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KEWEENAW PENINSULA VISITOR GUIDE



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YOUR VISIT MAKES A

DIFFERENCE

**THE KEWEENAW IS AN AMAZING PLACE,
AND YOUR PRESENCE HELPS KEEP IT THAT WAY.**

By staying with our lodging partners, you are making a direct investment in the landscapes and communities you love.

Your stay contributes to our **Destination Development Fund**, which finances new trail projects, historical conservation, and community art. It also supports the **Love The Keweenaw** initiative, ensuring our wilderness remains pristine for future generations.

Furthermore, you are the engine behind our vibrant culture. Your support makes local festivals like **Pasty Fest**, the **CopperDog 150**, and **Winter Carnival** possible.

THANK YOU
FOR CHOOSING
THE KEWEENAW.

WE ARE GLAD YOU
ARE HERE, AND YOUR
SUPPORT WARMS
OUR HEARTS.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Since its inception, the **Visit Keweenaw Destination Development Fund** has reinvested tourism dollars back into the community.

RECENT PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY YOUR STAY INCLUDE:

ACCESSIBILITY

Improvements to the **Two Hoots** beginner trail at Swedetown Recreation Area and wayfinding signage for accessible kayak launches.

NEW TRAILS

Construction of the **Berry Picker** climbing trail on Brockway Mountain and the **Maasto Hiihto** trailhead and skills park in Hancock.

COMMUNITY SPACES

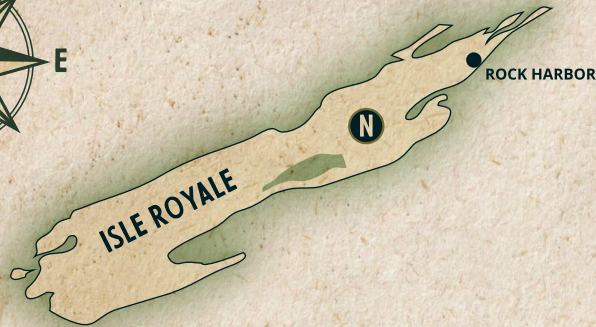
The "**Hancock Lights the Night**" holiday display and downtown seating and beautification in Calumet.

An aerial photograph of a dense forest. The trees are mostly green, with some yellowish-green patches, suggesting a mix of species or seasonal changes. On the right side of the image, there is a rocky streambed with reddish-brown soil and scattered rocks. The word "ADVENTURE" is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the forest.

ADVENTURE



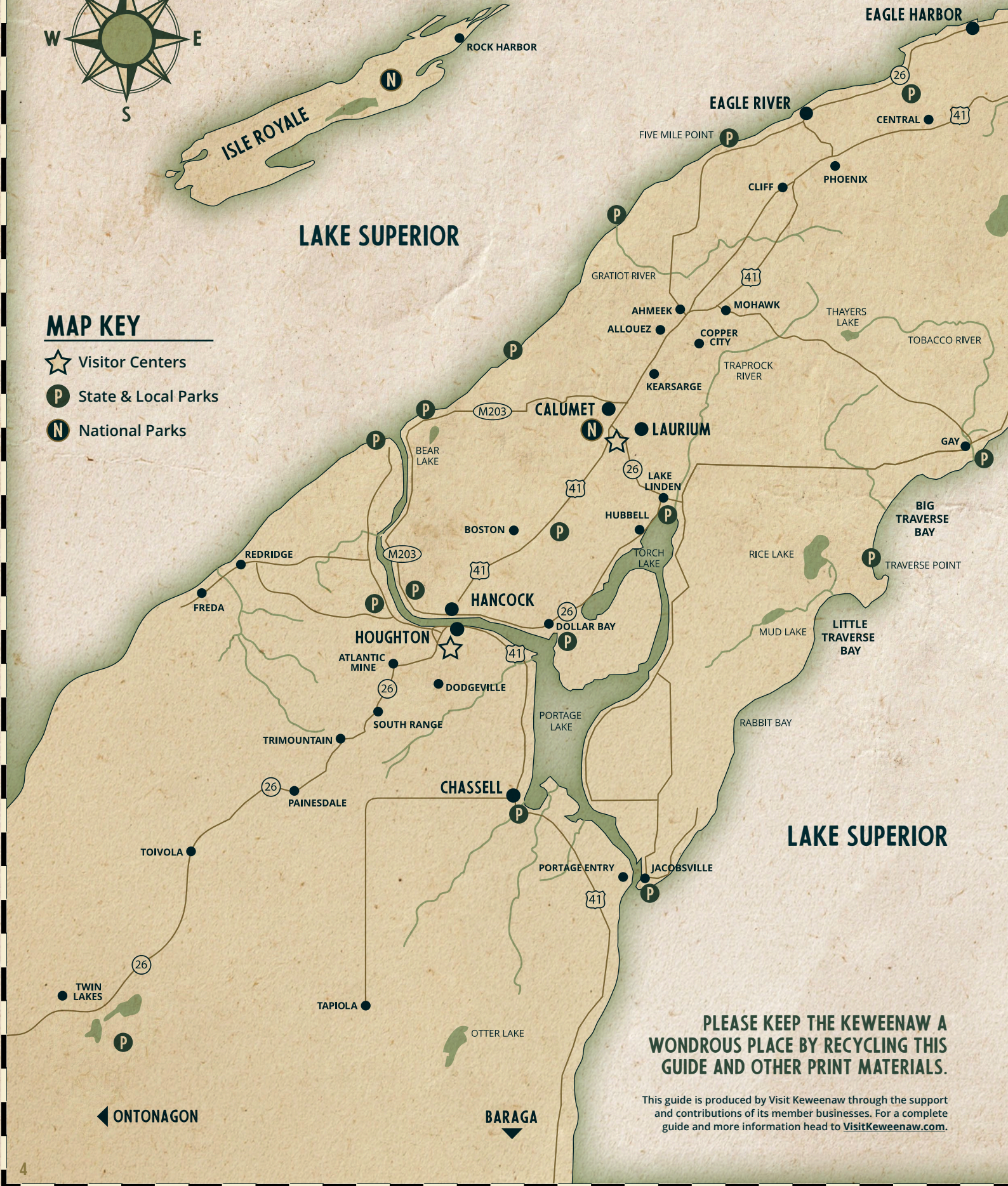
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- ☆ Visitor Centers
- P State & Local Parks
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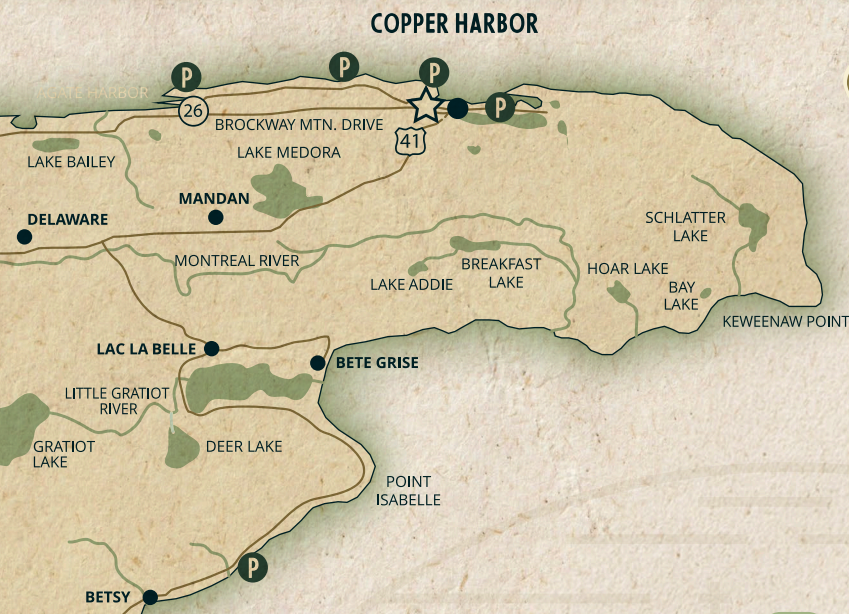
LAKE SUPERIOR

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BE SURE TO PLAN YOUR ROUTES AROUND THE KEWEENAW. CELLPHONE SERVICE CAN BE SPOTTY IN PARTS.

MANITOU ISLAND



KEWEENAW

ADVENTURE NORTH



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

Map produced with the assistance of Lake Superior Magazine and shows approximate locations.

WELCOME TO THE WILDERNESS!



WE ARE DELIGHTED YOU ARE HERE TO EXPLORE OUR RUGGED TRAILS, HISTORIC SITES, AND VIBRANT COMMUNITIES.



TO HELP ENSURE THE KEWEENAW REMAINS A WONDROUS PLACE FOR GENERATIONS TO COME, WE ASK YOU TO EMBRACE THESE PRINCIPLES OF RESPONSIBLE RECREATION.

PLAN AHEAD & PREPARE

Cell service is often limited or non-existent in some parts of the Keweenaw. Download your maps before you go, share your itinerary with a friend, and pack appropriate layers for our rapidly changing weather.

SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITIES

Our towns are the heartbeat of the Peninsula. Engage with local artisans, eat at local restaurants, and respect the tranquility our residents cherish. Your support helps our unique culture thrive.

RESPECT THE LAND & WILDLIFE

Visit Keweenaw is a proud partner of Leave No Trace. Please stay on designated trails to protect fragile ecosystems and respect private property. Keep a safe distance from wildlife, and always pack out what you pack in.

SAFETY IS SHARED

When you put yourself at risk, you risk the lives of local first responders. Know your limits, watch your footing, and respect the power of Lake Superior.

WITH LOVE, THE KEWEENAW

P.S. FOR MORE TIPS ON HOW TO DEMONSTRATE YOUR LOVE, VISIT LOVETHEKEWEENAW.COM.



