** for notifications when it's time to look up.
- ☑ **Scout your spot during daylight** to get familiar with the terrain and ensure a safe return after dark.
- ☑ Wear sturdy shoes and watch your step!
- ☑ **Bring a red-filter flashlight** (to protect night vision).
- ☑ Find a north-facing lakeshore or hillside.
- ☑ Give your eyes 15-30 minutes to adjust.

#### PATIENCE PAYS OFF—THE SHOW IS ALWAYS WORTH IT.

For more insider tips go to visitkeweenaw.com/outdoors/dark-skies

#### **DARK SKY EVENTS**

The Keweenaw Dark Sky Park hosts an annual Upper Peninsula Dark Sky Festival in April around the new moon. It's a multi-day experience with hikes, hands-on astrological activities, and educational seminars. Attendees can stargaze late into the night while learning from expert photographers, astronomers, and dark sky enthusiasts. Participants can learn more about the park and events at keweenawdarksky.com

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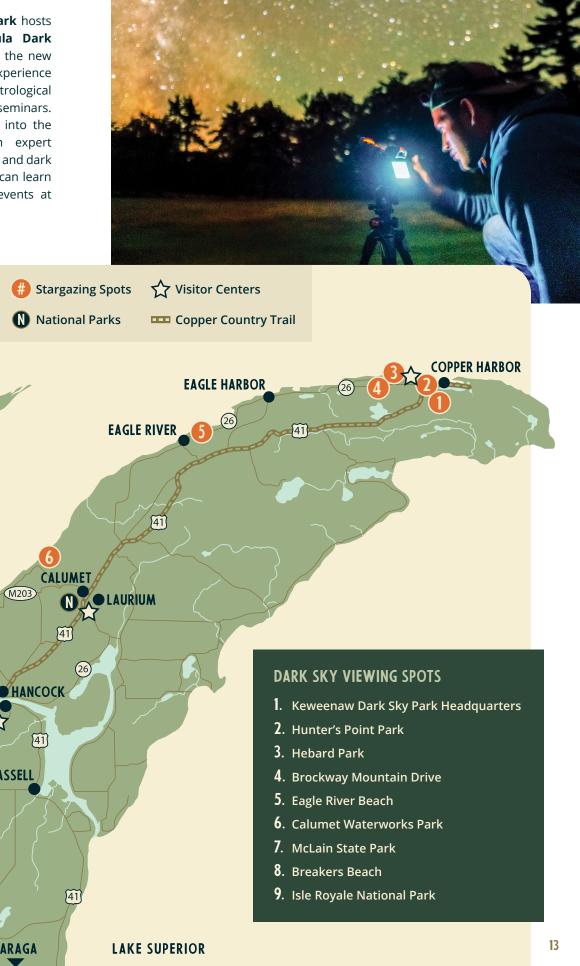
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## OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

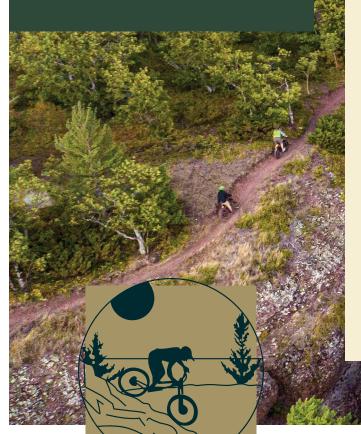
TRIPS & TIPS FROM LOCAL EXPERTS

# THANKS TO THE KEWEENAW'S ABUNDANT NATURAL AMENITIES, THERE'S NO SHORTAGE OF OUTSIDE ADVENTURES TO DISCOVER.

With so many options, where do you begin? To help, the Visit Keweenaw team compiled a list of our favorite experiences and tips to access the Great Outdoors, connect with nature, and create lasting memories.

#### WHAT TO PACK

Every activity and experience is different. But always remember to pack water, a snack, bug spray, and appropriate clothing for the weather. Cellphones are great when cell coverage is available (which isn't always guaranteed) so bring a map when possible.



#### **BEGINNER HIKE**

**Hungarian Falls Nature Area (Hubbell):** Hungarian Falls, a Keweenaw Land Trust Nature Area, is popular with locals and visitors alike thanks to its picturesque views of cascading waterfalls and friendly terrain. Open year round, the site features unique geology and mixed-hardwood forests. Trails line both sides of Dover Creek with the upper access trail offering the easiest path for enjoying the falls.

#### DAY HIKE

Helmut & Candis Stern Preserve at Mt. Baldy (Eagle Harbor): Looking for something longer? Mount Baldy is a local favorite. At around six miles round trip, this one will take most hikers three to four hours to complete. With incredible payoff views of Lake Superior, this is a good hike of moderate difficulty for those that like a down-and-back uphill experience.

