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Risk and Resilience

WE ALL FACE AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE. WE MAKE plans, have hopes and dreams, but we never know what tomorrow will bring, whether happiness, heartache or something in between. With the current economic situation and many other issues we face today, this uncertainty may feel overwhelming. To cope, some will rely on their faith. Others might hike a trail in a national park, finding the sense of renewal that nature can bring. Perhaps some will seek another kind of place – a place that speaks of risks taken and resilience shown – in a search for answers about who we are and inspiration for the future in achievements of the past.

Our national parks contain many such places. At Independence Hall, a representative of one of the thirteen colonies signed his name on a document that declared a new nation. At Ellis Island, an immigrant and her children waited in line for their chance to start a new life. A Japanese-American tended a traditional garden to retain ties to his life outside the fence at the Manzanar internment camp in the California desert. In Montgomery, Alabama, a freedom marcher crossed a bridge in a campaign for civil rights.

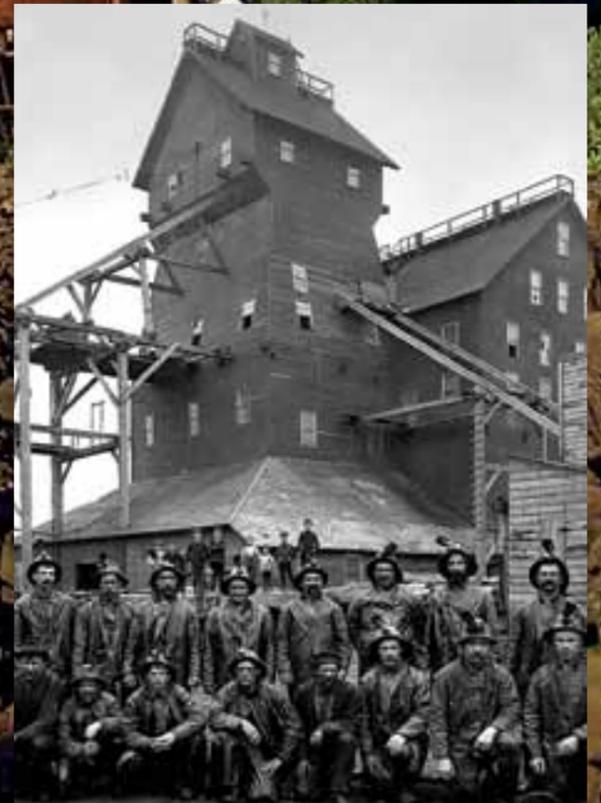
Keweenaw National Historical Park possesses similar stories. A surveyor faced unknown dangers looking for rich copper veins in remote forests. An investor risked a fortune to fund a mine. A miner descended into a mineshaft, never knowing if this time, an

accident would take his life. A woman worried about the safety of her loved ones every time she felt the rumble beneath her feet, but she continued preparing meals for her family and the boarders they took in. A merchant followed an unpopular path by lending credit to a striker's family, supporting their desire for higher pay and safer working conditions.

Risks have always been part of the Keweenaw's history, yet its people have shown resilience despite uncertainty. The Ojibwe faced overwhelming challenges when Europeans arrived, but still maintain their traditions and identity along Keweenaw Bay. Immigrants came from many countries, adapted to unfamiliar customs, and created diverse communities. Facing a severe local recession brought by the end of mining, many communities embraced their heritage and founded historic preservation efforts.

If you are here "to get away from it all," you will find scenic beauty—from the Porcupine Mountains to Copper Harbor's rocky shores. If you are seeking inspiration, visit historic mine sites, villages or local museums to explore stories of the people who were here before. We face uncertain times ahead, but perhaps stories from the past will once again provide hope for our future.

By Dan Johnson, Interpretive Specialist



above: Underground workers pose outside a shaft-rockhouse. Photo courtesy of the Adolf LaMuth collection.
background: The Osceola #13 shaft-rockhouse south of Calumet serves as a reminder of the copper mining industry that once thrived on the Keweenaw Peninsula. NPS Photo

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Keweenaw National Historical Park

Keweenaw National Historical Park was established to preserve and interpret the natural and cultural resources related to the copper mining industry for the enjoyment and benefit of current and future generations through cooperative efforts and partnerships with state and local governments, public and private entities.

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Visitor Services And Facilities

KEWEENAW NHP INFORMATION DESK



Located in the entrance to the Quincy Mine Gift Shop, staff at the National Park Service information desk can provide travel and trip planning information on the park and the Keweenaw Heritage Sites.

Phone (906) 482-0650 (summer only)

June 12 to September 7, 2009

Daily – 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

PARK HEADQUARTERS



Keweenaw National Historical Park Headquarters, located just off U.S. Highway 41 at 25970 Red Jacket Road in Calumet, provides park information with a staffed reception desk and book sales area.

Open Monday through Friday,
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Closed on all Federal Holidays.

FOOD AND RESTAURANTS



A variety of restaurants are located throughout the Keweenaw Peninsula. Grocery stores are also available in all major communities.

CAMPING



Numerous camping options, including both primitive and developed sites, are available across the Keweenaw Peninsula. Fort Wilkins, Porcupine Mountains, McLain, Baraga and Twin Lakes state parks have public campgrounds. Community-operated and private campgrounds are also available. For more information, contact the Keweenaw Convention and Visitors Bureau at 1-800-338-7982 or visit www.keweenaw.info.

LODGING



A full range of hotels, motels, bed and breakfast inns and cabins are found across the Keweenaw Peninsula. Contact the Keweenaw Convention and Visitors Bureau for more information. 1-800-338-7982 or www.keweenaw.info.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Many local communities and heritage sites offer special events including parades, musical performances, theatrical presentations, festivals and more. Check the *schedule of events* page on the park website for details.

Accessibility



Park headquarters in Calumet and the park's information desk at the Quincy Mine Gift Shop are accessible. Other National Park Service facilities located in historic structures and several Keweenaw Heritage Sites are not fully accessible at this time. Information on which sites have accessible facilities is located on the back page of the newspaper. Sites indicated as accessible may require assistance in certain areas. Other parts of the site may not be accessible. Contact the sites directly for further information on accessibility prior to your visit.

Left: Visit the park information desk located at the Quincy Mine Gift Shop. Center: Park Ranger Dan Brown provides a guided tour of surface ruins at the former Quincy Mine. Right: A renovated reception area inside park headquarters provides visitors with information on park and area attractions.



