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Why Care About History?

HERE IS AN INTERESTING HISTORICAL FACT: IN 1849, the Cliff was the first Keweenaw copper mine to pay a dividend.

When the word “history” comes up in conversation, is “interesting” the first word that leaps to mind? Or, does your head ache at the thought of memorizing dates and events? Maybe you remember the panic you felt in a high school exam, as you drew a blank about the War of 1812?

While many people may be good at remembering the dates of long-ago legislation, wars, and dividends, history is really about the people behind those events. Sometimes, individuals have influenced events so significantly that they create a legacy shared by all Americans: Abraham Lincoln is a good example. Other lives have a more immediate impact on local history and on us as individuals: our grandmothers, perhaps, or a favorite teacher that provided support as we progressed through school.

We often connect people with the places where significant events unfolded. Who can think of Lincoln without imagining Gettysburg, or his inspirational memorial on the National Mall in Washington, DC, itself the site of so many important moments in our nation’s history? Who can drive by their old school and not be reminded of old friends or perhaps a chemistry experiment gone awry? From the national stage to the kitchen table, the place where our history happened retains a special meaning for us as citizens and individuals.

The Keweenaw, its copper, and its people have an important place in our nation’s history. Mining began here thousands of years ago, when early American Indians arrived. The Ojibwe used it too, when they settled the area in the early 1500s. Drawn by reports of its rich copper deposits, French priests and English explorers were among the first Europeans to visit the region. They were followed in the 1800s by Americans, Canadians, and waves of immigrants from Europe who came to work, establish homes, and start families. We see this history today in the ancient mines, 19th century shaft houses, historic commercial districts, and streets of company housing.

We also find it in a small, overgrown cemetery at the Cliff mine, once the most important mine in the Keweenaw. There, a gravestone marks the final resting place of ten year old Isabella Everett, who died of typhoid in 1864. Her schoolteacher Henry Hobart, who kept a journal during his time at Cliff, lamented the loss of this “bright-eyed little girl” who was “loved by all.” Surrounded by towering



above: Mine workers at South Kearsarge #1 pose for a shift photograph in 1904.
background: Isabella Everett’s tombstone quietly marks her final resting spot in the forest near the Cliff Mine site.

trees, her grave is a quiet reminder that people—not just dividends—are at the heart of history. It is also an example of the challenges parents and children faced—and in some cases continue to face—in frontier communities here, across the nation, and around the world.

Isabella Everett, Henry Hobart, and other histories like theirs enrich our understanding of this special place. Look beyond the dates and think of the lives behind the Keweenaw’s rich historical landscapes, neighborhoods, and towns.

By Jo Urion, Park Historian

Welcome from the Park Superintendent

Welcome to one of America’s special places. Keweenaw National Historical Park exists because local citizens fought to recognize and preserve the rich history found on the Keweenaw Peninsula.

Opportunities for exploring what many call the “Copper Country” are broad. While the federally designated parts of the park focus on surviving historic resources of two major copper mining companies, Quincy and Calumet & Hecla, there is far more to the mining story. This national park is comprised of attractions at state parks, museums, historical societies, historic districts, copper mines, and heritage centers. Park partners include sites from Ontonagon to Copper Harbor and tell stories as varied as the simple life found at the Hanka Homestead to the cosmopolitan experience enjoyed in Calumet.

In fact, Calumet’s story will soon be told at the new Calumet Visitor Center, scheduled to open in late summer 2011. Exhibits in the center will detail community life in a place dominated by a mining company that not only provided benefits to its employees, but also influenced aspects of their lives. New immigrants of many nationalities struggled to maintain cultural identity while also fitting into mainstream America. The exhibit will include hands-on activities, oral history listening stations, video programs, and artifacts illustrating life in Calumet. I hope you return to take in this exciting new exhibit.

This year, I invite you to visit the partner sites that tell aspects of this rich story. Talk to the staff at these sites, many of whom are volunteers donating countless hours. Take a mine or theatre tour. Thank these local history boosters for their part in preserving one of America’s stories. And come back for more! With more than 20 partners comprising this national park, there is plenty to experience today and tomorrow.