#### DISCOVER PEACE & QUIET

#### Keweenaw Mountain Lodge - Copper Harbor

Home to the Keweenaw Dark Sky Park and 560 acres of property surrounded by wilderness, the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge is uniquely suited to those seeking nature and quiet. Cabin guests have access to a multitude of outdoor activities including stargazing, birding, summertime mountain biking, golf, and hiking / trail running; and during the winter, snowshoeing and skiing.



#### **CONNECT WITH MOTHER SUPERIOR**

**Misery Bay (Toivola):** There's something about Lake Superior that stirs the soul. And while the Keweenaw Peninsula has plenty of Superior shoreline, one of our favorite beaches is Misery Bay near Toivola. Don't let the name fool you, the sandy shoreline is perfect for listening to the rhythmic waves with plenty of space for swimming and relaxing.



#### FEEL THE BURN

Cliff View Trail at Mount Bohemia (Lac La Belle): Looking to burn some calories and get rewarded with big views? Look no further than the Cliff View Trail at Mount Bohemia. The ascent will challenge your legs, but the view of Lake Superior and Lac La Belle is totally worth it. Best of all, you can enjoy wood-fired pizza and some R&R at the Nordic Spa at Boho's basecamp after the hike.

#### **FAMILY EXPERIENCE**

MCLAIN STATE PARK

Side by Side Rental at Copper Country Rentals (Calumet): Getting outside is a great way to build long-lasting family memories. Just make sure they're good ones! Renting a SxS is a great way to explore the Peninsula thanks to the area's 200+ miles of multi-use trails. With plenty of stops along the way to stretch your legs, the kiddos won't have time to get bored or miss their phones. Plus, the ride is part of the adventure, so it's a win-win!

#### **BIKE THE TRAILS**

All Over: The Keweenaw is home to Michigan's best collection of singletrack mountain biking trails. With around 100 miles of trails in the area dedicated to mountain biking, there's no shortage of experiences. While Copper Harbor gets most of the pub thanks to its (mostly) expert-class trails, other parts of the Keweenaw like Swedetown Recreation Area, Maasto Hiihto-Churning Rapids, and the Michigan Tech Trails in Houghton deserve love too. And if you're guests of the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge in Copper Harbor, you can ride beginner-level and moderate-level trails that are perfect for the family. For guided rides and shuttle transport, the Keweenaw Adventure Company in Copper Harbor has you covered.



#### PACK A PICNIC

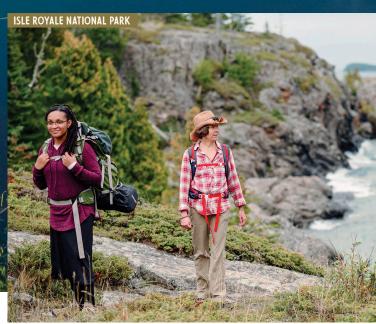
Ray Kestner Waterfront Park (Houghton): Locally known as "Chutes and Ladders," this family-favorite is the perfect spot to picnic. Sitting on the southern shore of the Portage Canal, the park features a sheltered pavilion, plenty of picnic tables, a small beach, and one of Michigan's best playgrounds. During the summer, grab some ice cream or rent a paddleboard from Portage Paddle Sports located on site for some extra fun.

#### **DISCOVER AN AGATE**

Calumet Waterworks Park (Calumet): Rock picking is a popular Keweenaw pastime, and there's no more sought-after treasure than the Lake Superior Agate. While there's no guarantee of finding this precious keepsake, Calumet Waterworks Park is one of the area's most reliable spots. With a mix of sandy and rocky shores, it is popular with rockhounds seeking agates, yooperlites, and other collectibles.

#### **ENJOY A SUNSET**

McLain State Park (Hancock): Head to the west side of the Peninsula to catch an epic Lake Superior sunset at McLain State Park. Located off M-203, this shoreline state park is known for its photogenic beach, sandy shores, and family recreation areas. Catch views of the North Entry Lighthouse as an extra bonus.