VOTER'S CHOICE AWARD WINNERS:

- BEST PASTY MOHAWK SUPERETTE
- BEST COFFEE (HOT OR ICED) KEWEENAW COFFEE WORKS
- BEST LUNCH SPOT FOUR SUNS FISH & CHIPS
- BEST BREAKFAST SUOMI HOME RESTAURANT & BAKERY
- BEST DINNER FITZGERALD'S RESTAURANT
- BEST COCKTAIL FITZGERALD'S RESTAURANT
- BEST PIZZA THE AMBASSADOR RESTAURANT
- BEST HOMETOWN BAR KEWEENAW BREWING COMPANY
- BEST SWEET SPOT THE JAMPOT
- BEST RAINY DAY FUN A.E. SEAMAN MINERAL MUSEUM
- BEST HISTORICAL IMMERSION THE QUINCY MINE
- BEST BEACH BETE GRISE COUNTY PARK
- BEST NATURE TRAIL HUNGARIAN FALLS NATURE AREA
- BEST GUIDED EXPERIENCE QUINCY MINE TOUR
- BEST SCENIC DRIVE M-26 (EAGLE RIVER TO COPPER HARBOR)



VISIT KEWEENAW'S VOTER'S CHOICE AWARDS
 is a curated list of the Keweenaw's top destinations and must-experience activities, selected by a panel of industry experts and voted on by the Keweenaw community.

As you journey through our storied peninsula add these iconic locations to your Copper Country itinerary.

WHERE FINNISH CULTURE THRIVES



HANCOCK'S FINNISH-AMERICAN TRADITIONS AREN'T PRESERVED—THEY'RE PRACTICED, EVERY DAY.

The City of Hancock, on Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula, is the **Finno-Ugric Capital of Culture for 2026**—the first community in the Western Hemisphere to ever receive this international honor.

Finnish immigrants arrived here in the late 1800s drawn by copper mining and opportunity. What kept them was familiarity. The landscape felt like home—cold winters, dense forests, hard work, and long nights that rewarded community.

That foundation remains intact. Finnish culture in Hancock isn't preserved behind glass. It's practiced. You taste it in **pannukakku** (Finnish pancakes). You feel it in the steam of a wood-fired sauna. You see it in winter festivals that embrace snow and darkness rather than avoid them.

YOU HEAR IT IN STORIES SHAPED BY SISU—that's resilience, grit, and quiet determination.



THE FINNO-UGRIC CAPITAL OF CULTURE DESIGNATION IS AWARDED TO COMMUNITIES THAT ACTIVELY CARRY THEIR HERITAGE FORWARD.



Hancock earned the title because Finnish traditions here continue to evolve without losing their roots. Anchoring that legacy is the Finnish American Heritage Center, which preserves language, art, and history while hosting exhibits, concerts, dances, and gatherings that keep culture social and accessible. Around town, Finnish influence appears in architecture, trail systems, food, and community spaces still used as they were intended.

In 2026, Hancock steps onto a global stage—not to reenact the past, but to share a culture that never left. This is Finnish-American heritage as it's meant to be experienced: authentic, grounded, and alive.



FINNISH ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

PANNUKAKKU AT SUOMI

A must try—Finnish pancakes

FINNISH AMERICAN HERITAGE CENTER

Culture, history, and exhibits

SAUNAS AT TAKKA SAUNAS

Relax the Finnish way

NORTH WIND BOOKSTORE

Finnish titles, gifts, and sweets

BILINGUAL STREET SIGNS IN HANCOCK

Finnish heritage woven into Hancock's streets

PORVOO PARK

Honoring Hancock's sister city in Finland

HANKA HOMESTEAD

Step into early Finnish settler life

TIME IN NATURE

Forests, water, and long northern days

MOUNT BOHEMIA NORDIC SPA

Modern sauna culture—Keweenaw-style

JUHANNUS FESTIVAL

CELEBRATE HANCOCK'S FINNISH ROOTS WITH A MIDSUMMER TWIST AT JUHANNUS SUURJUHLAT (MIDSUMMER GRAND FESTIVAL), JUNE 18-21 IN THE CITY OF HANCOCK.

Festivities begin Thursday with local and regional tours and an opening ceremony welcoming Finnish, Hungarian, and Estonian dignitaries from around the world.

Friday night highlights one of Juhannus' most iconic traditions: the **Juhannuskokko**, or midsummer bonfire, set along the Portage Canal with live music, glowing flames, and a shared moment marking the Summer Solstice—the longest, brightest day of the year.

Saturday brings full festival energy with traditional dances, games, and the ceremonial raising of the Midsummer Pole, inviting everyone to join in or take it all in from the sidelines.

Throughout the weekend, visitors can dive deeper at the Finnish American Heritage Center through workshops, talks, and demonstrations celebrating Hancock's role as the 2026 Finno-Ugric Capital of Culture. **A crowd favorite—don't miss the wife carrying contest!**





FIND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES DURING YOUR VISIT!

VOLUNTOURISM IN THE KEWEENAW

GET INVOLVED

CONNECT, CARE, AND EXPERIENCE THE KEWEENAW IN A MEANINGFUL WAY

Visiting the Keweenaw isn't just about seeing the sights—it's about connecting with the land, the history, and the people who call this place home. Volunteering offers a unique way to explore new places, learn from knowledgeable locals, and gain insights you won't find on any map. Whether solo or with family, your time spent giving back is a chance to engage with the community and weave your story into the legacy of the Keweenaw.

WHY VOLUNTOURISM?

- Support trails, natural areas, and community events
- Explore hidden trails, historic sites, and outdoor spaces with knowledgeable locals
- Experience local culture and the stories behind the Keweenaw
- Connect with the community—solo or with family
- See the Keweenaw in ways most visitors never do and leave with lasting memories

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE BACK

KEWEENAW LAND TRUST

Mission: Protecting the Keweenaw's natural spaces year-round

Projects: Invasive species removal, historic preservation, trail maintenance

When: All year

KEWEENAW OUTDOOR RECREATION COALITION (KORC)

Mission: Keeping trails, waterways, and outdoor spaces clean and accessible

Projects: KORC Clean-Up (removing 5,000+ lbs of debris), shoreline & trail maintenance

When: KORC Clean-Up in May, year-round

COPPERDOG RACES

Mission: Celebrating winter's most thrilling dog-sledding event while keeping it safe and fun

Volunteer roles: Dog handling, road crossings, race-day operations

When: Late February - early March

FRIENDS OF A FEATHER

BIRDING

THE KEWEENAW

The Keweenaw is home to over 300 species of birds, from waterfowl in serene wetlands to raptors soaring above Lake Superior. This day-long adventure guides you from the southern wetlands to the northern cliffs, giving you a full Keweenaw birding experience.

STURGEON RIVER SLOUGH WILDLIFE AREA (Chassell)

Habitat: Wetlands, sloughs, river channels

Birds to Spot: Trumpeter Swan, Sandhill Crane, ducks, shorebirds, herons, and raptors

Tip: Paddle the sloughs or use the wooden viewing platform

NARA NATURE PARK (Houghton)

Habitat: Forested wetlands, boardwalk trails

Birds to Spot: Robins and songbirds, warblers, herons, waterfowl, shorebirds, gulls, eagles

Tip: Boardwalk trails bring you close without disturbing wildlife. Dogs on leash welcome.

PAAVOLA WETLANDS (Hancock)

Habitat: Wetlands, forests, and Boston Creek

Birds to Spot: Wrens, marsh birds, warblers

Tip: Walk quietly to increase sightings. Trails loop around the wetlands for easy access.

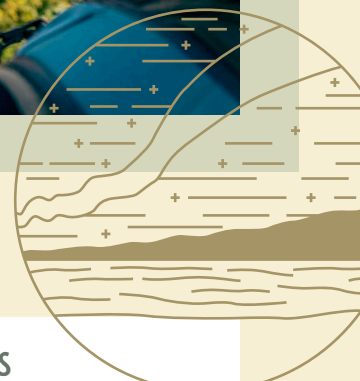
BROCKWAY MOUNTAIN (Copper Harbor Area)

Time: Late afternoon to sunset

Habitat: Clifftop lookout, open sky

Birds to Spot: Spring raptors, migrating waterfowl

Tip: Peak spring migration is mid-May. Bring binoculars and dress for Lake Superior winds.



SEASONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Spring: Thousands of migrating raptors pass through; Brockway Mountain is the ultimate Hawk Watch.

Summer: Songbirds and robins, loons, and cranes are abundant across forests and wetlands.

Winter: Pine Grosbeaks, Redpolls, Pine Siskins—hardy species like chickadees, pileated woodpeckers, and occasional eagles stay year-round.

RESPONSIBLE BIRDING

- Stay on trails and boardwalks
- Observe wildlife from a distance
- Avoid disturbing nests, feeding areas, or using off-road vehicles
- Follow Leave No Trace principles

PRO TIP: Start early to catch morning activity, take a lunch break in Houghton or Hancock, and finish at Brockway Mountain for a sunset raptor spectacle. Binoculars, a camera, and patience make this a day to remember.



COPPER HISTORY BUFF TOUR



FOR PEOPLE WHO SLOW DOWN FOR HEADFRAMES AND READ PLAQUES ALL THE WAY THROUGH.

Copper didn't *just* come out of the ground here—it shaped so much of what you see today. Town layouts. Architecture. Family recipes. Canal views. Shorelines. This is a build-your-own copper ramble through the Keweenaw, designed for curious minds, good walking shoes, and a willingness to follow the story wherever it leads.

GRAB A PENCIL. CIRCLE WHAT GRABS YOU. THERE'S NO WRONG WAY TO DO THIS.

A **HEADFRAME** (ALSO KNOWN AS A GALLOWS FRAME, HOIST FRAME, OR POPPETHEAD) IS A TALL, RIGID STEEL, CONCRETE, OR TIMBER STRUCTURE BUILT DIRECTLY OVER AN UNDERGROUND MINE SHAFT.

