

Keweenaw

Keweenaw National Historical Park
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Every Kid in a Park



Keweenaw National Historical Park and Isle Royale National Park invite all 4th grade students to visit the parks as part of the White House's Every Kid in a Park program. Fourth grade students can go to www.everykidinapark.gov to complete an activity and obtain a free annual entry pass. Fourth graders and their families can then use this pass for free entry to all national parks and other federal public lands and waters across the country from September 1st, 2015 through August 31, 2016. The website includes trip planning tools, safety and packing tips and other important information for educators and parents.

Calumet Visitor Center

Address:
98 5th Street
Calumet, MI 49913

Hours:
Wednesday-Saturday
9am to 5pm
Sunday 1pm to 5pm

Phone:
(906) 483-3176

Free admission to three
floors of museum exhibits.

Use links below to find us at:
www.nps.gov/kewe



The goal of the Every Kid in a Park program is to connect 4th graders with the great outdoors and inspire them to become future environmental stewards, ready to preserve and protect national parks and other public lands for years to come. The program is an important part of the National Park Service's centennial celebration in 2016, encouraging everyone to Find Your Park.

In addition to providing every 4th grader in America a free entry pass for national parks and federal public lands and waters, fourth grade educators, youth group leaders and their students across the country will also participate in the program through field trips and other learning experiences. Once 4th graders have completed the on-line activity and gotten their temporary paper pass, they can go to Isle Royale National headquarters in Houghton, MI and get their official park pass.

Keweenaw National Historical Park is happy to assist educators and youth organization leaders in communicating about the Every Kid in a Park initiative. Please contact the park at 906-483-3028 for additional information or to set up an appointment. Both parks look forward to seeing 4th graders and supporting Every Kid in a Park!

Learn and Teach about Keweenaw National Historical Park

Keweenaw National Historical Park has many resources available for visitors, teachers and students to learn more about the park and surrounding areas. History, geology and industry are among the many topics highlighted through programs, videos and articles.

Videos such as this one can be found at www.nps.gov/kewe/learn/photosmultimedia/

Keweenaw National Historical Park offers classroom-based and on-site education programs for students. The programs are grade specific and align with multiple Michigan Grade Level Content Expectations. During these programs, students investigate the park's natural features and cultural history. A Park Ranger from Keweenaw NHP will meet you at the park to deliver programs of 60 - 90 minutes in length.

Additional resources related to each grade are also available to help students make connections with their local area, Keweenaw NHP, and the National Park Service.

Looking for a different program or resource? Feel free to contact us if you are interested in a particular program or resource for your students or youth group. We look forward to collaborating

with community educators and youth leaders to develop effective and relevant programs. Please let us know what we can improve!

The Keweenaw National Historical Park Advisory Commission encourages local schools

and student organizations to visit for an educational program. All public, private and home-schooled students (K-12) and youth organizations within Baraga, Keweenaw, Houghton, and Ontonagon counties are invited to visit Keweenaw National Historical Park and any of the park's

21 Heritage Sites and receive transportation reimbursement. Funding is made available by the Advisory Commission. Each year, funds are made available on a first-come, first-served basis. For a **Youth Group Transportation Reimbursement Form** visit www.nps.gov/kewe.

Keweenaw's Rich Geoheritage



Founder's Day Celebration 2015

In 2015, the National Park Service almost reached a milestone—it celebrated its 99th anniversary. That's 99 years of preserving and interpreting some of the most special places this country has. Because we were so excited about this, at Keweenaw National Historical Park we held an open house. With the help of our community partners we were able to offer great activities throughout the day, which brought in close to 400 visitors!

Kids had a great time at the open house. They got to learn about photography and took pictures of historic structures. They learned how to use and make a compass. There was a new Mechanics of Mining activity held at Quincy Mine, where kids built with Legos to better understand mining. The most popular activity was probably the recycled pollinator station led by Chris Alquist of the Portage Lake District Library. Kids used recyclable materials to make bees, birds,

bats, bugs, and more! That's not to say that the historic puzzles on homesteading and gardening brought by Lloyd Wescoat of the Lake Superior Stewardship Initiative weren't appreciated, it's just that the adults were also stumped by trying to identify the rutabaga seeds.

For people of all ages there was plenty to be excited about. We offered building tours of the Historic Calumet and Hecla General Office Building and the former Library. We had live foundry demonstrations, where Ranger Karl Larson melted copper and made sand casts using techniques similar to what was employed by the mining companies. We were also lucky enough to feature live music by Elijah Halpin, a gifted singer-songwriter and composer of Irish and Americana music. As a talented multi-instrumentalist, Elijah picks, strums, plucks, and bows many instruments, including the cello, viola, violin, guitar and mandolin. Elijah's music accompanied the reception, where visitors enjoyed Jilbert's ice cream, local blueberries, and blueberry tarts.

All in all, the 99th anniversary open house was a wonderful opportunity to connect with visitors, giving people who had never stopped in a chance to see what the park has to offer throughout the year. We're already planning for the centennial anniversary and hope you'll join us in this momentous celebration.



Healthy Parks Healthy People

Fall Color Tour 2015

Check out the Fender Blender provided by MSU Extension for the Fall Color Tour refreshment station below.



Everyone loves a gorgeous fall day on the Keweenaw Peninsula, where colorful leaves, warm breezes, and bright blue skies mark the end of summer. Enjoying these fall pleasures on a bike is an even better way to explore the roads, trails, and historic copper mining resources that connect Keweenaw National Historical Park and its partner sites.

Each year, the Copper Country Cycling Club (C4) hosts a Fall Color Tour, offering riders three different organized rides: a 50km, 100km, or 200km. Participants choose the distance based on their time and abilities, enjoying food, refreshments, and great scenery along the way. This year, the event fell on National Public Lands Day, and Keweenaw National Historical Park partnered with C4 to celebrate, hosting an aid and refreshment station at the Calumet Visitor Center. Park employees were excited to raise awareness of NPLD, draw attention to the Keweenaw's rich historic and natural resources, and also the upcoming National Park Service Centennial.

In addition to providing a convenient first stop and resting point, the park provided a SAG wagon for the 50km ride. The park also promoted and marketed the event through social media and posters. One of the biggest hits of the day was the 'Fender Blender' provided by the Michigan State University Extension office – a blender attached to a stationary bike that made healthy smoothies for participants, visitors, and youth living in the area.

Keweenaw National Historical Park is embracing the Centennial celebration and finding new ways to collaborate with neighbors and community organizations. The park also wants to reach out to younger audiences and increase awareness of the area's copper mining past. The C4 Color Ride brought them together, and provided a new opportunity to get to know the NPS and its role in healthy—and historic—communities across the country. Sometimes, it's as easy as riding a bike.