Welcome from the Park Superintendent

Welcome to one of America's special places. The idea for Keweenaw National Historical Park grew out of the desire by local residents to both recognize and preserve the rich history possessed in the mining locations, villages and small cities, industrial landscapes, and stories of its people.

The visitor experience at Keweenaw National Historical Park is much more than the properties owned and managed by the National Park Service. It is comprised of parks, museums, historical societies, historic buildings and districts, mine tours, historic house tours, and heritage centers. The National Park Service presence is growing, but it will never equal that of our local history boosters including: the Keweenaw Heritage Sites, the historic district commissions in Calumet, local historians, educational institutions and the communities, business owners, and home owners who preserve their historic buildings.

While the federally designated parts of the park primarily focus on surviving historic resources of two major copper mining companies, Quincy and Calumet & Hecla, there is far more to the mining story. Resources and sites that enrich the mining history are distributed across the Keweenaw Peninsula. Park partners include geographically diverse attractions from Ontonagon to Copper Harbor and as varied in story as the simple life found at Hanka Homestead to the surprisingly cosmopolitan experience enjoyed by residents of historic Calumet.

Much of the experience of visiting a living historical park like Keweenaw is found in speaking with area residents. Knowing these people, in all of their diversity, is getting to know the park. Sure, the National Park Service offers informative walking tours at Quincy and Calumet that interpret both the large and small remnants of history found across the Peninsula – and I highly recommend them. I also encourage you to visit the locally operated museums and historic sites that make up this unique national park experience.

Talk to the staff at these sites. Many of them are volunteers who donate countless hours. Take a mine or theatre tour. Speak with an archivist or historian. Chat with a business owner in the Calumet Historic District while lingering over a cup of coffee. Get to know the Keweenaw and its history. Find out what a "location" is. While you are at it, thank these local history boosters for their part in preserving one of America's interesting stories – one common to many places and perhaps your own experience, but so grandly illustrated here with the Keweenaw's rich mining architecture and neighborhoods – a story of risk and resilience. Explore! Chat! Enjoy! And come back for more! With more than 20 partners comprising this national historical park, there is plenty to experience today and tomorrow.

Jim Corless
Superintendent

Exploring the Keweenaw

The most difficult decision you may have while visiting the Keweenaw Peninsula is deciding what to do and when. Whether you have half a day or a week, there are plenty of places to visit, relax, and explore. The following is a list of suggestions and ways to organize your visit on the Keweenaw Peninsula. For area tourist information, call 1-800-338-7982.

Arriving and Getting Oriented

Visit the Keweenaw National Historical Park Information Desk at the Quincy Mine Gift Shop or stop by Park Headquarters to learn about the park and its Keweenaw Heritage Sites. Here you can acquire more detailed information on points of interest and things to do.

Enjoying the Natural Scenery

State, county, and township parks offer a wide range of options from extended overnight backpacking trips to short day hikes and picnicking. There are waterfalls to view, biking trails, canoeing and kayaking tours, and beaches for relaxing on warm summer days. Don't forget that the abundant snowfall the region receives also allows a wide array of winter recreation.

Discovering Our History

Visit the local historical societies, museums and heritage centers to learn about the rich history of the area. These facilities are staffed by knowledgeable volunteers or staff and offer a variety of perspectives on life in the Keweenaw Peninsula.

Staying Safe

During any of your excursions, be mindful of old mining sites. These sites often contain old machinery and buried mine entrances – all of which could pose visible and unforeseen hazards.

Respecting Private Property

Many abandoned mining sites and homes are in private ownership and require permission prior to visiting. To learn more about these sites and the distinction between federal, state and private property, visit the Keweenaw National Historical Park Information Desk at the Quincy Mine Gift Shop.

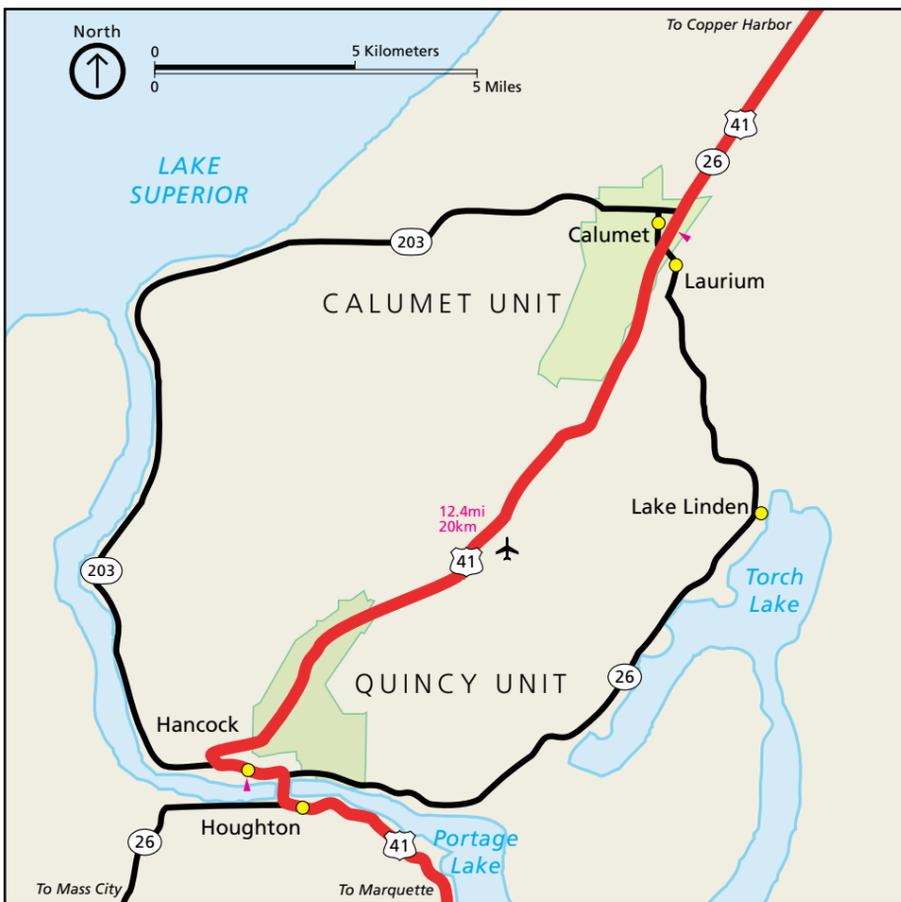
Recommended Stay

Because of the large geographic area they span, you should allow at least four days to visit all of the Keweenaw Heritage Sites. If you have only a day, you can still get a small taste of the area's heritage.