WARM UP YOUR BRAIN COPPER 101

Keweenaw National Historical Park Visitor Center (Calumet)

Immigrant stories, labor revolutions, company towns, daily life. This is where the copper story gets human. **BONUS:** Catch a free Ranger Tour—hear and see history in person on a streetside walk. Kids can get a Junior Park Ranger Badge here too!

A.E. Seaman Mineral Museum (Houghton)

Massive native copper, rare minerals, and the geologic jackpot that put the Keweenaw on the world map. **BONUS:** Traveling with kids? Grab a free scavenger hunt book to make the museum even more fascinating.

WANDER THE BOOMTOWNS STREETS THAT REMEMBER

- Calumet Historic District** (Downtown & 5th Street)
Once the beating heart of American copper. Look up, look around, and imagine this place at full roar—it's not hard. Hit the brick main street and explore the busy cafes, shops, and local events!
- Laurium Manor District** (Exterior Viewing - Laurium)
Copper wealth seen in magnificent historic mansions, homes, and tree-lined streets. Take a tour at the Laurium Manor Inn from noon-3PM daily.
- Hancock & Houghton** (Downtowns & Canalside)
Lively streets, historic facades. From waterside paths, it's easy to imagine the Portage Canal alive with ore boats, rail cars, and the Smelter loading up copper to head out to the world. **BONUS:** Book a boat tour and get on those storied waters yourself for an all-new view!

STAND WHERE THE WORK HAPPENED MINES, SHAFTS & HEAVY INDUSTRY

- Quincy Mine & Shaft House** (Hancock)
Big, bold, and unapologetically industrial. Ride the cogwheel tram, walk the surface ruins, and head underground to take in the scale.
- Painesdale Mine & Shaft** (Champion Mine)
Mining history goes *up* here—the Champion Mine tour is the only mine you can ascend a headframe.
- Delaware Mine** (Delaware)
Don your hard hat on this self-guided mine tour both underground and on the surface. **BONUS:** Leashed dogs and pasties welcome underground!

LET THE LAND DO THE TALKING WHERE COPPER CHANGED THE VIEW

- Breakers Beach** (Staton Township Park)
Black sand beaches hearken to the industrial past. Fascinating texture with amazing Lake Superior and lighthouse views. **BONUS:** Enjoy a bonfire in the provided fire pits. **Love The Keweenaw** and practice fire safety while roasting marshmallows.
- Copper Harbor & Fort Wilkins Area**
Military history and big mining dreams meet at the edge of the map in Michigan's farthest north.



A.E. SEAMAN MINERAL MUSEUM

FOLLOW THE PEOPLE, NOT JUST THE PLACES

STORIES BETWEEN THE STONES

Local Historical Societies & Small Museums

These spots reward curiosity. Family and mine town photos, tools, personal effects, and stories that never made the textbooks.

- Houghton County Historical Society
- Carnegie Museum of the Keweenaw
- Eagle Harbor Museum
- Central Mine Historic District

Memorials & Art

People, families, stories both sweet and tragic shaped Copper Country as much as the ore itself.

- Kasey Koski's Steel Silhouettes at the Quincy Mine, Quincy Smelter, Quincy Dry House Ruins
- Italian Hall Memorial

Heritage Comfort Food

Food tells a story of people coming together, of time's passage, and communities intertwining. Taste history at:

- East Fork Pasty Company—Cornwall meets Finland, and gets wrapped in buttery crust! This shop makes their mark on the local handheld, but don't miss 12 other pasty shops on the Keweenaw Pasty Trail!
- Suomi Restaurant—Break your fast with rich pannukakku and sweet nisu. It's the most important meal of the day!
- CroFest—Calumet's newest festival celebrates Croatian immigrant history with music and Croatian food! Don't miss the čevapčići (cheh-VAHP-chee-chee), a fire-grilled sausage!



SUMMER IN THE KEWEENAW ISN'T JUST A SEASON—IT'S A STATE OF MIND.

There is a quiet joy in deep woods and open water. Whether you are seeking the solitude of a backcountry hike or the flow of a singletrack trail, our peninsula offers vast, uncrowded spaces to disconnect and explore.

FIND YOUR WILD



MOUNT BOHEMIA

ON FOOT

HIKING: FROM RIDGES TO REMOTE ISLANDS

For us, hiking here is about variety. You can scramble up a rocky ridge for a panoramic view in the morning and walk a silent, mossy cedar swamp in the afternoon.

Our Top Pick: For a rewarding day hike, we recommend the Helmut & Candis Stern Preserve at Mt. Baldy near Eagle Harbor. It's a six-mile round trip that ends with an unforgettable view of Lake Superior.

The Ultimate Adventure: No hiker's bucket list is complete without Isle Royale National Park. Just a ferry or seaplane ride away, this remote island offers over 160 miles of trails where you are more likely to see a moose than another person.

& ON WATER

PADDLING: THE SUPERIOR PERSPECTIVE

Seeing the Keweenaw from the water changes everything. The rugged coastline, sea caves, and historic lighthouses look even more majestic from the seat of a kayak.

Sea Kayaking: If you are ready to tackle the big lake, we suggest connecting with the Keweenaw Adventure Company in Copper Harbor. Their guided tours get you out on Lake Superior safely with all the right gear.

Quiet Waters: For a more relaxed float, the Sturgeon River Sloughs near Chassell offer a gentle paddle teeming with bird-life and scenic wetlands. Pro Tip: Check out the History Trail near Centennial Park to learn about Chassell's logging history.

ON WHEELS

MOUNTAIN BIKING: WORLD-CLASS FLOW

The Keweenaw is home to the Midwest's best collection of singletrack, and the variety here is stunning.

Copper Harbor Trails: This system is legendary for a reason. With expert-level gravity runs and scenic cross-country loops, it draws riders from across the globe. Grab a shuttle from the Keweenaw Adventure Company to maximize your downhill time.

Beyond the Harbor: Don't overlook the other systems! We love the flow at Swedetown Recreation Area in Calumet and the technical challenges at the Michigan Tech Trails in Houghton. Maasto Hiihto + Churning Rapids in Hancock also offer riders a mix of advanced and beginner-friendly terrain.

New to riding? Check out local skills parks in Hancock and Copper Harbor to practice your drops and other skills before hitting the trails.

& ON ENGINES

ORV RIDING: DEEP WOODS EXPLORATION

Sometimes the best way to see it all is to cover some ground. With over 160 miles of multi-use trails, an ORV or Side-by-Side (SxS) allows you to explore the peninsula's rugged interior that cars can't reach.

Rent & Ride: It's a great way to bond with the family—the ride itself is the adventure. If you don't have your own machine, Copper Country Rentals in Calumet can get you outfitted with a SxS for the day.



TEAM TIP:

WHETHER YOU ARE BIKING OR BOATING, THE WEATHER HERE CHANGES FAST.

Always carry an extra layer, plenty of water, and a paper map—cell service isn't guaranteed in the deep woods!



VISIT KEWEENAW'S TOP 8 PICKS

FOR EASY-GOING EXPLORERS & FAMILIES

EASY LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY 

**YOU DON'T NEED TO
BE AN EXPERT TREKKER
TO EXPERIENCE THE
MAGIC OF THE KEWEENAW.**

Here's a list of our favorite easy-to-get-to spots—the places where we take our own families when we want maximum reward for minimal effort.

THE GATEWAY & CENTRAL KEWEENAW

1. CHUTES & LADDERS

Ray Kestner Park in Houghton: Locally known as “Chutes and Ladders,” this is the ultimate family pit stop. The massive, multi-level wooden playground is a dream for kids, while parents can relax at the picnic tables overlooking the Portage Canal.

Lite Tip: During summer, rent a paddleboard right on the beach or grab an ice cream treat from Portage Paddle Sports.

2. NARA NATURE PARK BOARDWALK

Houghton: For a peaceful walk that feels miles away from civilization, head to the Nara Nature Park. The flat, accessible boardwalk winds through wetlands and along the Pilgrim River, making it perfect for strollers and wheelchairs.

Lite Tip: Keep your eyes peeled for turtles sunning on logs and blue herons fishing in the shallows.

3. CREEKSIDE TRAILHEAD & BIKE PARK

Hancock: This new hub is the perfect launchpad for aspiring mountain bikers. Supported by a Visit Keweenaw Destination Development Fund award, it features a dedicated skills park with a strider loop for toddlers and a gentle flow trail designed specifically for beginners.

Lite Tip: This hub connects directly to the scenic Maasto Hiihto trails if you feel ready to graduate from the skills loop to a forest ride.

4. CALUMET WATERWORKS PARK

Calumet: Skip the hike and drive right up to the shore of Lake Superior. This rocky beach is legendary for agate hunting and watching the sunset.

Lite Tip: Bring a bucket! Kids love sifting through the colorful rocks to find “treasures” washed up by the Big Lake.



THE NORTHERN WILDS

5. EAGLE HARBOR LIGHTHOUSE 🌊🌊🌊🌊

Eagle Harbor: Step back in time at this active lighthouse turned museum. The grounds are easy to walk, offering tours of the keeper's house, a maritime museum, and a history museum. The views of the rocky coast and crashing waves are quintessentially Keweenaw.

Lite Tip: Check out the Life-Saving Station boat house to see the historic rescue boats used by brave crews of the past.

6. BROCKWAY MOUNTAIN DRIVE 🌊🌊🌊🌊

Copper Harbor: Experience the region's highest drive without taking a single step. This 9.5-mile scenic drive offers panoramic views of Lake Superior and the inland lakes. It is the perfect spot for a sunset picnic or hawk-watching in the spring.

Lite Tip: Stop at the top lookout for a 360-degree view. It is accessible by car and has paved walkways for easy viewing.