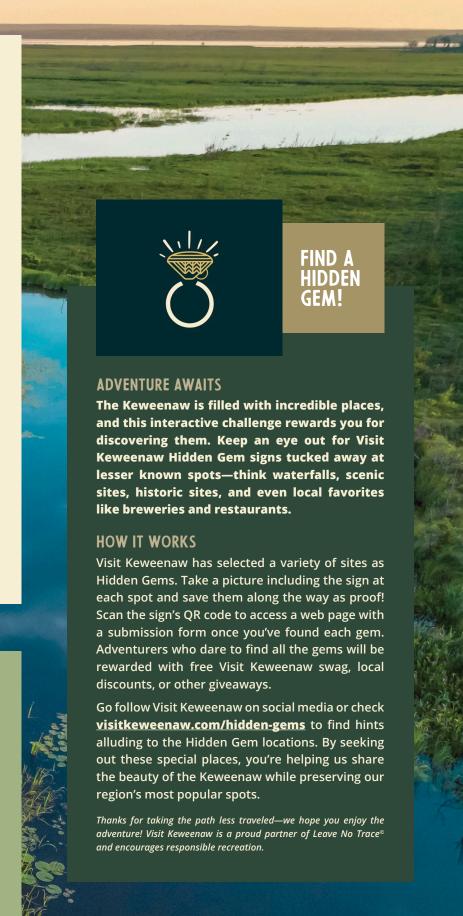
#### **ACCESSIBLE TRAILS**

Nara Nature Boardwalk (Houghton): For those seeking barrier-free trails, Houghton's Nara Nature Park Boardwalk just south of Houghton is a peaceful stroll within a wetlands preserve. This spot on the edge of the Keweenaw Waterway is popular (but not too popular) with birding enthusiasts and those looking to cast a line from the boardwalk.

Two Hoots Trail, Swedetown Recreation Area (Calumet): Another option for barrier-free trails is the recently modified Two Hoots trail in Calumet. The trail, which begins and ends at the Chalet parking lot, meets general accessibility standards, with a width of at least 36 inches and grades of no more than four percent and allows for wheelchairs, strollers, hand cycles, walkers, and mountain bikes.

#### **CONNECT WITH NATURE**

Isle Royale National Park: With more than 160 miles of hiking trails and accessible only by seaplane or ferry, Isle Royale is often cited as one of the least visited national parks in the country. Once upon the trails, hikers are just as likely to see a moose than another human. What's more? Cell phone service outside of the Rock Harbor area is almost non-existent. The island in the heart of Lake Superior is home to abundant wildlife and unique plant life.





# THE KEWEENAW PENINSULA DEFIES EXPECTATIONS WITH ANCIENT ROCK FORMATIONS AND WATERFALLS THAT CASCADE THROUGH DRAMATIC GORGES ON THEIR WAY TO LAKE SUPERIOR.

Whether you're visiting in the rush of spring or the tranquility of fall, the Keweenaw's waterfalls offer ever-changing views throughout the year.

#### MANGANESE FALLS (COPPER HARBOR) #1

A stunning ravine waterfall, Manganese Falls is a short walk from the road. Its powerful flow in spring and its serene, mossy surroundings make it a Copper Harbor favorite.

#### SILVER RIVER FALLS (COPPER HARBOR) #3

Surrounded by forest, the Silver River Falls tumble over rapids, ledges, and pools until it reaches Lake Superior. Enjoy the spring rush at the picnic tables nearby!

#### HAVEN FALLS (LAC LA BELLE) #4

This roadside gem can be found in a quaint pull-off in Lac La Belle. With its rustic setting and picturesque surroundings, it's a lovely spot especially in fall for a picnic or photo-op.



#### JACOB'S FALLS (EAGLE RIVER) #5

Located right next to M-26, Jacob's Falls is a roadside delight. The delicate waterfall flows more powerfully during spring thaw, and its convenient location makes it an easy stop for travelers. Don't forget to grab a treat at the nearby Jampot bakery!

#### **LOWER EAGLE RIVER FALLS (EAGLE RIVER) #6**

This easily accessible spot offers spectacular views of a 60-foot waterfall, complete with a steel pedestrian bridge for a bird's-eye view. It's also a favorite winter destination, where you can enjoy frozen waterfalls in a quiet, snow-covered setting.

#### "10-FOOT" FALLS (EAGLE RIVER) #7

Also known as Upper Eagle River Falls, this hidden gem requires a short but adventurous trek along an unmarked path off M-26. Spring runoff turns this falls into a rushing cascade over boulders, leading to the Lower Eagle River Falls.

#### HUNGARIAN FALLS (HUBBELL) #9

A must-see year-round, Hungarian Falls features three beautiful waterfalls along a rustic trail. The Upper Falls is home to a historic dam, while the Middle and Lower Falls offer dramatic viewpoints, particularly in winter.

#### **RED RIDGE DAM (FREDA) #10**

This smaller, lesser-known waterfall is tucked away near Freda. Spilling underneath a historic dam, it's an excellent choice for those looking for solitude and a chance to explore some of the Keweenaw's quieter, off-the-beatenpath gems.

#### **CANYON FALLS (L'ANSE) #12**

Not simply a roadside stop, this thundering waterfall off US-41 boasts well-marked trails that lead you along stone cliffs and tumbling rivers to a box canyon. Dubbed the "Grand Canyon" of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, it is a must-see destination for those passing through.