Self-Guided Tours

Walking tour brochures for Calumet's historic downtown, the former Calumet & Hecla industrial area, and Laurium's historic residential neighborhood are available at Park Headquarters and the Keweenaw Convention and Visitors Bureau located on U.S. Highway 41 in Calumet, Michigan.

Visiting Quincy and Calumet



KEWEENAW NATIONAL HISTORICAL Park is made up of partner sites and two federally designated units – Quincy and Calumet – located at the sites of former large-scale copper mines. Most property within the units is privately owned. As the park continues to develop, additional services will become available.

CALUMET UNIT

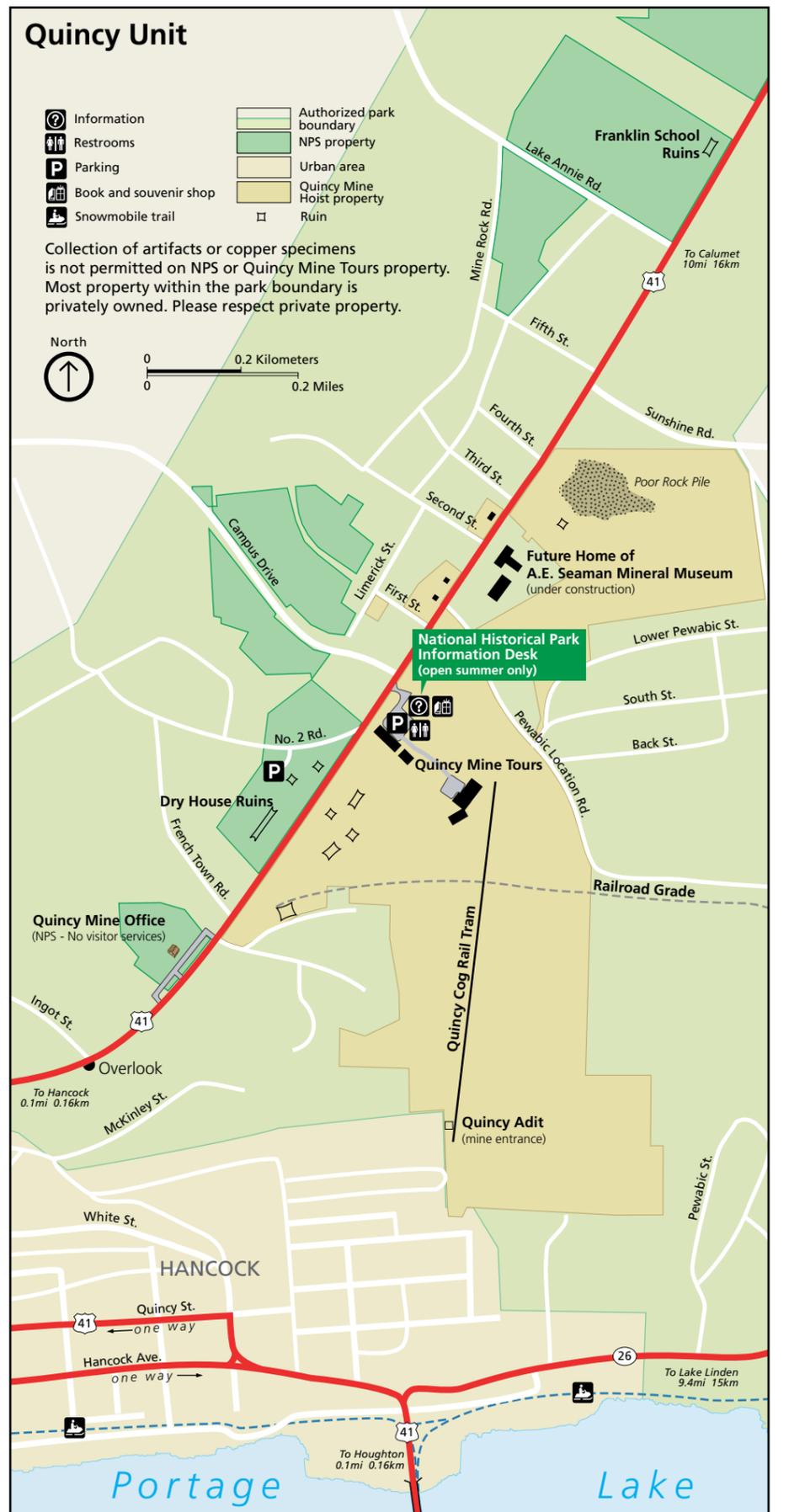
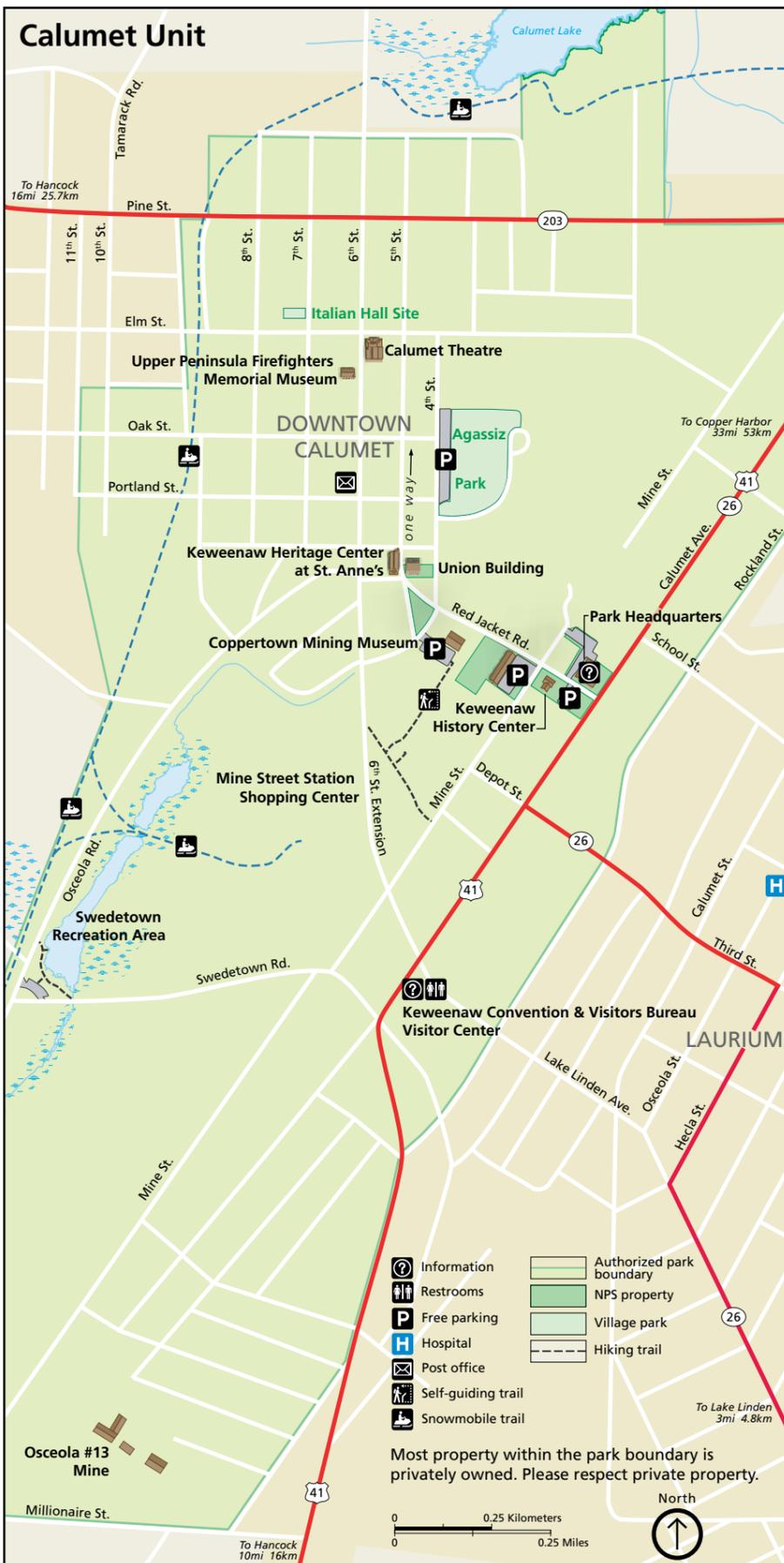
The Calumet Unit of the park focuses on the preservation and interpretation of buildings and sites associated with the former Calumet & Hecla Copper Mining Company (C&H) and the Village of Calumet. C&H grew into the largest and most successful copper mining company in the Lake Superior region. The key to C&H's fortune was its location on the mineral-rich Calumet Conglomerate Lode. The Coppertown Mining Museum, a Keweenaw Heritage Site, is located in the former C&H pattern shop and features exhibits on mining and life in Calumet.