7. KEWEENAW DARK SKY PARK 🌊🌊🌊🌊

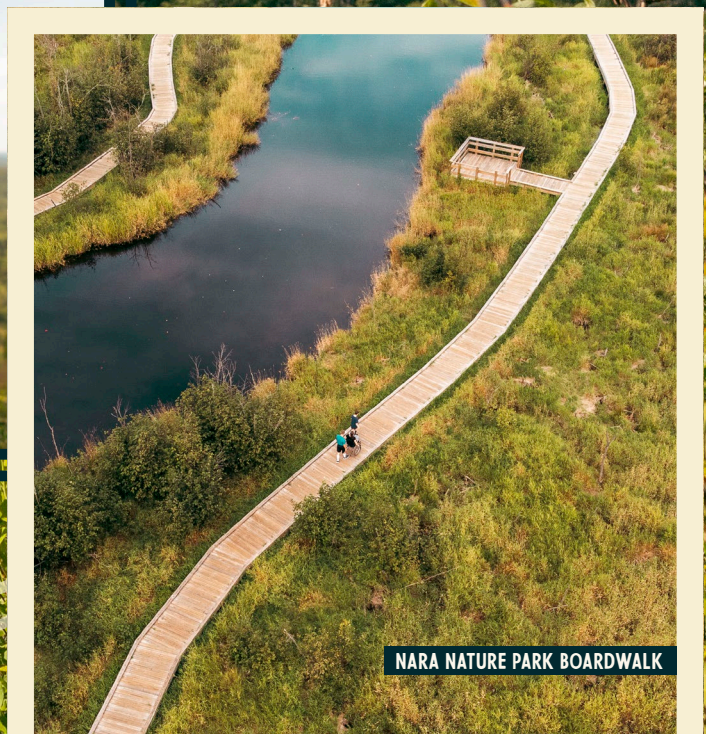
Copper Harbor: Headquartered at the historic Keweenaw Mountain Lodge, this park is the first International Dark Sky Park in the Upper Peninsula. It is designed for visitors of all ages to view the cosmos without needing to hike into the backcountry.

Lite Tip: The Dark Sky Park is open to all visitors between the hours of 7 pm and 7 am. Note the main lodge and restrooms are available only to lodge guests and camping is prohibited.

8. THE APPLE ORCHARD TRAIL 🌊🌊🌊🌊

Copper Harbor: For a quiet stroll away from the crowds, try this hidden gem. This easy, flat loop winds through a historic orchard and along a small pond, offering a peaceful retreat that is perfect for young children or anyone wanting a gentle walk.

Lite Tip: This trail is bike-friendly but gentle enough for beginner riders, making it a great spot for a "first trail ride" experience.



ROCK

NERDS WELCOME

CHOOSE YOUR OWN KEWEENAW GEOLOGY ADVENTURE

THE KEWEENAW PENINSULA IS ONE OF NORTH AMERICA'S MOST GEOLOGICALLY SIGNIFICANT LANDSCAPES.

Formed by a 1.1-billion-year-old volcanic rift and famous for native copper, this is a place where geology is visible, accessible, and deeply tied to local history.

BUILD YOUR OWN GEOLOGY DAY (OR WEEKEND) BELOW.



THE BIG PICTURE

- A.E. Seaman Mineral Museum** (Houghton)
 - World-class native copper and Keweenaw mineral collections
 - Historic specimens and tools sourced from classic Copper Country mines
- Copper Country Trail National Byway**
 - Picturesque viewing of landscape at your own pace
 - Epic views of cliff sides and volcanic shorelines on both the main byway and spurs
 - Witness historic mines and begin to understand the interconnectedness of landscape and industry

BEST FOR: First-timers, collectors, and context seekers.



FIELD TIME (SELF-GUIDED)

- Calumet Waterworks** (Calumet)
 - Shoreline rock picking where glacial movement mixed minerals
 - Don't forget the swimsuits—great spot to take a dip!
- Brunette Park** (Gay)
 - Walk exposed rock shelf beaches shaped by Lake Superior
- Esrey Park** (Eagle Harbor)
 - Roadside park with incredible viewing of Lake Superior and volcanic shorelines
 - Picnics and agate hunting
- Hunter's Point Park** (Copper Harbor)
 - Pebble beach ideal for observation and photography
 - Appreciate only—leave rocks in place as rock collecting is prohibited here

BEST FOR: Hands-on learners and slow travelers.



QUINCY MINE

COPPER & MINING HISTORY

Quincy Mine + Delaware Mine + Painesdale Mine

- See how geology dictated mine locations and shaft design
- Learn the difference between fissure veins, conglomerates, and lava flows
- Guided & self-guided tours connect rock, engineering, and Copper Country culture

BEST FOR: Applied geology fans and history lovers.

ROCKHOUNDING ESSENTIALS

BUILD YOUR DAY

Half Day: Museum + one shoreline stop

Full Day: Museum >>> mine tour >>> rocky Lake Superior beach

Weekend: Add Mineral Week events and multiple field stops

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Cell service is limited—bring a paper map or download directions
- Collect only where allowed and follow posted guidelines
- Wear sturdy shoes and dress for Lake Superior weather
- Leave rocks and shorelines as you found them

WHY IT MATTERS

The Keweenaw is one of the few places on Earth where you can walk across ancient lava flows, see native copper in place, and experience how geology shaped an entire region.



TIME IT RIGHT

Keweenaw Mineral Week

An annual gathering for rock lovers typically held in July featuring:

- Rock swaps at the A.E. Seaman Mineral Museum
- Programming and swaps (mineral & mining artifacts) at Quincy Mine
- Guided digs at Cliff Mine with the Copper Country Rock and Mineral Club

BEST FOR: Collectors, families, and curious newcomers.

QUINCY MINE TOUR





MONTREAL FALLS

KEWEENAW WATERFALL TOUR

DISCOVER WATERFALLS THAT TUMBLE THROUGH RUGGED GORGES AND FORESTS ON THE KEWEENAW PENINSULA, FROM EASY ROADSIDE STOPS TO ADVENTUROUS HIKES.

PRO TIP: Plan a day or two exploring these natural gems from south to north.

EASY & ROAD-FRIENDLY STOPS

Perfect for quick visits or families—minimal walking required.

JACOB'S FALLS (EAGLE RIVER) #5

Drive-up access right off M-26

- Delicate falls, especially dramatic in spring
- Nearby: Jampot Bakery for a snack

LOWER EAGLE RIVER FALLS (EAGLE RIVER) #6

- Steel pedestrian bridge offers panoramic views
- Winter destination for frozen waterfalls
- Very accessible with durable surfaces

HAVEN FALLS (LAC LA BELLE) #4

- Small roadside pull-off
- Rustic picnic spot and photo-op, especially in fall

MANGANESE FALLS (COPPER HARBOR) #1

- Short walk from the road
- Powerful spring flow, mossy scenery year-round

MODERATE WALKS & TRAILS

Some uneven paths and scenic short hikes—great for casual and active explorers.

HOUGHTON-DOUGLASS FALLS (LAURIUM) #8

- New parking and trailhead off M26 lead to rustic trails
- Michigan's tallest waterfall
- **Love the Keweenaw:** View falls from safe distance to cliff edge

CANYON FALLS (L'ANSE) #12

- Trails lead along cliffs into a dramatic box canyon
- Known as the "Grand Canyon" of Michigan's UP

HUNGARIAN FALLS (HUBBELL) #9

- Three waterfalls along rustic trails
- Historic dam at Upper Falls; scenic winter views

WYANDOTTE FALLS (TWIN LAKES) #11

- Moderately uneven walking path
- Quiet and less visited, perfect for solitude

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

- Short unmarked trail off M-26
- Spring runoff creates a rushing cascade over boulders

RED RIDGE DAM (FREDA) #10

- Small waterfall under historic dam
- Secluded, quiet, off-the-beaten-path experience

SILVER RIVER FALLS (COPPER HARBOR) #3

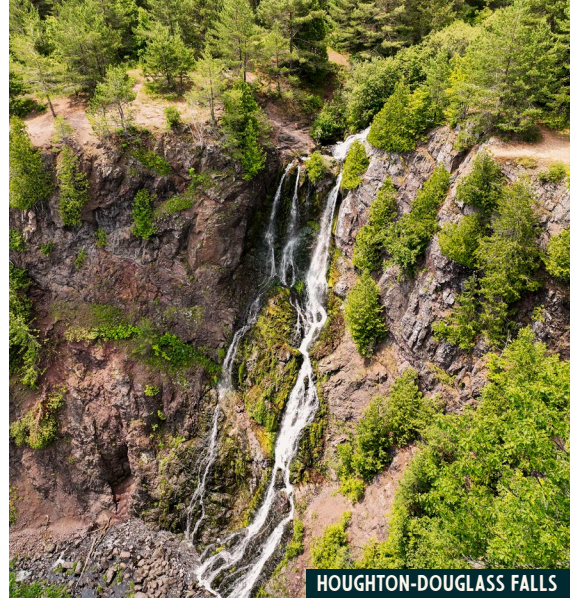
- Tumbles over rapids and ledges into Lake Superior
- Picnic tables nearby for spring viewing

CHALLENGING HIKES

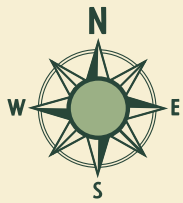
For those seeking adventure and a workout.