Jim Corless, Park Superintendent

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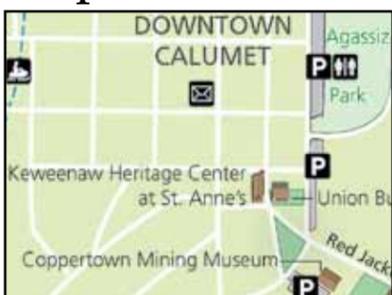
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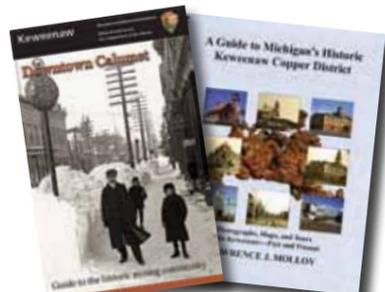
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These maps will help you explore the Calumet & Quincy areas of the park.



The map and information on these pages will help you visit our park partners.



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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 19 to September 6, 2010

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.

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.

FOOD AND RESTAURANTS



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

CAMPING



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.

Accessibility

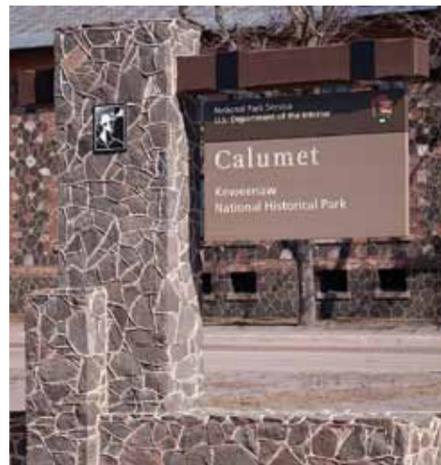


Park headquarters in Calumet and our information desk at Quincy Mine are accessible. Other National Park Service facilities located in historic structures and several Keweenaw Heritage Sites are not accessible at this time. Information on which sites have accessible facilities is located on the back 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: Visitors are greeted by a new park sign as they enter Calumet.

Center: A park ranger provides a guided tour of surface ruins at Quincy Mine.

Right: A reception area inside park headquarters provides visitors with information on park and area attractions.



Keweenaw by the Numbers

1 of the first large-scale mining rushes in the United States started on Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula in 1844. The California Gold Rush began in 1848.

2 units, centered on former large-scale copper mines, were designated when Congress authorized the park. Park legislation also encourages the National Park Service to partner with entities managing historic properties inside and outside park boundaries.

7 individuals serve on the Keweenaw National Historical Park Advisory Commission acting as representatives for park partners and the public in park planning and activities.

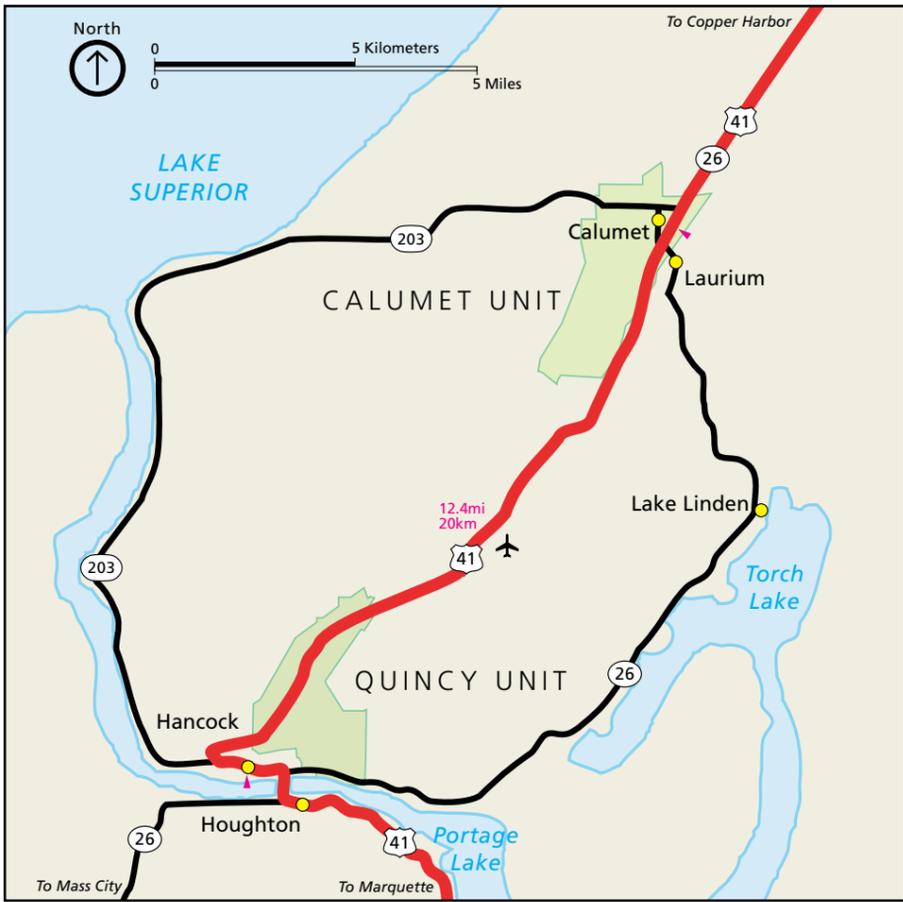
10.5 billion pounds of copper were estimated to have been produced by all the Keweenaw Peninsula mines between 1844 and 1968.