Located next to C&H's former mining operations is the Village of Calumet (once known as Red Jacket). Calumet's businesses, institutions and people were directly

affected by C&H's fortunes. Though copper mining eventually ceased, many buildings and features from the hey day remain. The downtown was designated as a National Historic Landmark District in 1989. Several Keweenaw Heritage Sites are located in the village: the Keweenaw Heritage Center at St. Anne's, the Calumet Theatre and the U.P. Firefighters Memorial Museum. The Italian Hall Site, scene of the December 24, 1913 tragedy, is also located in Calumet. Stop by Park Headquarters on Red Jacket Road for more information on visiting Calumet.

QUINCY UNIT

Within the Quincy Unit are former Quincy Mining Company properties, including mine shafts, hoist houses and the copper smelting complex on the shore of Portage Lake. Like Calumet, much of Quincy was designated a National Historic Landmark District in 1989. Quincy Mine Tours, a Keweenaw Heritage Site, provides guided tours of the underground mine and hoist house. Visitors can also explore the #2 shaft-rock-house and many surface ruins. The National Park Service operates a seasonal information desk in the entryway to the gift shop.



Keweenaw Heritage Sites



Keweenaw Heritage Sites are places that contain cultural and/or natural resources that make a significant contribution to the copper mining story. Embodying stories of hardship, ingenuity, struggle and success, each site allows you to explore the role mining played in people's lives both here and afar.

To preserve and interpret the copper mining history, the National Park Service and the park's advisory commission partner with the entities that manage these sites, including state and local governments, private businesses and nonprofit organizations. Each Keweenaw Heritage Site is independently owned and operated.

A.E. Seaman Mineral Museum

Visit one of North America's great mineral museums and the Mineral Museum of Michigan. Explore mineral collections from the Keweenaw Copper District, the Lake Superior Iron District, throughout Michigan and beyond. **Location:** Michigan Technological University, Central Campus, Fifth Floor of the Electrical Energy Resource Center Building (EERC), Houghton **Open:** All year, Monday through Friday - 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Also open Saturday and Sunday, July through September - Noon to 4:30 p.m. **Fees:** Free, donations appreciated. (906) 487-2572 www.museum.mtu.edu



Hanka Homestead Museum

Herman Hanka settled here with his family after he was disabled by a copper mining accident. Volunteers provide guided tours of this 1920s era Finnish farm. A self-guided brochure is also available. **Location:** 3 miles west of U.S. Highway 41, off Tower Road, Pelkie **Open:** Memorial Day through Labor Day, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday and Holidays - Noon to 4:00 p.m. **Fees:** Adults \$3.00, children \$1.00, Call ahead for large group tours. (906) 334-2601



Adventure Mining Company

This site offers a variety of guided tours of a historic mine that operated from 1850 through 1920. Family friendly and unique tours range from easy 45-minute walks to a more strenuous 3-hour excursion with rappelling. **Location:** 200 Adventure Avenue, Greenland **Open:** Late May to mid October, Monday through Saturday - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Sunday - 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Closed Wed. after Labor Day) **Fees:** 45-minute tour \$11.00 adults, \$6.50 children (6 to 12 year old), under 6 free. Contact us for rates on other tour options. (906) 883-3371 www.adventuremine.com



Houghton County Historical Museum

Explore this seven building complex, which includes a museum containing artifacts and photographs spanning 100 years, a one-room schoolhouse, an 1880s church, a log cabin, a railroad depot, a research center and an operating 1915 C&H 0-4-0 steam train. **Location:** 53150 Michigan State Highway 26, Lake Linden **Open:** Museum - June through September, Daily - Noon to 4:00 p.m.; Train rides - Saturday and Sunday - Noon to 4:00 p.m. **Fees:** Museum - Adults \$5.00, Senior/Student (6-16) \$3.00, 5 and under free. Train - Adults \$4.00, Senior/Student \$3.00, under 6 \$1.00 (906) 296-4121 www.houghtonhistory.org