MONTREAL FALLS (LAC LA BELLE AREA) #2

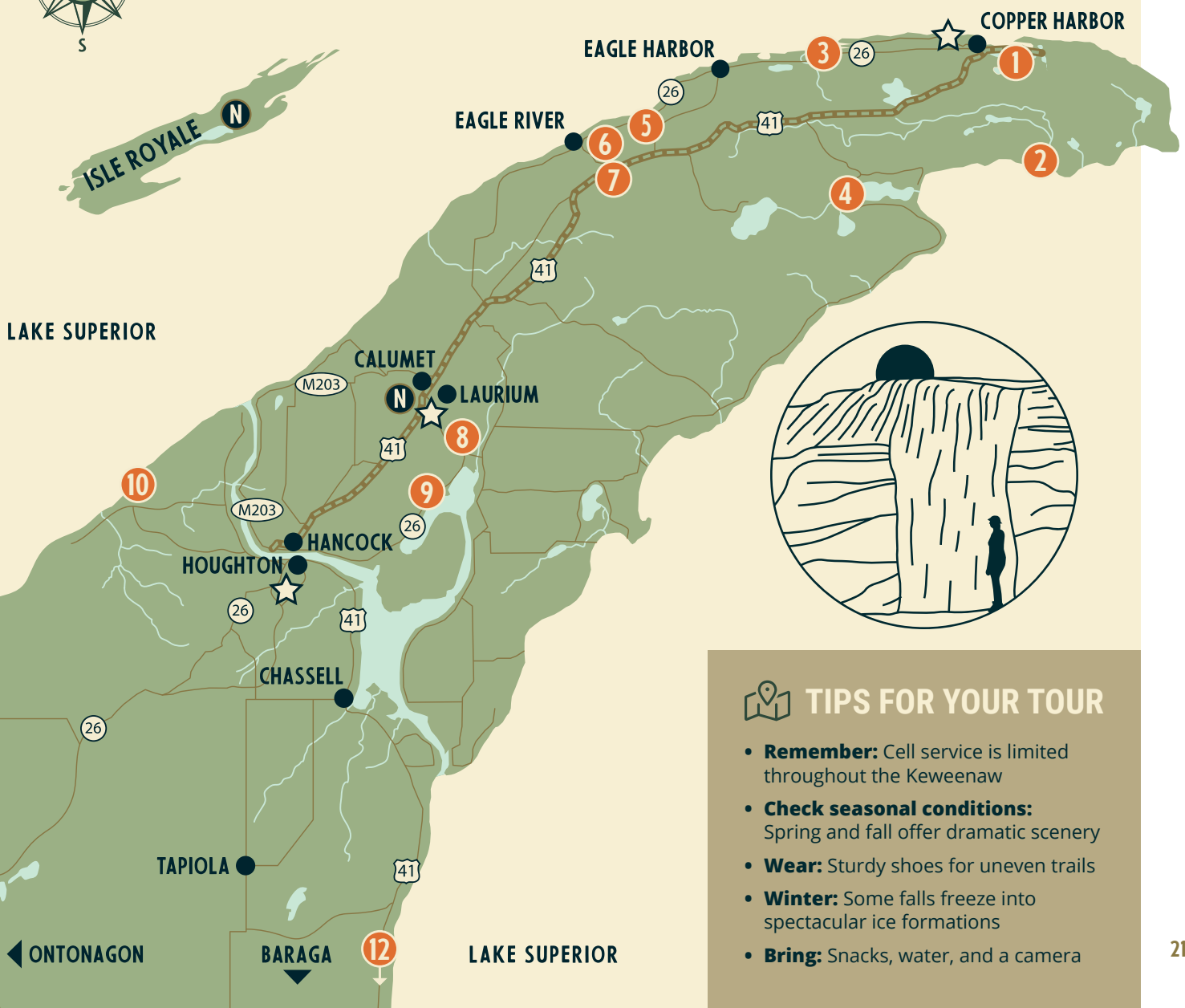
- Most difficult hike; long, forested trail with terrain and obstacle challenges
- Rewarding views of a cascading waterfall in a forested ravine
- Best visited in spring for rushing water, summer for lush greenery, or fall for color
- Accessed from Copper Harbor via Mandan Road to Fish Cove



HOUGHTON-DOUGLASS FALLS



-  Waterfalls
-  Visitor Centers
-  National Parks
-  Copper Country Trail



TIPS FOR YOUR TOUR

- **Remember:** Cell service is limited throughout the Keweenaw
- **Check seasonal conditions:** Spring and fall offer dramatic scenery
- **Wear:** Sturdy shoes for uneven trails
- **Winter:** Some falls freeze into spectacular ice formations
- **Bring:** Snacks, water, and a camera

THE NIGHT SHOW UP NORTH



KEWEENAW DARK SKY PARK

WELCOME STARGAZERS, CURIOUS MINDS, AND THOSE WHO AREN'T AFRAID OF THE DARK.

In the Keweenaw, a celestial display unfolds nightly—no ticket required. On clear evenings, the stars arrive in force, and if conditions align, the aurora borealis may steal the show. With minimal light pollution and wide-open horizons, this is a place where looking up still feels like a discovery. Download an app like MyAurora Forecast to get notified right on your phone when the northern lights are coming out.

MUST-BRING ESSENTIALS

- ☑ Warm layers (even summer nights get cold)
- ☑ Headlamp or flashlight with a red-light mode (reduces night vision loss)
- ☑ Blanket or camp chair
- ☑ Telescope or binoculars
- ☑ Thermos with something hot
- ☑ Snacks
- ☑ Star map app or printed constellations chart
- ☑ Camera with tripod (optional, but worth it)

Whether you're tracking constellations or just soaking in the silence, the Keweenaw delivers a night sky that earns its reputation. When the clouds stay away, the universe shows up.

Safety Note: Visit Keweenaw advises visitors to scout their viewing location during daylight hours to become familiar with the area before dark.

PRIME STARGAZING SPOTS

Keweenaw Dark Sky Park (Copper Harbor) – One of the darkest publicly accessible spots in the region, designed specifically for night-sky viewing. It's the only one in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, and is one of three in the state. Open to the public 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Brockway Mountain Drive (Eagle Harbor Township) A classic overlook by day, and a front-row seat to stars, planets, and northern lights after sunset.

Nara Nature Boardwalk (Houghton) – This boardwalk in Houghton is accessible and is a perfect quiet place to watch the stars.

Great Sand Bay (Eagle Harbor Township) – Open shoreline and northern exposure make this a favorite for aurora watchers.



MAP LOCATIONS

1. **Keweenaw Mountain Lodge**
(Keweenaw Dark Sky Park HQ) – Copper Harbor
2. **Brockway Mountain Drive** – Copper Harbor
3. **Esrey Park** – Eagle Harbor
4. **Great Sand Bay** – Between Eagle River & Eagle Harbor
5. **Eagle River Beach** – Eagle River
6. **Calumet Waterworks Park** – Calumet
7. **McLain State Park** – Hancock
8. **Breakers Beach** – Stanton Township
9. **Isle Royale National Park**



Stargazing Spots	Visitor Centers
National Parks	Copper Country Trail



THE ORPHEUM THEATER

COPPER-FORGED ARTS + CULTURE

THE KEWEENAW'S ARTS AND CULTURE SCENE IS DEEPLY ROOTED IN PLACE.

Influenced by mining history, Finnish heritage, and Lake Superior herself, the region supports a vibrant mix of galleries, studios, live music, and performance spaces that reflect tradition and contemporary creativity.

FINLANDIA ART GALLERY/
FINNISH AMERICAN HERITAGE CENTER



GALLERIES + STUDIOS

- Copper Country Community Arts Center**
Hancock – Rotating exhibits and community arts programming.
- Copper Country Associated Artists Gallery**
Calumet – Members show and sell their work, teach classes, and provide public workshops.
- Eagle Rock Studio**
Copper Harbor – Hand painted glassware by Gail English, local photography by George C. Bailey, and over 30 local artist creations including jewelry, pottery, clothing, water colors, and much more!
- Studio 13**
Houghton – Every piece by artist Chris Schmidt is inspired by the Keweenaw.

🎵 LIVE MUSIC + PERFORMANCE

❑ Rozsa Center for the Performing Arts

Houghton – The Keweenaw is home to the Upper Peninsula's largest performance venue. The Rozsa is a premier venue offering concerts, theater, dance, film screenings, and touring productions.

❑ Orpheum Theatre

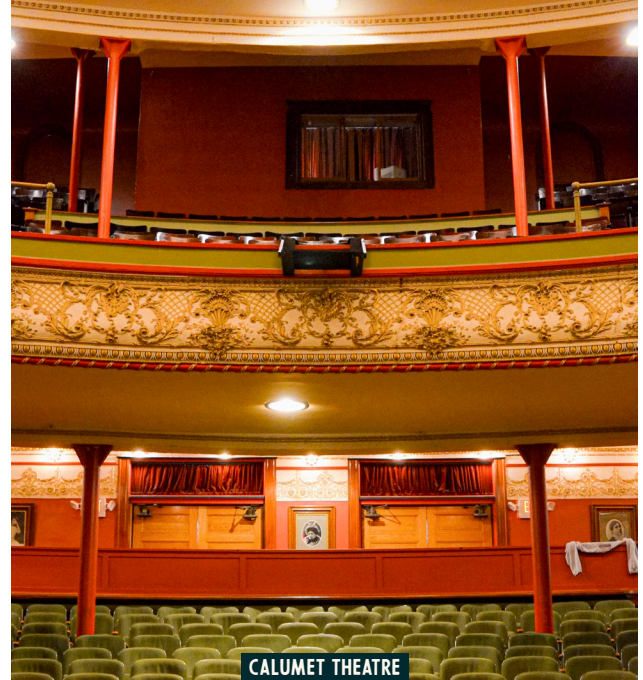
Hancock – A lovingly restored theatre hosting live music, films, comedy, and community events in an intimate setting. Try the pizza!

❑ The Bonfire

Houghton – A beloved bar in Houghton's old fire hall, the Bonfire is known for its rotating lineup of live bands, DJ club nights, and late-night energy.

❑ Calumet Theatre

Calumet – The historic Calumet Theatre is open for tours, and still hosts a regular lineup of traveling and local music and arts performers.



WHAT'S A YOOPER?