19 partners manage historical and natural features across the peninsula known as Keweenaw Heritage Sites. See pages 4-5 for a map and more details on these sites.

30 underground workers died when a fire broke out in the Osceola mine on September 7, 1895 – the deadliest single accident in the history of Keweenaw mining.

Keweenaw Heritage Sites Mileage Chart	A.E. Seaman Mineral Museum	Adventure Mining Company	Calumet area sites	Central Mine Site	Chassell Heritage Center	Copper Range Historical Museum	Delaware Copper Mine	Eagle Harbor Lighthouse & Museum	Finnish-American Heritage Center	Fort Wilkins Historic State Park	Hanka Homestead Museum	Houghton County Historical Museum	Laurium Manor Mansion Tours	Old Victoria Townsite	Ontonagon County Historical Museum	Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park	Quincy Mine Tours
A.E. Seaman Mineral Museum	-	42	15	33	6	8	38	39	3	50	22	12	15	52	54	64	4
Adventure Mining Company	42	-	53	71	43	35	76	77	41	88	37	50	53	12	14	29	41
Calumet area sites	15	53	-	18	22	17	23	24	12	35	37	5	1	63	65	80	10
Central Mine Site	33	71	18	-	39	35	5	5	29	18	55	23	18	81	82	97	28
Chassell Heritage Center	6	43	22	39	-	9	44	45	9	56	16	18	21	53	55	70	10
Copper Range Historical Museum	8	35	17	35	9	-	40	41	6	52	18	15	17	45	46	61	7
Delaware Copper Mine	38	76	23	5	44	40	-	14	34	12	60	28	23	88	87	102	33
Eagle Harbor Lighthouse & Museum	39	77	24	5	45	41	14	-	35	15	61	29	24	87	88	103	33
Finnish-American Heritage Center	3	41	12	29	9	6	34	35	-	46	25	10	12	51	52	67	2
Fort Wilkins Historic State Park	50	88	35	18	56	52	12	15	46	-	72	40	35	98	99	115	45
Hanka Homestead Museum	22	37	37	55	16	18	60	61	25	72	-	34	37	48	49	64	26
Houghton County Historical Museum	12	50	5	23	18	15	28	29	10	40	34	-	4	60	62	77	11
Laurium Manor Mansion Tours	15	53	1	18	22	17	23	24	12	35	37	4	-	63	65	80	10
Old Victoria	52	12	63	81	53	45	88	87	51	98	48	60	63	-	17	32	52
Ontonagon County Historical Museum	54	14	65	82	55	46	87	88	52	99	49	62	65	17	-	16	54
Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park	64	29	80	97	70	61	102	103	67	115	64	77	80	32	16	-	69
Quincy Mine Tours	4	41	10	28	10	7	33	33	2	45	26	11	10	52	54	69	-