#### MORE WATERFALLS TO EXPLORE:

MONTREAL FALLS (LAC LA BELLE AREA) #2 **CONGLOMERATE FALLS (NORTH OF CALUMET) #8** WYANDOTTE FALLS (TWIN LAKES) #11

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## LOCAL DINING

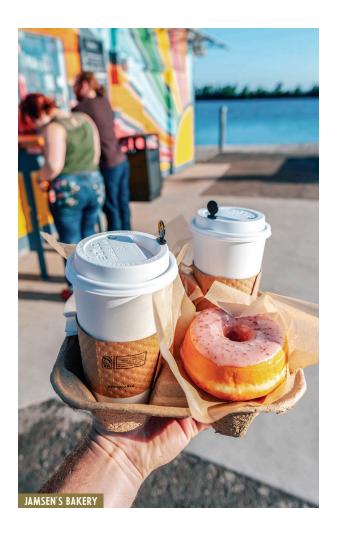
TOP PICKS FROM VISIT KEWEENAW

EXPLORE THE KEWEENAW'S CULINARY SCENE WITHOUT THE GUESSWORK.

HERE'S SOME LOCAL INTEL ON WHERE TO TANTALIZE YOUR TASTEBUDS BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE VISIT KEWEENAW TEAM.

#### **SWEET TREATS**

There are so many options here, I can't choose just one. The cinnamon rolls at **Slim's Cafe** are next level. They're so good, I'm not allowed to bring them home anymore. On the other hand, a thimbleberry glazed donut from **Jamsen's Bakery** is magical. I firmly believe it's the world's best donut. —**Brad** 



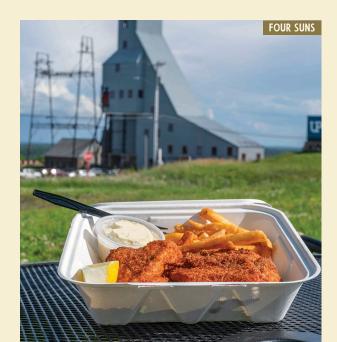
#### **PASTY KITCHEN**

Clearly this is controversial, but we're asked about this more than anything else. I'm a big fan of **Amy J's** in Hancock. Their pasties are filling and savory, and I love grabbing an oatmeal cookie for the road. I might get run out of town for this, but I'm sticking by it. —**Brad** 

**East Fork Pasty Company** earned their Pasty Fest laurels for a reason! Subject to the supply and demand of the rigorous Keweenaw pasty economy, this bite requires a bit of planning due to limited availability and hours. Get your pasty hot and fresh from the tiny togo window at **Ramona's Bakery** in Calumet. Pro Tip: Early birds and phone orders get first dibs. —**Amanda** 

#### LAKE SUPERIOR WHITEFISH

You can't beat **Four Suns** across from the Quincy Mine. The fresh, tender fillets are coated in something magical before frying and it pairs really well with their house-made tartar sauce. Plus, you can't beat the view of Quincy Mine. **—Brad** 





#### **RISE & SHINE SPOT**

As the sun rises on the Portage Canal, Roy's Pasties is the perfect place to grab a hearty breakfast. My favorite to start the day is a Turkey Cranberry pasty! It's savory and tastes like a Thanksgiving dinner. Roy's has epic views of the Portage Lake Lift Bridge and is on the waterfront trail for a morning walk with coffee. —Jesse

#### **POST-ADVENTURE MEAL**

The **Mohawk Superette** has saved my empty stomach on many returns from adventures. Stop in hungry, and leave happy with an arm full of goodies to-go. Vic's crew makes one of the Keweenaw's best pasties—get your Pasty Trail map stamped at the Superette or find something else tasty in the deli section! —Jesse

The hunger worked up from a vigorous hike or beach day in Lake Superior is something fearsome—thankfully for the **Bear Belly Pit Stop** in Lac La Belle you've got a save point in the more remote spots of the Keweenaw. To-go food hot and fresh has saved me more than once! —**Amanda** 

Two places for explorers seeking big adventures and big menus: Copper Harbor's **Mariner North** and Twin Lakes **Parkview Grill**. Both specialize in hearty meals and fresh food with lots of options. And both are conveniently located near the trails. —**Brad** 



#### A HISTORICAL FOODIE ITINERARY

Seeking to experience the Keweenaw's history with a culinary twist? Check out this custom itinerary built to expose travelers to the Copper Country's unique blend of heritage and flavors.

START YOUR DAY AT THE LAURIUM MANOR INN

If you're lucky enough to enjoy a night (or three) at the former residence of the copper baron Thomas Hoatson, you'll quickly learn to cherish Julie's breakfast and homemade sweet treats.