SPENDING TIME IN THE KEWEENAW, YOU'LL HEAR A FEW WORDS— AND NOTICE A FEW PERSONALITY TRAITS—THAT DEFINE LIFE IN OUR BEAUTIFUL REGION:

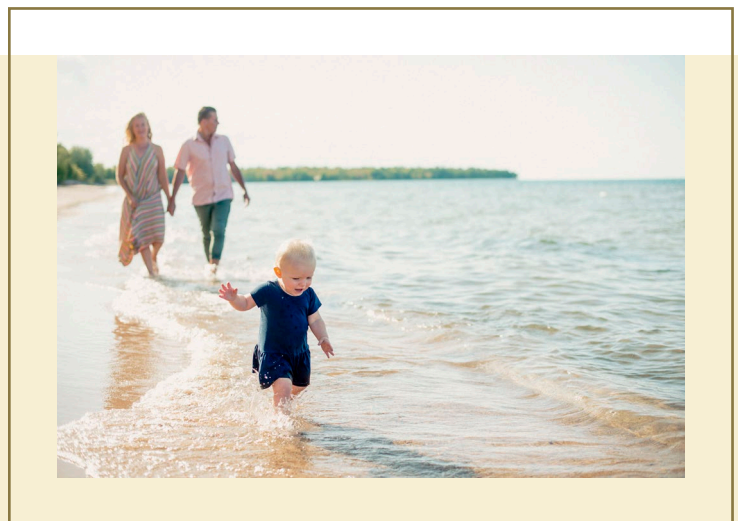
👉 **YOOPER** – Someone from Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Friendly, practical, and winter-hardy.

🌊 **LAKE SUPERIOR** – Snowfall is shaped by Lake Superior... and we get lots of it. In summer, the waters of Lake Superior make for a refreshing way to cool off.

🥧 **PASTY** (PAH-stee, with a short 'a' like 'hat')
A hand-held meat pie brought by Cornish miners; still serious business.

🌫️ **SAUNA** (pronounced SOW-NUH)
Not a luxury—a way of life.

🗣️ **"YEAH, NO" / "NO, YEAH"**
Both make sense here. Context matters.



ART, CULTURE, AND COMMUNITY ARE INSEPARABLE IN THE KEWEENAW. WHETHER YOU'RE STEPPING INTO A GALLERY, CATCHING A SHOW, OR CHATTING WITH LOCALS OVER COFFEE, YOU'LL FEEL IT—THIS IS A PLACE WHERE CREATIVITY IS SHAPED BY HISTORY, WEATHER, AND A DEEP LOVE FOR WHERE WE LIVE.

More Keweenaw's Arts & Cultural Attractions:
[visitkeweenaw.com/things-to-do/arts-culture](https://www.visitkeweenaw.com/things-to-do/arts-culture)

EMBRACE STICK SEASON

YOUR ULTIMATE NOVEMBER WEEKEND IN MICHIGAN'S KEWEENAW.

November in the Keweenaw is a season of quiet magic. Locals call it **stick season**—the leaves are gone, the trails are open, and Lake Superior's shoreline is fully revealed. Fewer crowds, crisp jacket weather, and unobstructed vistas make it the perfect time to slow down, explore, and capture the far north's rugged beauty.

STICK VIEWS— SCENIC DRIVES & NAKED TREES

- Take the Copper Country Trail National Byway** (US-41) for panoramic views.
- Bare forests** reveal rocky overlooks and dramatic Lake Superior waves.
- Perfect time for photography and long distance viewing:** no leaves blocking your shot.
- Did you know?** November gales create spectacular lake spray along the shore.

TIP: Head to Brockway Mountain stop at Berry Picker Trail for stunning late-season views!

HISTORY THAT STICKS WITH YOU— MUSEUMS & CULTURAL STOPS

- Explore** historic sites, galleries, and mining heritage museums.
- Fewer crowds** mean you can connect with the “bones” of the Keweenaw.
- Hidden stories and artifacts** come alive when the season quiets down.

STIRRING STICKS— COZY EATS & LOCAL DRINKS

- Warm up** with steaming pasties, soups, or local craft cocktails.
- Local cafés** are ideal for slowing down and savoring the season.





MICHIGAN TECH HOCKEY

HOCKEY STICKS— LOCAL SPORTS ENERGY

- Catch the **Calumet Wolverines** at the historic **Calumet Colosseum**.
- Cheer on the **Michigan Tech Huskies** for a college-town hockey experience.
- Historic ice comes alive at **The Dee Stadium**—watch the **Portage Lake Pioneers** play or visit the **History of Hockey Museum**

HUNGARIAN FALLS



WALKING STICKS— LATE FALL HIKES & HIDDEN PATHS

- Bare forests reveal** every branch, stream, and ridge.
- Enjoy mindful walks and photography** at Keweenaw nature preserves.
- Waterfalls can surprise you**—seek out a favorite waterfall for a private viewing!

BONUS: YOUR EARLY WINTER PREVIEW

Stick season gives you the gift of time. With fewer crowds and quiet trails, you can savor every moment and plan the perfect winter getaway. Imagine cozy cabins, lakeside walks, and the first snow dusting forests and rooftops—a sneak peek of cinematic winter landscapes without the rush. It's your chance to explore, relax, and map out your next snowy adventure.



PRISTINE PLAYGROUND



THE SPIRIT OF WINTER

WELCOME TO THE SNOWBELT.
IN THE KEWEENAW, WE DON'T HIBERNATE—
WE CELEBRATE.

With an average snowfall that buries the record books, our peninsula transforms into a pristine playground for those with Sisu (inner strength) and a spirit of adventure.

FIND YOUR SISU

Winter here is defined by **Sisu**, a Finnish concept of resilience and guts. It powers us through deep snow and icy winds, and it is what makes the reward—a warm sauna or a breathtaking view—so sweet. Whether you are chasing adrenaline or tranquility, you will find it here.

CHASING THE AURORA

Winter offers the best seat in the house for the Northern Lights. With long nights and dark skies, the Keweenaw is the Upper Peninsula's premier stargazing destination. Head to the **Keweenaw Dark Sky Park** in Copper Harbor or the shores of Lake Superior to witness the Milky Way and dancing auroras over a frozen horizon.





HIGH OCTANE ADVENTURE

MOUNT BOHEMIA: NO BEGINNERS ALLOWED

For the true thrill-seeker, **Mount Bohemia** in Lac La Belle is unmatched. Known for the longest runs with the highest vertical drop in the Midwest, this resort relies on all-natural powder—no grooming allowed. With 111 runs across 620 acres of rugged chutes and glades, it is a bucket-list destination for expert skiers and snowboarders.



WORLD-CLASS SLEDDING

DISCOVER A WINTER LANDSCAPE LIKE NO OTHER.

The Keweenaw offers over 230 miles of groomed snowmobile trails that weave through towering forests, over scenic ridges, and along the breathtaking Superior shoreline. From the historic routes near **Twin Lakes** to the panoramic overlooks of **Brockway Mountain**, the riding here is about the journey. Our extensive trail system connects you directly to welcoming communities like **Hancock** and **Copper Harbor**, where trailside dining and warm gas stops allow you to refuel and relax.

Please remember to ride right: Stay on marked trails, respect private property, and keep our trail system safe for everyone.

SILENT SPORTS

SLOW THE PACE AND SOAK IN THE SILENCE

The Keweenaw boasts over 160 km of scenic trails perfect for cross-country skiing, fat biking, and snowshoeing.

Explore the groomed tracks at **Swedetown Recreation Area** or glide through the quiet woods of **Maasto Hiihto & Churning Rapids** in Hancock. For a truly remote experience, venture to Copper Harbor's **End of the Road Winter Trails** to snowshoe among ancient pines at the edge of the world.



FAMILY TIME

MAKE SNOW MEMORIES AT MONT RIPLEY

Located just minutes from downtown Houghton, **Mont Ripley** is the perfect winter playground for families.

Owned by Michigan Tech, this hill features 24 groomed trails, night skiing, and a dedicated tubing park that guarantees smiles for all. It is challenging enough for seasoned skiers but welcoming for those just finding their snow legs.

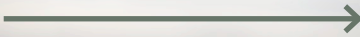


SNOW MUCH FUN!



CULTURE, WARMTH, & CELEBRATION

OUR WINTER CALENDAR IS PACKED WITH EVENTS THAT HONOR OUR HERITAGE AND OUR LOVE FOR THE SNOW.



❑ LATE JANUARY

Heikinpäivä:

Embrace our Finnish roots in Hancock! This mid-winter festival features a parade of characters from Finnish folklore, traditional music, and the hilarious “wife-carrying” contest.

❑ FEBRUARY

Michigan Tech Winter Carnival:

A tradition since 1922, marvel at massive, intricate snow statues built by students and enjoy unique winter sporting events.

❑ EARLY MARCH

CopperDog:

Feel the energy as hundreds of sled dogs rush through downtown Calumet. This race connects our communities and celebrates the bond between musher and dog.



FULL LIST OF WINTER FESTIVALS:

[VisitKeweenaw.com/events](https://www.visitkeweenaw.com/events)

THE SAUNA TRADITION

No winter visit is complete without a sauna. It's more than relaxation; it's a ritual.

❑ **Recover at The Nordic Spa (Lac La Belle):** After conquering the slopes, recharge at Mount Bohemia's Nordic Spa. It features the largest outdoor hot tub in the Upper Peninsula, a cold plunge, and a variety of steam treatments—the ultimate hot-cold cycle experience.

❑ **Takka Portage (Hancock):** Book a private session in a wood-fired sauna right on the Portage Canal, complete with a “snow angel station” for your cool-down.

❑ **Takka Saunas (Eagle Harbor):** Experience a lakeside heat session with views of Lake Superior's icy waves.