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

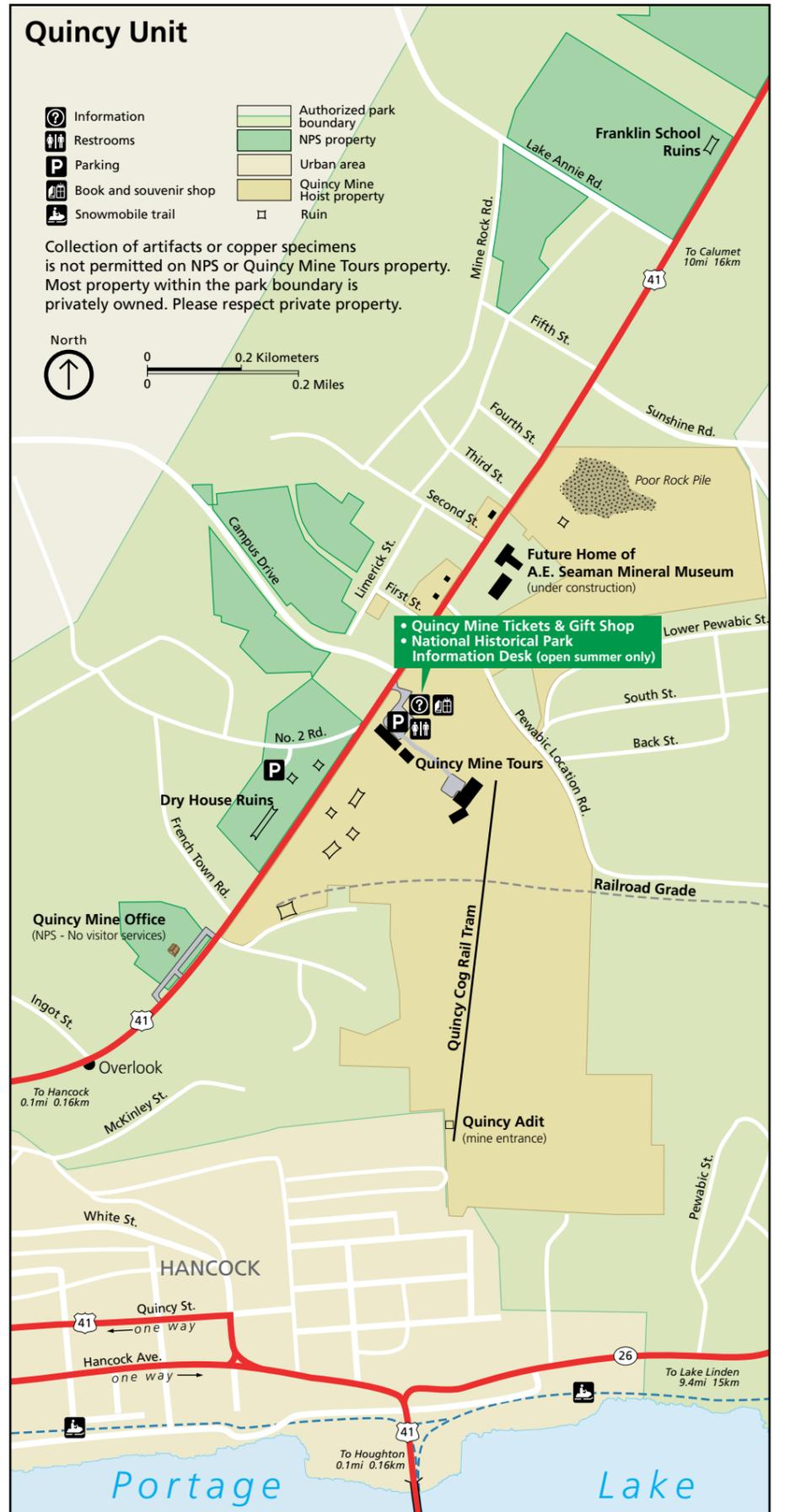
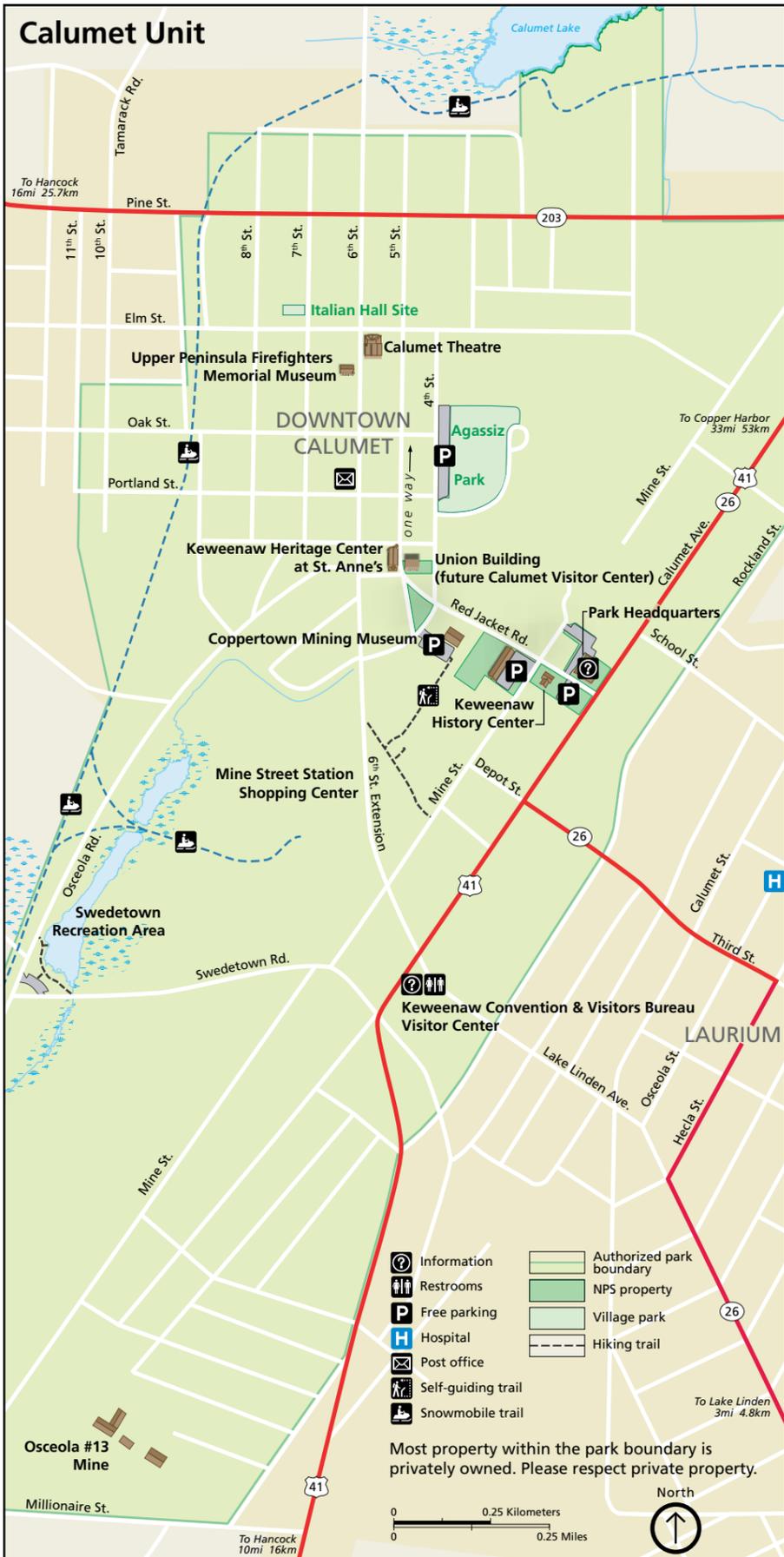
The Calumet Unit of the park focuses on the preservation and interpretation of buildings and sites associated with the former Calumet & Hecla Copper Mining Company (C&H) and the Village of Calumet. C&H grew into the largest and most successful copper mining company in the Lake Superior region. The key 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 a 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