FIND YOUR INNER FINN AT SUOMI RESTAURANT

Savor the flavors of our Finnish heritage at this local Houghton diner filled with Finnish flavors like nisu french toast, pannukakku, and other tasty bites.

FEAST ALL YOUR SENSES AT THE AMBASSADOR

The "Ambo" gives off Old Town vibes thanks to its pre-prohibition murals and unique stained glass accents. Grab a slice of its Pizza Hall of Fame-worthy tostada pizza while taking in the building's grandeur.

#### WET YOUR WHISTLE AT SHUTE'S SALOON

Be sure to grab a drink in Michigan's oldest, continually operated saloon located in the heart of downtown Calumet.

#### PARTAKE IN A PRIVATE DINNER AT THE KEWEENAW MOUNTAIN LODGE

The Keweenaw Mountain Lodge is known for its WPA-era architecture, having been built during the great depression in the 1930s. Guests of the Lodge can opt for a private meal with Chef Wi to experience slow dining at its finest.

#### ENJOY A NIGHT CAP IN THE COUNTING ROOM

Guests of The Vault Hotel in Houghton can imbibe in this upscale speakeasy located in the lower-level of the former Houghton National Bank built in 1887.



#### LAKE SUPERIOR DINING

**Fitzgerald's Restaurant** is a must-visit where every seat has a lake view. Anytime I've eaten at The Fitz, I've left stuffed and the ambiance is second to none! The Fitz has great smoked meats and a fine dining menu. A perfect spot for a special occasion or a date night and don't skip seeing the rock beach out back! I recommend their negroni cocktail. **—Jesse** 

I'm with Jesse, The Fitz has amazing food and views. But we'd be doing visitors a disservice if we didn't include **The Harbor Haus** on this list. The food and views are top notch, and I'd put this place against any fine dining establishment in the state. —**Brad** 



#### **CANAL DINING**

I'm always impressed by how gorgeous the Hampton's **Observatory Lounge** is. Up on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor, you're met with an elegant bar space with a full menu overlooking the Portage Canal through big windows. Nothing beats overlooking the Quincy Smelter and Mont Ripley while sipping a craft cocktail and enjoying a great meal. Go around sunset for the perfect skybar vibes. **—Jesse** 

#### **FAMILY FRIENDLY DINING**

Houghton's **Mine Shaft** has plenty of kid-friendly options to satiate the pickiest of palettes. Plus, the mine-themed restaurant has access to an arcade and bowling alley. So there's plenty of opportunities to have fun before, during or after meal time. —**Brad** 

#### **LOCAL HANGOUT**

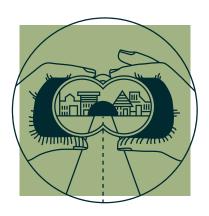
The **U.P. Pub** in Calumet is known for serving a mean burger. Some locals argue it's the best around! It's one of the only places in the Keweenaw where you can see your meal being made in front of you—I highly recommend! —*Jesse* 

Best wings in town are at **Schmidt's Corner Bar** on Canal Road outside Houghton. This is a great spot to hit up on your way from Breakers Beach. Shake the black sand out of your shoes and head into this super welcoming spot for the golden-fried Bruno's wings. Don't miss the hot sauce—it's house made and big on flavor. —**Amanda** 

#### HIDDEN GEM

You'll always find the smell of fresh wood-fired pizzas from **Mount Bohemia Ski Resort** in Lac La Belle. Don't forget this hidden spot for a hot lunch in Keweenaw County. My advice? Hit the spa too while you're there! —**Jesse** 

**Dreamland Restaurant** is a hike out to Bootjack, but this destination restaurant is well worth the drive—especially beautiful in the fall. This restaurant is steeped in Copper Country history and has been family-owned for generations. A big menu and a great spot to find that Friday night fish fry, this spot is warm and family-friendly. —**Amanda** 



#### TO-GO WITH A VIEW

The closer to the Portage the better for me. Enjoying something tasty on a picnic table on the Houghton Waterfront Pier is the pinnacle of Keweenaw living. My favorite to-go in the sunshine is **Sky Sushi's** spicy tonkotsu ramen and a few sushi rolls. A pineapple bubble tea with kiwi boba certainly doesn't hurt. The Pier area also is part of the LoHo Social District—bring a KBC or cocktail from an approved restaurant down! —**Amanda** 





# THE KEWEENAW PASTY TRAIL IS YOUR TICKET TO A SAVORY JOURNEY THROUGH THE HEART OF THE COPPER COUNTRY.

Stretching from Toivola to Mohawk, we've got 12 spots for you to indulge your taste buds. Bring a friend or your family to help you finish all these tasty iterations of the Cornish Pasty. Good for breakfast, lunch, or dinner—you could eat pasties for days on the Keweenaw Pasty Trail.