KEWEENAW EATS + DRINKS



SLIM'S CAFE

MORNING RITUALS—CAFFEINATED STOPS & BREAKFAST BITES

- Take a classic and put a spin on it. *Breakfast pasty* at **Suomi Restaurant**. Scrambled eggs, the fixin's, all in the butteriest crust. Pro tip: order some sausage gravy on the side. —*Amanda*
- The *cinnamon rolls* at **Slim's Cafe** may be worth driving up to the Keweenaw all on their own. This is seriously next-level indulgence, and the rolls are massive to boot. —*Brad*
- My preferred way to wake up is a *well-pulled espresso*. Double shot mocha, rich and so smooth! **Prickly Pine Cafe** is where my feet take me for a warm boost. —*Amanda*

IN CRUST WE TRUST—FAVORITE PIZZA SLICES

- Weekly specials featuring local ingredients and produce or a *spicy Ginger Baker* with a side of house made ranch, **Milly's** in Hancock is a favorite among my friends and family near and far. Beyond pizza, they make some one of a kind sorbets and soft serves like vanilla soft serve with quince compote, bergamot syrup topped with buttermilk whip and a lil' pizzelle. —*Mary*
- The Ambassador's** (affectionately known as Ambo) pizza will forever reign supreme in the hearts of locals, but don't sleep on the *wood-fired pizzas* at **Mount Bohemia**. The crust has a nice crunch, and it pairs perfectly with a cold Finnish Long Drink while enjoying the Nordic Spa. —*Brad*

STAFF PICKS FOR GOOD MEALS,
SOLID POURS, AND PLACES
WORTH PLANNING AROUND.

CASUAL EATS—BURGERS, SANDWICHES, & QUICK STOPS

- When I'm STARVING and at least as north as Calumet, I love nothing more than an *Italian sub sandwich* from **Jen's Kitchen**. Ask for crispy jalapenos for some crunch! —*Jesse*
- Underrated and unexpected: The *Garlic Butter Burger* at **Joey's Seafood**. You think I'm joking? Meet you there in ten minutes. —*Amanda*
- When I tell you **Roy's Pasties & Bakery** has the best chicken wrap—trust me. Feta crumbles, crisp green apple, cranberries, tender chicken, and a perfectly balanced dressing that ties it all together. Sweet, savory, fresh, unreal. —*Jesse*
- Rodeo Mexican Kitchen** has incredible (and huge) *burritos*. Shredded beef is my go-to with XX salsa on the side. *Apricot salsa* so deliciously spicy you'll cry tears of... joy. —*Amanda*
- If you're looking to fully embrace the culinary delights of the Keweenaw, you need to try a *pickled egg* from the **Douglass House Saloon** (or the Dog House per locals). It's been a right of passage for Tech students for decades, and there's a reason they keep coming back for more. —*Brad*

PASTY STAPLES—PASTIES WE CRAVE

☐ For me, it's **Amy J's Pasty Kitchen** in Hancock. I'll die on this hill. Thinly sliced potatoes, generous meat filling, and Amy and Tom's friendly faces make this one my top pick. Plus, I always grab an oatmeal cookie for the road. —**Brad**

☐ When I'm feeling classic, **Slim's Cafe** pasty is my go to. When I need to shake it up, **East Fork Pasty Co.'s Vindaloo pasty** saves the day. An elite level recommendation? Plan an August trip to experience **Pasty Fest**—try tons of local pasties AND enjoy a very lively day of games and Copper Country quirk! Did I mention it's also **medieval themed**?! —**Amanda**

TOAST-WORTHY SIPS—LOCAL POURS & ZERO-PROOF FAVORITES

☐ My go-to cocktail is a **negroni**. That's sweet vermouth, gin, and campari with an orange peel on ice. **Small Craft** in Hancock makes the best one around town! —**Jesse**

☐ A noteworthy cocktail spot in the north is the **Cliff View Bar**. It's always fun to see what's new on their rotating cocktail menu and to play some Crokinole while taking in the views. My personal favorite lately has been **Howick's Fall**, an Earl Grey-infused, gin-based drink. Unsure what to try, ask about their frozen drinks —**Mary**

☐ For me, a crafted **zero-proof** drink is a perfect way to unwind with friends at my favorite local hang out spot. **Small Craft** undoubtedly tops the list with the **Big Kahuna**—a tiki filled to the brim with the taste of summer and sunshine. **The Fitz** bartenders always are up for crafting a refined mocktail—"sweet or sour" they'll ask. Prefer your brew N/A? **The Keweenaw Brewing Company** has your back with cans of beer from a trusted craft partner, so everyone can enjoy a relaxing sip at the taproom alongside the beer lovers. —**Amanda**

☐ I'm in love with Houghton's new wine bar **Beviamo**. I'm not a wine connoisseur, but the atmosphere, helpful customer service, and low pressure setting makes the experience easy to enjoy. Plus, their **self-pour option** is a great way to explore options. —**Brad**

THE AMBASSADOR



DESSERT DETOUR—SWEET TREATS

☐ Lake Linden's **Drive-Thru Depot** is a total throwback in the best way. Order a **loaded sundae** in line, pull into a numbered spot, and they'll bring your hot food right to your car. Grab it to-go and cruise over to Lake Linden Village Park for a lakefront bite. Summer only. —**Jesse**

☐ The baked goods from **The Jam Pot** have reached legendary status for a reason. Big flavors from local ingredients **baked fresh daily** make this a mandatory pit stop for any dessert enthusiast. —**Brad**

☐ **Bread Loafers** is hidden away in Hancock but is worth the jaunt. French breads and **patisserie** is their specialty, and it is special indeed. Infinitely flaky chocolate croissants and chewy layered cinnamon sugar "rolls" defy expectations. —**Amanda**

GOOD TASTE—UPSCALE DINING

☐ When I'm as hungry for a beautiful view as a great meal, **The Observatory Lounge** and **The Fitz** deliver. Thoughtful recipes informed by local flavor and worldly influence with seasonal offerings worth returning for throughout the year. The Fitz's **lakeside views** nearly lap at the windowsill, while the Observatory offers **panoramic views** of the Portage Canal—fall is especially stunning here! —**Amanda**

☐ If I want to wow someone, we head to the **Harbor Haus**. Between the **Jäegerschnitzel**, Lake Superior **Trout dip**, and steak... we're going home full after an elegant experience on the waterfront in Copper Harbor. And when the ferry comes back from Isle Royale? The staff perform a welcome dance. —**Jesse**



DINING IN THE KEWEENAW

OBSERVATORY LOUNGE

♡ COPPER COUNTRY CLASSICS— ESTABLISHED. ICONIC. STILL GATHERING PEOPLE.

These longtime establishments define what a Copper Country meal feels like. From iconic interiors and familiar menus to memorable views and the people who bring them to life, they've shaped local dining here in the Keweenaw. Memories are made here, and time spent at these tables offers a true introduction to the Keweenaw.

- ❑ **The Ambassador** – Known for its distinct interior, long-standing menu favorites, and the kind of atmosphere that's been part of local celebrations in Houghton for decades.
- ❑ **Suomi Restaurant** – An unmistakable piece of Copper Country history. A comforting space where Finnish heritage, familiar dishes, and decades of daily routines intersect in Houghton.
- ❑ **Toni's Country Kitchen** – A longtime staple enjoyed by generations of hungry visitors in Laurium. Home of one of the Keweenaw's iconic pasty, you'll find quick service and a hearty plate.
- ❑ **Mariner North** – A Copper Harbor destination sought year-round. Known for its encompassing menu and friendly service, many a snowmobiler, mountain biker, and roadtripper has enjoyed a meal here.
- ❑ **Fitzgerald's** – Set directly on the shores of Eagle Harbor in Lake Superior, the Fitz is an icon of thoughtfully curated menu items, deck-side cocktails, and delicious lake views.
- ❑ **Gino's Restaurant** – A Hancock classic where red-sauce comfort and celebration go hand-in-hand. Gino's is a go-to for big plates, familiar Italian favorites, modern American plates, and tables filled with family and friends.

☆+ NEW & NOTABLE— FRESH OPENINGS. NEW ENERGY. ALREADY ON THE RADAR.

These are the spots infusing new energy into the Keweenaw dining scene. New concepts, refreshed spaces, and creative menus that have quickly found an audience. They're generating conversation, drawing curious locals, and giving visitors something unexpected—all while fitting naturally into the rhythm of the region.

- ❑ **Small Craft** – A new addition to the Hancock waterfront, this cocktail bar offers inventive and well-crafted drinks on the Portage Canal. Don't miss the Bouyard for yard games!
- ❑ **The Observatory Lounge** – An elevated lounge space offering a different perspective—literally and figuratively. Stunning setting and menu that feels made for slow evenings and good conversation on the Portage Waterway in Houghton.
- ❑ **La Catrina** – A vibrant addition to the local food scene in Houghton, offering bold Mexican flavors and a lively atmosphere. Quickly becoming a go-to for something different and memorable.
- ❑ **The Cliff View Bar** – A newer stop in old bones. Known for its scenic views of the Cliff Ridge (halfway between Houghton and Copper Harbor), this spot features quick bites and cold beverages that both hearken to the establishment of old and the vibrant new spirit.
- ❑ **Uncles' Local Diner** – Now occupying the former space of the beloved Kaleva Cafe in Hancock, Uncles' is serving up classic breakfast combos and a tasty pasty. Try the Unc Sauce next time you go in.

THE KEWEENAW PASTY TRAIL

BANDWANGO IS YOUR PASSPORT TO DELICIOUSNESS (AND KEWEENAW SWAG)!

Few foods say “Keweenaw” quite like a pasty. Introduced by Cornish miners in the 1800s and shaped over generations by Finnish influence and local culture, this hearty, hand-held classic has become something wholly Copper Country—and a friendly source of debate.

The **Keweenaw Pasty Trail** invites you to taste your way across the peninsula, stopping at locally loved bakeries, cafes, and shops, each with its own take on this iconic dish. With the **Keweenaw Pasty Trail Bandwango Pass**, exploring the trail is easier, more flexible, and more rewarding than ever.