Calumet Theatre

Built in 1899, this historic opera house offers a variety of theatrical, musical and community events throughout the year. Guided and self-guided tours. **Location:** 340 Sixth Street, Calumet **Open:** Year round, Wednesday thru Friday - Noon to 5:00 p.m. Additional days and hours in summer (Guided tours Mon. thru Fri., summer only) **Fees:** Guided tour \$6.00 adults, \$3.00 children (3 to 15), under 3 free; Self-guided tour \$4.00 adults, \$2.00 children, under 3 free. (906) 337-2610 www.calumettheatre.com



Keweenaw County Historical Society

The society administers five sites across Keweenaw County including the Eagle Harbor Lighthouse & Museum, Central Mine & Village, Phoenix Church, Rathbone School and the Bamert Blacksmith Shop. Staffed visitor centers are located at the Eagle Harbor Lighthouse and Central Mine. **Location:** Sites are located throughout Keweenaw County. Lighthouse & Museum and Rathbone School are in Eagle Harbor. Phoenix Church and Central Mine are located off U.S. Highway 41. **Open:** Eagle Harbor Lighthouse & Museum - June 14 to October 11, Daily - Noon to 5:00 p.m. During July and August, Daily - 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Central Visitor Center - June 14 to October 11, Daily - Noon to 4:00 p.m. **Fees:** \$4.00 to Lighthouse Museum, Donations appreciated at other facilities. (906) 289-4990 www.keweenawhistory.org



Chassell Heritage Center

Exhibits follow Chassell's history from a logging camp to today. An extensive collection of vintage clothing provides a glimpse into people's lives. **Location:** 42373 Hancock Street, Chassell **Open:** July & August, Tuesdays - 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. & Thursdays - 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. **Fees:** Donations appreciated. (906) 523-1155 www.einerlei.com/community/CHO.html



Keweenaw Heritage Center at St. Anne's

This majestic sandstone structure with intricate stained glass windows marks the entrance to downtown Calumet. Restoration of the interior continues to enhance the building's beauty. The recently restored 1899 Barckhoff organ will be a focal point for events and exhibits on music for summer 2009. Join us for *Musical Mondays* on July 6 & 13 and August 17, 24 & 31. **Location:** 25880 Red Jacket Road (corner of Fifth & Scott Streets), Calumet **Open:** June 24 to September 7, Daily - 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Fees:** not finalized at press time. (906) 337-4579 www.pasty.com/heritage



Copper Range Historical Museum

Displays depict people's lives and work experiences in the range towns of southern Houghton County during the copper mining era. **Location:** 44 Trimountain Ave. (Business District), South Range **Open:** June 3 to September 30, Tuesday to Saturday - Noon to 3:00 p.m. Also open Mondays in July and August. **Fees:** \$1.00 for adults. Children, members and group tours are free. (906) 482-6125 www.pasty.com/crhlm



Coppertown Mining Museum

Housed in the former Calumet & Hecla pattern shop, this museum features exhibits on the operations at the former copper mining giant as well as displays on historic businesses in Calumet. **Location:** 25815 Red Jacket Road, Calumet **Open:** June 6 to September 26, Monday to Saturday - 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Fees:** \$4.00 adults, \$2.00 6 to 15 year old, under 6 free, tour groups \$3.00. (906) 337-4354 www.uppermichigan.com/coppertown



Delaware Copper Mine

At Delaware Mine, visitors can take a self-guided tour of one of the oldest underground copper mines on the Keweenaw Peninsula. **Location:** Off U.S. Highway 41, 12 miles south of Copper Harbor **Open:** mid May through mid October, Daily - 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. **Fees:** \$9.50, Age 13 & up, \$5.50, age 6 thru 12, 5 & under free. (906) 289-4688 www.copperharbor.org/site_files/del_mine.html



Finnish American Heritage Center

Located on the campus of Finlandia University, the Finnish American Heritage Center houses the Finnish American Historical Archive and Museum, a theater, an art gallery and the offices of *The Finnish American Reporter*. **Location:** 435 Quincy Street, Hancock **Open:** All year, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday - 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. **Fees:** Free for Archives and museum, fee for scheduled performances. (906) 487-7302 www.finlandia.edu/Department/FAHC/fahc.html



Fort Wilkins Historic State Park

The U.S. Army built Fort Wilkins in 1844 to keep the peace in Michigan's Copper Country. It now serves as a well-preserved example of mid-19th century army life on the northern frontier. **Location:** 15223 U.S. Highway 41, Copper Harbor **Open:** Daily - 8:00 a.m. to Dusk, Buildings open May 17 through Oct. 12. **Fees:** Michigan State Park motor vehicle permit required. (906) 289-4215 www.michigan.gov/historicfortwilkins



Laurium Manor Mansion Tours

Thomas Hoatson Jr., owner of the Calumet & Arizona Mining Company, built this 45-room, 13,000 sq.ft. home in 1908 using the finest and rarest building materials available. Self-guided tours. Lodging available year round. **Location:** 320 Tamarack Street, Laurium **Open:** May through October, Daily - 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Call in winter. **Tour Fees:** \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for 17 and under and students. (906) 337-2549 www.laurium.info



Old Victoria

Old Victoria's cabins served as housing for workers at the Victoria Copper Mine from 1899 to 1921. Today, visitors can experience the miners' life hands-on through interpretive tours at this unique museum. **Location:** 25401 Victoria Dam Road, Rockland **Open:** June 20 to September 7, Daily - 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; September 8 to October 4th, Wednesday through Sunday - 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Fees:** Guided Cabin Tours - \$5.00 over age 13, \$2.00 age 6-12, Under 6 free. (906) 886-2617 www.oldvictoria.net



Ontonagon County Historical Society Museum

Ontonagon County was the site of both early and recent mining. In addition to mining, the museum features exhibits on area logging, farming, marine, and social memorabilia. Tours are provided of the nearby lighthouse. **Location:** 422 River Street, Ontonagon **Open:** All year, Monday through Friday - 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Museum Fees:** Adults \$3.00, 16 & under free; **Lighthouse Tour:** Adults \$5.00, 18 & under free. (906) 884-6165 www.ontonagonmuseum.org



Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park

In addition to wild forests and lakeshores, Michigan's largest state park contains numerous historic copper mining sites. The 59,020-acre park offers an array of summer and winter recreational pursuits and interpretive programs. **Location:** 15 miles west of Ontonagon **Open:** Wilderness Visitor Center - mid-May to mid-October, Daily - 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. **Fees:** Michigan State Park motor vehicle permit required. (906) 885-5275 www.michigan.gov/porkies



Quincy Mine Tours

On a two-hour tour of the Quincy Mine, visitors take a guided walk through the hoist house, ride a cog-rail tram and enter the underground mine to learn about mining life. Shorter, surface-only tours, are also available. **Location:** 49750 U.S. Highway 41, Hancock **Open:** April 24 to June 7, Friday through Sunday - 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; June 12 to October 24, Daily - 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Fees:** Full tour - \$15.00 adults, \$8.00 6-12 year old, Under 6 free; Senior, military and AAA discounts available. Call for surface-only tour rates. (906) 482-3101 www.quincymine.com



U.P. Firefighters Memorial Museum

Built in 1898, the historic Red Jacket Fire Station features displays dedicated to the history of fire fighting in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The historic fire trucks appeal to kids of all ages. **Location:** 327 Sixth Street, Calumet **Open:** mid-June to August 29, Monday through Saturday - Noon to 4:00 p.m. **Fees:** Donations appreciated. (906) 337-4579



Planning Continues for Union Building Exhibit

FOR OVER 80 YEARS, CALUMET'S UNION Building hosted meetings of fraternal organizations and community events. Now owned by the National Park Service, plans for the Union Building return it to its role as a focal point of the community.

In 1889, the Calumet & Hecla Mining Company leased land along Fifth Street in Calumet to two fraternal organizations – the Free and Accepted Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows – to build a lodge hall. The Masons and Odd Fellows, along with twenty other organizations, held regular meetings in the Union Building. The lodge halls on the upper two floors also hosted numerous social events including piano recitals, luncheons, dances, and graduation celebrations. By 1969, when Calumet & Hecla ceased operations, the downturn in area mining and dwindling population forced many fraternal lodges to consolidate or close. The community lost their access to this prominent facility.

Because of its location and history, Keweenaw National Historical Park purchased the Union Building in 1999 with the goal of making it a visitor facility. Lack of routine maintenance

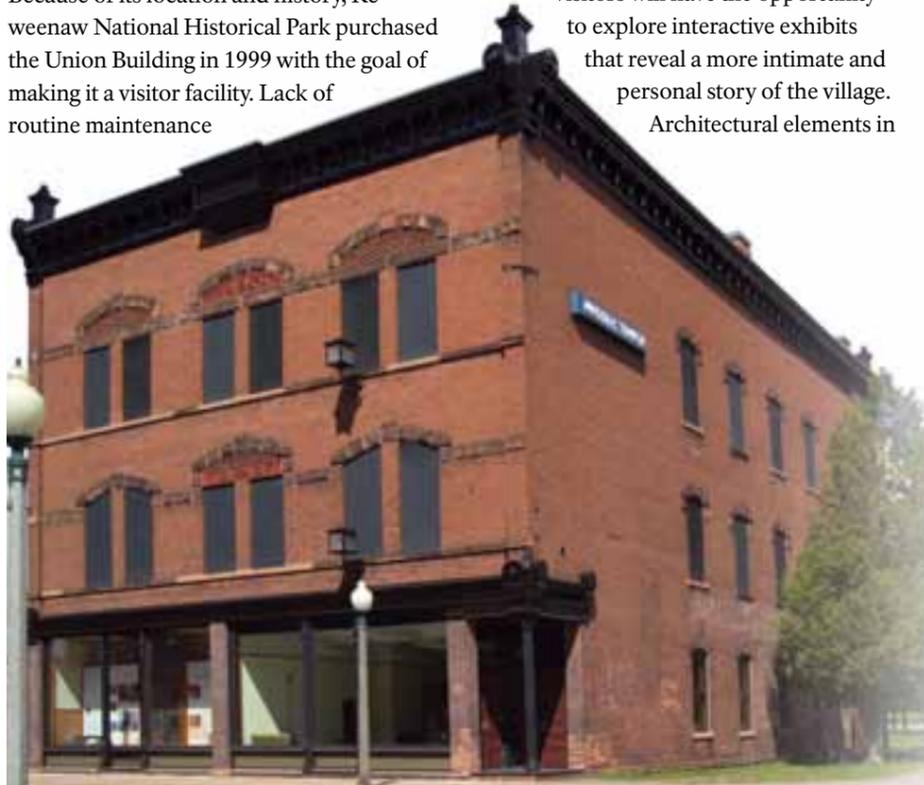
over the years prior to the park's purchase caused extensive deterioration to the structure. In 2005, the park completed the first phase of the building's rehabilitation by stabilizing and restoring its exterior. In 2008, a new heating system was installed to help regulate the building environment.

The park received funding last year to begin planning for the remaining interior rehabilitation and the development of visitor facilities and exhibits. To make the building accessible and meet current code requirements, an interior stairway, elevator and rest rooms will be added. Even with these modifications, most of the building's original historic features will be preserved.

The first floor will have a visitor orientation area with a staffed information desk and interactive map that highlights features of the park and our partners. Exhibits on the first floor will introduce the copper mining story, the history of the community's commercial district and local historical preservation efforts. Arriving on the second floor, visitors will have the opportunity to explore interactive exhibits that reveal a more intimate and personal story of the village. Architectural elements in



above: Two concepts for exhibits on the mining community of Calumet under development for the Union Building. The top illustration is an idea for exhibits in the former bank director's office located on the first floor. The lower illustration shows a relief view of possible exhibits in the second floor lodge hall space.



the second floor lodge hall will serve as portals into concerns that shaped life in Calumet and remain relevant to people today. There will be exhibits on the variety of social networks, including fraternal organizations, which existed in the community, as well as, a short audio-visual program on the village's history. The third floor will echo its historic function as a gathering space. The large lodge hall will remain open. In addition to providing a place for educational programs, members of the community may be able to use it on a rental basis. Minimal exhibits outside the main lodge hall will provide interpretation on its historic use.

Later this summer or early fall, you may notice work on the building, but this will be a smaller project to restore the windows on the upper floors. To complete the final interior work and prepare the building for visitors, additional funding is required.

The Union Building is an exciting and critical project since it will be our first National Park Service interpretive facility. Visitors from near or far will have a place to reflect on the connection between mining companies, communities, people, and the role of Keweenaw copper mining in our heritage.