#### **HOW IT WORKS**

Get a pasty passport from a Visit Keweenaw Visitor Center and return it to us all stamped up in person or via mail. Each of the 12 vendors will have a stamp to mark your passport with. We'll send you something special for completing the challenge! Remember, some vendors are not open every day.

- Bear Belly Pit Stop/Jule's Place
   11627 Superior St, Lac La Belle, MI 49950
- Slim's Cafe: Thursdays only.
   38 Mohawk Street, Mohawk, MI 49950
- Mohawk Superette158 Stanton Avenue, Mohawk, MI 49950
- **4. Pasty Central/The Hut** 58540 Wolverine Street #41, Calumet, MI 49913
- Toni's Country Kitchen
   79 3rd Street, Laurium, MI 49913
- **6. Jen's Kitchen** 56901 6th St. #9, Calumet, MI 49913
- 7. **East Fork Pasty Co.:** Sunday and Monday only. 501 Elm Street, Calumet, MI 49913
- 8. Amy J's 1000 N Lincoln Drive, Hancock, MI 49930
- Griffin Cafe
   208 Quincy Street, Hancock, MI 49930
- **10. Roy's Pasties & Bakery** 305 West Lakeshore Drive, Houghton, MI 49931
- **11. Suomi Home Bakery & Restaurant** 54 Huron Street, Houghton, MI 49931
- **12**. **Krupp's Mini Mart** 32260 M-26, Toivola, MI 49965





THIS IS THE PLACE WHERE FAMILY BONDS ARE STRENGTHENED, ADVENTURES ARE SHARED, AND MEMORIES ARE MADE TO LAST A LIFETIME.

From outdoor fun to quiet moments of connection, the Keweenaw offers something for every family, no matter the age or interest.



- **01.** Chase waterfalls at **Lower Eagle River Falls** and **Jacob's Falls** during snowmelt!
- **02**. Cool off at **Great Sand Bay** & **Grand Traverse Bay**, or hunt for agates at **Calumet Waterworks Park**
- **03.** End the night with s'mores at **Breakers Beach** under a starlit sky.
- **04.** Ride beginner-to-expert trails at **East Bluff Bike Park** & **Michigan Tech Trails**.
- **05.** Stay up late at **Keweenaw Dark Sky Park** for shooting stars & Northern Lights!

#### **CURIOUS MINDS**

- **06.** Explore underground history at **Quincy Mine** with a tram ride & guided tour.
- 07. Kids can become Junior Rangers at Keweenaw National Historical Park!
- **08.** Discover glowing minerals & local copper history at the **A.E. Seaman Mineral Museum**.
- **09.** Take a self-guided, pet-friendly adventure underground at **The Delaware Mine**.





#### **FAMILY ADVENTURES**

- **10. Backpack Isle Royale National Park** for an unforgettable adventure—first to spot a moose wins bragging rights!
- **11. Bike, stroll,** or **scoot** the **Houghton Waterfront Trail,** steps from downtown shopping & dining.
- 12. Paddle the Portage Canal from Ray Kestner Park or Hancock Beach with Portage Paddle Sports!
- **13. Destination: Dessert**—Enjoy a pasty, then road trip to **The Jampot** for a sweet treat.

#### **EPIC PLAY**

- 14. Chutes and Ladders at Ray Kestner Park = epic slides, toddler-friendly fun & beach volleyball!
- 15. Put a Keweenaw spin on family game night with board games at K.C. Bonkers!
- **16. Respawn Tactical Laser Tag** brings high-energy, competitive family fun.
- 17. The Mine Shaft & Rockhouse Restaurant = arcade, bowling, and great food all in one place!





The Keweenaw transforms into a snowy paradise each winter, offering adventure, relaxation, and unforgettable memories.

#### **KEWEENAW SLOPE-STYLE**

Home to two incredible ski resorts, the Keweenaw delivers thrills for every skill level. **Mount Bohemia** is famous for its all-natural powder, rugged terrain, and 111 ungroomed runs across 620 acres. Try a lantern-lit snowshoe or unwind at the Nordic Spa after hitting the slopes. For a family-friendly experience, **Mont Ripley** offers 24 groomed trails and a fun tubing park.

#### **KEWEENAW WINTER ESCAPES**

#### **SNOWMOBILING ADVENTURE**

With over **230 miles of groomed trails**, the Keweenaw is a world-class snowmobiling destination. Ride past historic landmarks, frozen lakes, and scenic overlooks like **Brockway Mountain**. Stop for trailside dining in **Twin Lakes**, **Hancock**, and **Copper Harbor**.