HOW IT WORKS

- Sign up for the **digital Bandwango Pass** (no app required)
- Visit participating pasty stops across the Keweenaw
- Check in on your phone as you go
- Track your progress at your own pace

Think of it as a passport to understand the Keweenaw—one pasty at a time.

ONE TRIP OR MANY

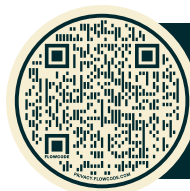
Whether you tackle the trail in a single weekend or spread it out over multiple visits or seasons, the pass keeps track of your journey. Pick up where you left off anytime—no rush, just good food.

FINISH THE TRAIL. GET THE SWAG.

- Exclusive Visit Keweenaw Pasty Trail swag
- Bragging rights as a certified pasty superfan
- Very strong opinions about crusts, fillings, and condiments

GET STARTED

Scan the QR code below to grab your **Keweenaw Pasty Trail Bandwango Pass** and start checking in.



One peninsula. One legendary dish. Countless opinions on ketchup versus gravy. The Keweenaw Pasty Trail is waiting!



WHY THESE PLACES MATTER

Together, these longtime favorites and newer standouts show how dining in the Keweenaw is shaped by both memory and momentum. Some places anchor the scene. Others push it forward. Both are worth a seat at the table.

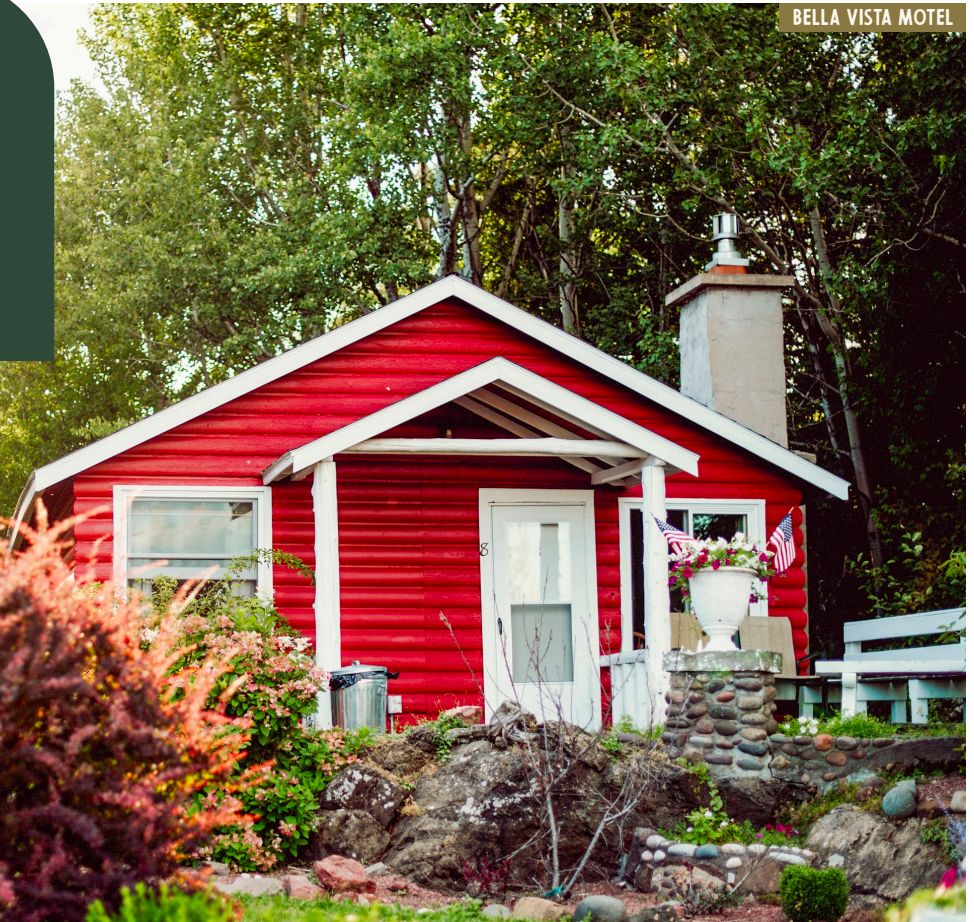
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WHERE TO STAY

FIND THE PERFECT PLACE TO STAY AND SUPPORT OUTDOOR ADVENTURE!

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.



📍 CALUMET

AGASSIZ HOUSE INN
25946 Red Jacket Rd, Calumet, MI
linktr.ee/agassizhouseinn

AMERICINN BY WYNDHAM CALUMET
56925 S Sixth St, Calumet, MI
wyndhamhotels.com/amicinn/calumet-michigan/amicinn-lodge-and-suites-calumet/overview

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

EXPEDITION INN
24631 Veterans Memorial Hwy (M203), Calumet, MI
expeditioninn.com

TRAILSIDE LODGE
57900 US Hwy 41, Calumet, MI
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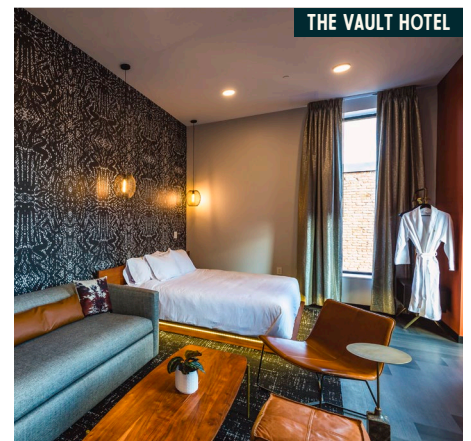
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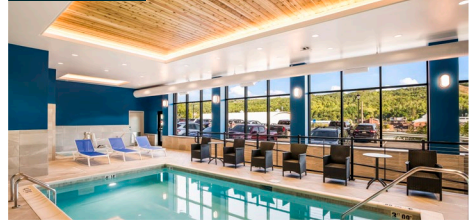
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☀️ SPRING & SUMMER

UP DARK SKY FESTIVAL: APRIL 16-18, 2026

Celebrate the cosmos at the Upper Peninsula's premier stargazing event! Hosted by the **Keweenaw Dark Sky Park** in Copper Harbor, this multi-day festival features night photography workshops, guided hikes, and educational seminars under some of the darkest skies in the Midwest.

JUHANNUS SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION: JUNE 20-22, 2026

Celebrate the longest days of the year the Finnish way! Join the City of Hancock and Visit Keweenaw for an epic **three-day festival** honoring the summer solstice. Enjoy Finnish workshops, traditional games, and the raising of a decorated Midsummer Pole to mark the start of summer.

CANAL RUN: JULY 18, 2026

Join the runners and walkers at the Keweenaw's premier running event! Started in 1975, this **historic race** follows the rolling hills along the scenic Portage Lake Shipping Canal. With a wide range of distances—including a Half Marathon, 10-mile and 5-mile runs/walks, a 2-mile fun run, and a Kids Dash—there is a pace for every participant.

CROFEST: AUGUST 8, 2026

Celebrate Calumet's vibrant Slavic roots at this lively **street festival honoring Croatian and Slovenian heritage**. Anchored by the historic Calumet Theatre, CroFest fills downtown with the spirited sounds of Tamburitza music and the rhythm of traditional Kolo dancers. Bring the whole family to enjoy kids' crafts, and savor a feast of authentic roasted meats and savory Balkan flavors.



PASTY FEST: AUGUST 14-16, 2026

Come hungry for a **Renaissance Fair-themed celebration** of our favorite local dish! Pasty Fest is the best time to be in Calumet, featuring live-action medieval performers, a strongman pull, and the legendary pasty eating competition. Be sure to order a sample platter and cast your vote for the best pasty in town.



COPPER HARBOR TRAILS FEST: SEPT 4-6, 2026

Cap off your summer with a legendary weekend of dirt, sweat, and gears! Hosted by the Copper Harbor Trails Club, this massive festival is a **"family reunion"** for mountain bikers and trail runners of all levels. The schedule is packed with events, including cross-country (XC), downhill, and enduro races, plus a 10k trail run for those who prefer two feet over two wheels.





FULL LIST OF EVENTS:
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FALL

PLAIDURDAY & CANAL COLORS FEST: OCT 2-3, 2026

Houghton's Canal Colors Fest weekend kicks off with **Plaidurday**, where thousands gather for a massive community photo while competing with towns like Marquette for the largest crowd of plaid-wearers. The celebration continues with the **Keweenaw Color Run, Brew Street craft beer festival**, and a full weekend of fall fun along the waterfront.

WINTER

NYE CHOOK DROP: DEC 31, 2026

Ring in the New Year, Yooper style. Houghton hosts its annual "**Chook**" (knit beanie) Drop on the pier, complete with music, festive energy, and a community countdown to midnight on the waterfront.

HEIKINPÄIVÄ: JANUARY 23, 2027

Celebrate the midpoint of winter and our region's deep Finnish roots. This multi-day festival in downtown Hancock is an explosion of culture, featuring a parade of characters from **Finnish folklore**, traditional dinners and dances, outdoor Tori markets, and the hilarious "wife-carrying" contest.

MICHIGAN TECH WINTER CARNIVAL: FEB 3-6, 2027

A Keweenaw tradition since 1922, Winter Carnival transforms the area into a gallery of ice and snow. Marvel at the **massive, intricate snow statues** built by students and enjoy unique winter sporting events and community fun throughout the week.

JIBBA JABBA RAIL JAM: FEB 12-13, 2027

Catch the pros in action right in downtown Houghton! Hosted by the City of Houghton, Minnie Farms, and Visit Keweenaw, this **professional snowboard event** features a custom street-built course where riders put on a spectacular show under the city lights.

COPPERDOG: FEB 26-28, 2027

Experience the power and excitement of **sled dog racing**. The CopperDog sees teams race from Calumet to Copper Harbor and back. Join us for a weekend of spectating, sled dog games, and community cheer starting on the historic streets of Calumet.





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