By Dan Johnson, Interpretive Specialist

Icons of Industry

THE COPPER COUNTRY HAS LONG been a land of exploration and discovery. Uncovering what its historic inhabitants have left behind – from the earliest Native American miners 70 centuries ago, to hard-crusted speculators searching for their own piece of fantastic fortune, or even the gargantuan mining companies hungrily pushing ever deeper – is a commonplace activity. Today, visitors can quench their thirst for discovery by exploring Keweenaw National Historical Park. Unique within the National Park system, Keweenaw offers a wide and varied spectrum of nineteen partner sites, as well as two federally designated park units. While these federal boundaries include park property, they are also home to living communities and historic industrial sites. These sites are also home to hundreds of artifacts – pieces of the past discarded years ago, but valuable and iconic assets today.

Whether you are wandering an old farmstead, exploring a copper mine on a guided tour, or strolling around a historic town, you are sure to find materials that are considered relics of the past. These irreplaceable parts

of our nation's heritage become even more special when seen in the context in which they are found. In fact, the relics that lie waiting to be discovered in these "outdoor museums" hold the most scientific and cultural value when they are left in their original location, providing clues to stories and meanings of the places we preserve. It is important not to disturb or remove cultural objects. In some cases, regulations such as the Archaeological Resources Protection Act may apply, carrying with them criminal penalties, fines, or imprisonment.

Even items that appear to be garbage or litter – old glass bottles, rusted scrap metal pieces, or rotting timbers – can be considered pieces of a cultural jigsaw puzzle that, when put together, provide a more detailed and multi-faceted picture of this place's history. Take away even one piece, and that portrait is marred. An old railroad spike found in C&H's industrial core, for example, may be an interesting piece by itself, but its meaning (and historic value) is only fully understood when it remains in the place it is found. It may reveal not only the location of a former

railroad track but also the time period when it was hammered into place. Remove the artifact from where it lies, and that valuable connection is lost. Caring about a place goes hand in hand with caring for the pieces and relics that make it special.

Next time you stumble across an artifact – whether it looks like trash or treasure –

please think twice about picking it up or disturbing it. Instead, pause for a moment to learn how it might fit in to the larger story of the place you are visiting. Maybe take a photo or make a sketch. Thank you for helping to preserve Keweenaw National Historical Park for the next generation of explorers.

By Dan Brown, Park Ranger

below: Discarded mining equipment lines the 1882 No. 2 hoist house at Quincy Mine.



Isle Royale and Keweenaw Parks Association

Join, Save, Support

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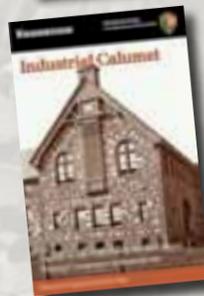
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Downtown Calumet \$1.50

Guide to the Historic Mining Community

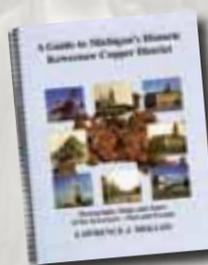
This walking tour guide for downtown Calumet takes you on a journey through the history and heritage of this historic mining community, with information and stories about 26 different stops along the way. 20 pages.



Industrial Calumet \$1.25

A Guide to the Calumet & Hecla Copper Mining Company's Industrial Site

A walking tour guide to the former surface operations of the Calumet & Hecla Copper Mining Company. This guide provides descriptions of remaining structures and their past functions. 12 pages.



Guide to Michigan's Historic Keweenaw Copper District \$24.00

By Larry Molloy

This guide contains over 125 historic photographs of Michigan's Copper Country. It has maps listing over 350 mining localities and over 300 names of towns, locations, and railroad names. 118 pages. Spiral bound.



Self-Guided Geologic Field Trip to the Keweenaw Peninsula \$29.95

By Theodore J. Bornhorst & William I. Rose

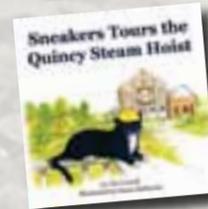
Travel directions, maps, diagrams and explanations for exploring the geological formations of the Keweenaw Peninsula on your own. Spiral bound. 185 pages.



Quincy Mining Company \$7.95

A Look at the Architecture and Communities of the Quincy Mining Company

A brief history of one of the region's great mining communities. Includes drawings, maps and diagrams produced by the Historic American Engineering Record, Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service and the Dept. of the Interior.



Sneakers Tours the Quincy Steam Hoist \$10.00

By Jim Lowell, Illustrated by Susan Robinson

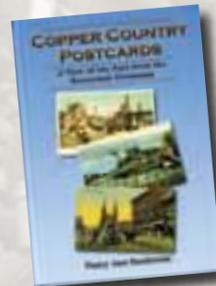
Learn all about the Quincy steam hoist with Sneakers the Cat. This is the first in a series of books about the Keweenaw Heritage Sites. Ages 3-8, 30 pages.



NEW! Exploring Michigan's Historic Copper Country \$7.95

By Celeste Haapala

Illustrated with historic and modern photographs, drawings, and maps, this spiral bound guide to the Keweenaw Peninsula, where rich copper deposits have drawn explorers, miners and tourists, is a must for first-time visitors or a quick reference for others. 45 pages.



Copper Country Postcards: A View of the Past from the Keweenaw Peninsula \$24.95

By Nancy Ann Sanderson

The nearly 300 historic postcards captured in this book give a glimpse of life in the Copper Country during the first half of the twentieth century. A variety of topics are featured including mining, mills, machines, shipping, the 1913 strike, towns and villages. 172 pages.



Is This an Agate? \$7.95

By Susan Robinson

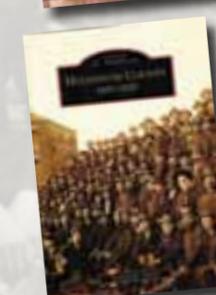
An illustrated guide to Lake Superior's beach stones helps you identify the common rocks and minerals found on the Keweenaw's Lake Superior shoreline. Beautiful color illustrations. 23 pages.



Death's Door \$19.95

By Steve Lehto

On Christmas Eve 1913, a cry of "fire" caused a panic on the second floor of the Italian Hall in Calumet. More than six dozen people were crushed to death in the scramble to flee. Speculation about what happened that night continues today. Lehto examines conflicting news reports and other documentation.