#### SILENT SPORTS & SCENIC TRAILS

Winter in the Keweenaw isn't just about speed—it's also perfect for cross-country skiing, fat biking, and snowshoeing. Explore 160 km of scenic trails, including Copper Harbor's End of the Road Winter Trails and Hancock's Maasto Hiihto & Churning Rapids.

#### **FESTIVE WINTER CELEBRATIONS**

Embrace the season with lively winter events! Marvel at intricate snow sculptures at **Michigan Tech's Winter Carnival**, celebrate Finnish heritage at **Hancock's Heikinpäivä**, and experience the thrilling **CopperDog 150** sled dog race in downtown Calumet.

#### **COZY WINTER RETREATS**

Unwind in a charming lodge, cabin, or historic inn, many with ski-in, ski-out access and snowmobile-friendly amenities. Experience a traditional Finnish sauna at **Takka Saunas** or **Mount Bohemia's Nordic Spa.** Then, warm up with craft beer and hearty pasties, all set against a breathtaking winter landscape.

# WHERE TO STAY

## FIND THE PERFECT PLACE TO STAY AND SUPPORT OUTDOOR ADVENTURE!

When you book a stay with a Visit Keweenaw lodging partner, you're not just finding a cozy place to rest—you're helping improve outdoor recreation in the Keweenaw. A portion of every visit supports new trails, signage, and outdoor amenities through our Destination Development Program, turning your getaway into a lasting impact for future adventurers.



#### **AGASSIZ HOUSE INN**

25946 Red Jacket Rd, Calumet, MI agassizhouseinn.com

#### AHMEEK COPPERMINE CAMP

3295 Hwy US 41, Mohawk, MI ahmeekcopperminecamp.com

#### AMERICINN BY WYNDHAM CALUMET

56925 S Sixth St, Calumet, MI wyndhamhotels.com/americinn/calumet-michigan/americinn-lodge-and-suites-calumet/rooms-rates

#### **AQUA LOG CABINS**

6532 Lac La Belle Rd, Lac La Belle, MI mtbohemia.com

#### **BELLA VISTA MOTEL**

180 Sixth Street, Copper Harbor, MI bellavistamotel.com

#### **BROCKWAY 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 <u>fitzgeralds-mi.com</u>

#### FRESH COAST CABINS

13051 State Hwy M-26, Eagle Harbor, MI <u>freshcoastcabins.com</u>

#### **HAMPTON INN & SUITES BY HILTON**

820 Shelden Ave, Houghton, MI hilton.com/en/hotels/cmxhghx-hampton-houghton





#### **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 mtbohemia.com

#### **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 Ilbcabin.com

#### LAC LA BELLE LODGE

11627 Superior St, Lac La Belle, MI <u>laclabellelodge.com</u>

#### LAKE BREEZE RESORT

299 E North St, Eagle Harbor, MI <u>visitkeweenaw.com/listing/lake-breeze-resort/480</u>

#### LAKE FANNY HOOE RESORT THE PINES RESORT

505 Second Street, Copper Harbor, MI fannyhooe.com

#### LAURIUM MANOR INN

320 Tamarack St, Laurium, MI laurium.info

#### **MAGNUSON COPPER CROWN**

235 Hancock St, Hancock, MI magnusonhotelcoppercrown.com

#### MARINER NORTH RESORT

255 Gratiot Street, Copper Harbor, MI manorth.com

#### MINNETONKA RESORT

562 Gratiot Street, Copper Harbor, MI minnetonkaresort.com

#### **MOUNT BOHEMIA SKI 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 wyndhamhotels.com/ramada/hancockmichigan/ramada-waterfront-ofhancock/overview







#### **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 <u>laurium.info</u>

#### 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, Ml laurium.info

#### WHITE HOUSE LODGING

3606 US Highway 41, Mohawk, MI whitehouselodging.com

#### **WILDERNESS RESORT**

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

# EXPERIENCE THE KEWEENAW

# SEASON AFTER SEASON

FROM EPIC WINTER
FESTIVALS TO VIBRANT
SUMMER CELEBRATIONS,
THE KEWEENAW IS
HOME TO UNIQUE EVENTS
THAT SHOWCASE OUR
HISTORY, CULTURE, AND
OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Whether you're here for thrilling ski races, lively heritage festivals, or fall color tours, there's always something happening to make your visit unforgettable. Mark your calendar and join us for an adventure!



#### RIDE THE KEWEENAW: MAY 24-25

Featuring a family-friendly mountain bike race, expert level downhills and group rides across the Keweenaw— **Ride the Keweenaw** is a great way to spend Memorial Day Weekend. Don't miss the underground ride through the Adventure Mine in Greenland.