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.

Keweenaw Heritage Sites are places that contain cultural and/or natural resources related 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. Learn more at www.KeweenawHeritageSites.org

A.E. Seaman Mineral Museum

Visit the official Mineral Museum of Michigan! Explore extensive 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 AM to 4:30 PM, Also open Saturday and Sunday, July through September – Noon to 4:30 PM
Fees: Free, donations appreciated.
 (906) 487-2572 www.museum.mtu.edu



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*. Regular performances and art exhibitions highlight Finnish culture.
Location: 435 Quincy Street, Hancock
Open: All year, Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Fees: Free for archives and museum, fee for scheduled performances.
 (906) 487-7302 www.finlandia.edu/index.php?id=620



Adventure Mining Company

Staff offer a variety of guided tours of this 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 AM to 6:00 PM; Sunday – 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM (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



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 an example of mid-19th century army life on the northern frontier. The park also includes the Copper Harbor Lighthouse along with the 1848 light keeper's house and interpretive trails. The lighthouse is reached by boat which runs daily through the summer season.
Location: 15223 U.S. Highway 41, Copper Harbor
Open: Daily – 8:00 AM to Dusk, Buildings open May 15 through Oct. 10.
Fees: Michigan State Park motor vehicle permit required.
 (906) 289-4215 www.michigan.gov/historicfortwilkins



Calumet Theatre

Opened in 1900, this historic opera house still offers theatrical, musical and community events throughout the year. Volunteers provide guided tours in the summer. Self-guided tours are available year round.
Location: 340 Sixth Street, Calumet
Open: Year round, Wednesday thru Friday – Noon to 5:00 PM 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



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: Six 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 PM
Fees: Adults \$3.00, children \$1.00, Call ahead for large group tours.
 (906) 334-2601



Central Mine Site

This site tells the story of one of the Keweenaw's most successful mines and the over 1200 people who once lived here. Two homes are open for self-guided tours. An established trail winds across the site. Phoenix Church and the Bammert Blacksmith Shop are located south of Central Mine.
Location: Just off U.S. Highway 41
Open: Visitor Center – June 13 to October 10, Daily – 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Fees: Free, donations appreciated.
 (906) 289-4990 www.keweenawhistory.org



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: Hours not available at press time; please call before visiting, Train rides – Weekends only
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



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 6 to August 26, Tuesdays – 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM & Thursdays – 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Also open Fri. & Sat. during Strawberry Festival.
Fees: Free, donations appreciated.
 (906) 523-1155 www.einerlei.com/community/CHO.html



Keweenaw Heritage Center at St. Anne's

Extensively restored, this majestic sandstone structure with intricate stained glass windows marks the entrance to downtown Calumet. Organists will again provide visitors with music selections some afternoons on the 1899 Barckhoff Tracker organ. Browse an exhibit created by Dan Truckey entitled *Stories From the Woods*. Join us at 7:00 p.m. for the *Musical Mondays in Calumet* performances – July 5, 19, & 26 and August 9, 23, & 30.
Location: 25880 Red Jacket Road (corner of Fifth & Scott Streets), Calumet
Open: July 1 to September 4, Monday through Saturday – 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM
Fees: not finalized at press time.
 (906) 337-4579 www.pasty.com/heritage



Copper Range Historical Museum

Artifact-rich 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 5 to October 2, Tuesday to Saturday – Noon to 3:00 PM Also open Mondays in July and August and on Sunday, July 4th.
Fees: \$1.00 for adults. Children, members are free. Group tours welcome.
 (906) 482-6125 www.pasty.com/crhm



Coppertown Mining Museum

Housed in Calumet & Hecla's pattern shop, this museum features exhibits on the former copper mining giant's underground and surface operations.
Location: 25815 Red Jacket Road, Calumet
Open: early June to late Sept., Monday to Saturday – 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM
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 AM to 6:00 PM
Fees: \$10.00, Age 13 & up, \$6.00, age 6 thru 12, 5 & under free.
 (906) 429-4688 www.copperharbor.org/site_files/del_mine.html



Eagle Harbor Lighthouse & Museum

The Eagle Harbor complex includes the lighthouse, keeper's quarters and several museums. Nearby is a schoolhouse and new Life-Saving Museum.
Location: Eagle Harbor
Open: Eagle Harbor Lighthouse & Museum – June 13 to October 10, Daily – Noon to 5:00 p.m. During July & August, Daily – 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Fees: \$4.00 to Lighthouse Museum
 (906) 289-4990 www.keweenawhistory.org