Houghton County, 1870-1920 \$19.99

By Richard Taylor

This book features a collection of archival photographs from the copper mining heyday of Michigan's Houghton County. Photographs depict the mines, the people and the towns that grew up around them.



Keweenaw NHP Pin \$4.50

Pick up a copy of this shiny copper-colored pin with white park logo design. Pin measures 3/4" wide by 1 & 1/16" high

Saving the Quincy Smelter

VIEWED FROM THE HOUGHTON waterfront, the Quincy Smelter across Portage Lake may appear as a forlorn industrial ruin of crumbling buildings and rusting metal. Despite its appearance,



thousands of clues and stories remain which convey the extent of the site's importance to the area's mining history. The complex will be the recipient of a grant for emergency stabilization work to preserve its past.

Constructed in the late 1890s and operated until 1971, the Quincy Smelter is a 25 acre, 28 building complex owned by Franklin Township and within the boundaries of Keweenaw National Historical Park. At the site, workers once melted copper mineral and cast it into ingots. From here, ships carried the ingots across the Great Lakes to manufacturing plants throughout the U.S. Over its life, the smelter processed 474,000 tons of copper. Though quiet for nearly 40 years, it remains the best example of a late 19th/early 20th century copper smelter in the country.

When the mining company abandoned the site, they also left behind hazardous substances used in both the buildings and the smelting process. The smelter was included as part of the Environmental Protection

Agency's Torch Lake Superfund Site. The recent removal of asbestos and planned remediation of soil containments by the EPA allows preservation efforts to begin.

In 2009, emergency building stabilization will begin through a \$285,000 Housing and Urban Development grant. Workers will make only the most critical emergency repairs on five buildings— primarily to roofs, windows and some masonry. Further funding is still needed for complete stabilization and site re-use. Each step forward helps preserve the Quincy Smelter and the area's industrial history. To learn more about preservation efforts for the Quincy Smelter, visit www.coppercountrypreservation.org

By Kathleen Harter, Chief of Interpretation and Education

Interpretive Programs & Services



Keweenaw National Historical Park Ranger Programs June 20 to August 29, 2009



Calumet Walking Tour Tuesday and Saturday at 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Explore Calumet & Hecla's former copper mining site and Calumet's historic commercial district. 1½ hours, 1½ miles, easy terrain. Accessible with assistance. Meet in front of park headquarters on Red Jacket Road in Calumet (See map on page 3). Tour ends at the Calumet Theatre.

Quincy Ruins Walk Tuesday and Saturday at 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

Join a ranger for a guided walk through surface ruins of the Quincy Copper Mining Company. 1½ hours, 1 mile, Varied terrain. Not accessible. Meet in front of the Quincy Mine Gift Shop.

Junior Ranger Program Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 a.m. (June 20 to August 14)

Learning about history can be fun! Children ages 8-12 can join a ranger for a program filled with engaging activities. Attending this program will help kids earn their Junior Ranger badge! All children should wear sturdy shoes and bring water to drink. 1½ hours and ½ mile. Meet in front of park headquarters on Red Jacket Road in Calumet (See map on page 3).

Become a Junior Ranger!

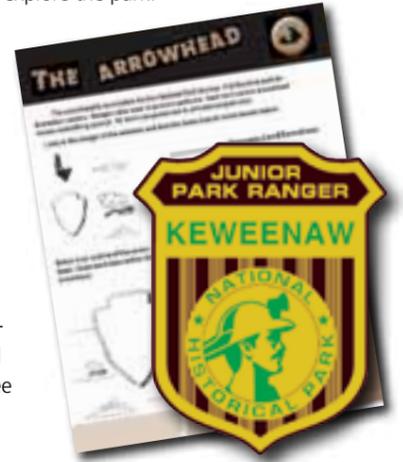
Children ages 8 to 12 can now become Keweenaw National Historical Park Junior Rangers! Pick up a free book and follow Rusty and Digger through fun and engaging activities. Together, they draw, complete crossword puzzles, search for words, and explore the park.

You can get your free Junior Ranger book at:

- Keweenaw National Historical Park Information Desk at Quincy Mine, or
- Park Headquarters in Calumet

After completing your book, bring it back to either location for review. If your work checks out, a ranger will award your badge and sticker!

You can also join a ranger for a guided Junior Ranger program twice a week in the Calumet Unit. The program will have activities to help you complete those in the book. See the program listing on left for details.



This chart provides an overview of services available at Keweenaw National Historical Park and Keweenaw Heritage Sites for the 2009 summer season. Use the map and heritage site descriptions, found in the center of this newspaper, for contact information and location. Availability of services or programs may change without notice.



from left to right: A park ranger talks with visitors outside the former Calumet & Hecla Public Library in Calumet. A tour guide at the Quincy Mine talks about the process of mining.

	Guided Tours / Programs	Guided Tours by Appointment	Self-Guided Tours/Exhibits	Evening Programs	Films & Audio-visual programs	Staff Available to Assist Visitors	Items for Sale/Gift Shop	Open for Research by Appointment	Accessible Services
A. E. Seaman Mineral Museum		●	●		●	●	●	●	♿
Adventure Mining Company	●	●				●	●		
Calumet Theatre	●	●	●			●	●		♿
Chassell Heritage Center	●		●	●		●	●	●	
Copper Range Historical Museum		●	●		●	●			
Coppertown Mining Museum	●		●		●	●	●		♿
Delaware Copper Mine			●			●	●		
Finnish-American Heritage Center at Finlandia University		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	♿
Fort Wilkins Historic State Park			●	●	●	●	●	●	♿
Hanka Homestead Museum	●	●	●			●	●	●	
Houghton County Historical Museum		●	●			●	●	●	
Keweenaw County Historical Society	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	
Keweenaw Heritage Center at St. Anne's			●			●	●		
Keweenaw National Historical Park – Calumet Unit	●		●			●	●	●	♿
Keweenaw National Historical Park – Quincy Unit	●					●			♿
Laurium Manor Mansion Tours			●			●	●		
Ontonagon Historical Society Museum and Lighthouse	●	●	●			●	●	●	♿
Old Victoria	●	●				●			
Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park	●		●	●	●	●	●		♿
Quincy Mine Tours	●	●	●		●	●	●		♿
U.P. Firefighters Memorial Museum			●			●			

Services vary by season. Additional programs or services may be offered. Programs may be cancelled due to staffing shortages or adverse weather.



Indicates that some facilities or services at the site are wheelchair accessible. May require assistance. Other parts of the site may not be accessible. Contact the site for information.