#### JUHANNUS SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION: JUNE 20-22

Join the City of Hancock and Visit Keweenaw for an epic three day celebration of the summer solstice. **Juhannus**, a Finnish tradition centers around the longest day of the year, Finnish workshops, games, and raising a decorated Midsummer Pole.



#### **PASTY FEST: AUGUST 16**

Come hungry for an afternoon renaissance fair-themed **Pasty Fest!** With live action medieval times actors, a strong man pull, and a pasty eating competition, Pasty Fest is the best time to be in Calumet. Be sure to order a pasty sample platter to vote for the best pasty at the event!

#### PLAIDURDAY & FALL FEST: OCT 3-4

**Plaidurday** in Houghton brings thousands of folks together for a big community photo. Plaidurday celebrates the common Yooper style choice of plaid, or tartan—to bundle up for a photo competing against other communities like Iron Mountain and Marquette for the largest turnout. Come show up for a Plaidurday photo in Houghton, and stick around for Brew Street and Fall Fest on the pier.

#### **NYE CHOOK DROP: DECEMBER 31**

Ring in the New Year in the Keweenaw! Houghton hosts an annual **Chook** (beanie) **Drop** on the pier with music and a community countdown every New Year's Eve.

#### HEIKINPAIVA: JANUARY 24, 2026

Heikinpaiva is a time for the Keweenaw to celebrate its Finnish Heritage and the midpoint of winter. This multiday festival in downtown Hancock includes a festive winter parade filled with costumes from Finnish folklore, dinners and dances, concerts, Tori markets, and a "wife-carrying" contest.

#### WINTER CARNIVAL: FEB 4-7, 2026

Michigan Technological University hosts **Winter Carnival** each year, inviting the public to see famous snow statues, unique winter sporting events, and community fun.

#### JIBBA JABBA: FEB 14, 2026

The City of Houghton, Minnie Farms, and Visit Keweenaw host **Jibba Jabba**, a professional snowboard event each February. Professional riders put on a show on a street-built snowboard course in downtown Houghton.

#### COPPERDOG 150: FEB 27-MAR 1, 2026

The **CopperDog 150** takes place every year, with sled dog teams making their way from Calumet to Copper Harbor. Join the weekend for a fun mix of spectating, sled dog games, and good times in Calumet.



#### **JANUARY**

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

#### MARCH

**Great Bear Chase Ski Race,** Calumet, greatbearchase.com

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

#### **APRIL**

**Upper Peninsula Dark Sky Festival at Keweenaw Mountain Lodge,**Copper Harbor, <u>keweenawdarksky.com</u>

#### MAY

Keweenaw International Migratory Bird Festival, Copper Harbor

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

#### JUNE

Bridgefest, Houghton, bridgefestfun.com

#### JULY

4th of July Celebrations, Keweenaw-wide

**Dam Jam Music Festival,** Calumet, thedamiam.com

Copper Country Strawberry Festival, Chassell,

 $\underline{copper country strawberry festival.com}\\$ 

**Run the Keweenaw,** Copper Harbor, runthekeweenaw.org

International Guts Frisbee Tournament, Hancock

Canal Run, Hancock, canal.run

Key Ingredients, Hancock

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

**Miner's Revenge Mountain Bike Race,** Greenland, soketrails.org/events

#### **AUGUST**

Farm Block Fest, Allouez, farmblock.com

Keweenaw Mineral Days,

Keweenaw-wide, museum.mtu.edu

Verna Mize Triathlon, Houghton

**Houghton County Fair,** Hancock, houghtoncountyfair.com

Eagle Harbor Art Fair, Eagle Harbor

**Great Deer Chase Bike Race,** Calumet, greatdeerchase.org

**Art in the Park,** Copper Harbor, copperharborartshow.com

#### **SEPTEMBER**

**Copper Harbor Trails Fest,**Copper Harbor, copperharbortrails.org

**Keweenaw BrewFest,** Houghton, keweenawbrewfest.org

Parade of Nations Multicultural Festival,

Houghton, <u>mtu.edu/international/get-involved/parade-nations</u>

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

#### **OCTOBER**

Houghton Fall Festival, Houghton

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

#### **NOVEMBER**

**41N Film Festival**, Houghton, 41northfilmfest.mtu.edu

Hancock Christmas Walk, Hancock

#### **DECEMBER**

**The Poor Artists Sale,** Calumet, coppercountryarts.com

Winter Wonderfest & Tree Lighting, Copper Harbor

**Chassell's Old-Fashioned Christmas,** Chassell

**Houghton's Winter Wonderland,** Houghton

Christmas in Calumet, Calumet

**Candle Luminary Winter Trails Night,** Hancock, <u>hancocktrails.org</u>

Italian Hall Luminary Commemoration, Calumet







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