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 AM to 5:00 PM 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 19 to September 6, Daily – 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM; September 7 to October 10, Wednesday through Sunday – 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM
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 Saturday – 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Lighthouse tours: Monday thru Friday at 11:00 AM, 1:30 PM, and 3:30 PM
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 AM to 6:00 PM
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 23 to June 6, Friday through Sunday – 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM; June 11 to October 23, Daily – 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM
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 28, Monday through Saturday – Noon to 4:00 PM
Fees: Donations appreciated.
 (906) 337-4579



Long History of Keweenaw Mining

DURING THE 1840S, THE KEWEENAW Peninsula's one-of-a-kind copper deposits drew prospectors, miners, and industrial capitalists to Copper Harbor, Ontonagon, and the forested hills in between. These pioneers explored the land, opened mines, and established communities all along the copper range. Their legacy can be found all over the Keweenaw, from the towering shaft-rockhouse on top of Quincy Hill to the faint traces of a wagon road disappearing into the forest. However, they were not the first people to call the Keweenaw home.

Archeologists located a nearly 7,800 year old archeological site in Keweenaw County. This site contained copper beads, a crescent-shaped knife, and other items. Nearby in Minnesota, researchers found a copper spear point that is nearly 7,000 years old. It is the oldest verifiable archeological evidence of metalworking in North America. These and many other archeological sites throughout the region demonstrate that American Indians have been living in and around the Keweenaw for thousands of years, using copper and other natural resources, and taking part in vast trade networks that transported goods across the continent. Clearly, the Keweenaw has a long – and significant – human history.

Some of that early history was documented by explorers and surveyors who came to the Keweenaw in the 19th century. They made special note of what they called “ancient

Indian diggings,” recognizing that these deep pits and long trenches were very old, and that they usually indicated a rich copper deposit. Most 19th century mines began over prehistoric operations, including the enormously successful Minesota mine in Ontonagon County. It was established in 1847 at the site of an ancient pit, which contained timber cribbing, stone tools, and a massive chunk of pure copper. Unfortunately, the Minesota destroyed the timber cribbing and extracted the giant piece of copper as they explored and developed the property. Most other 19th century mining companies did the same as they sank shafts over prehistoric workings.

By the time Europeans came to the region in the 17th century, the Keweenaw was Ojibwe (Ojibway) territory. The Ojibwe are an Algonquian-speaking people who once occupied more territory than any other Native group in North America. When asked, the Ojibwe told French explorers, priests, and traders that their ancestors were not the Keweenaw's ancient copper miners. This is not surprising: the Ojibwe arrived in the Keweenaw in the 1500s, and as archeologists have shown, copper mining had been occurring for some 7,000 years before that.

Yet copper was very significant in Ojibwe culture. Jesuit missionaries wrote about the importance of copper in Ojibwe spirituality, and also noted the importance of the

places where it was found. Nineteenth century records also document its cultural importance. Considered a sacred gift, offerings would be left when copper was removed from the ground. Johann G. Kohl, a German man who lived with the Ojibwe during the mid-1800s, observed that explorers and traders would frequently ask the Ojibwe for the locations of copper deposits. Given its cultural value, it is not surprising that information was not always shared with those wanting to profit by it.

Clearly, copper was valued long before it covered ships' hulls, adorned the domes of state capitols, and carried electrical currents. Thousands of years ago, it played an important role in acquiring food and clothing in the form of projectile points, fishhooks, knives and awls.

Copper beads and ornaments show that it also had a social function. Its distribution over much of the North American continent demonstrates that it had economic value as well. Ojibwe oral tradition suggests that it served a spiritual purpose. That copper played such an important role in the 19th and 20th century is no surprise. Neither should it be a revelation that it drew American Indians to the Keweenaw for thousands of years before European contact.

Ancient petroglyphs hidden by a growing juniper bush, a carved pipe bowl emerging from a sandy bank along the lakeshore, a small glass medicine bottle caught in the roots of an overturned tree. All are reminders that the Keweenaw has a very long, and rich, human history.

By Jo Urion, Park Historian



left: Copper artifacts from Isle Royale including knives and awls. right: a copper artifact from Effigy Mounds National Monument in Iowa indicates Keweenaw copper's distribution across North America.

Planning for the Calumet Visitor Center

IN LATE SUMMER OR EARLY FALL OF 2011, Keweenaw National Historical Park will open its first park visitor center, located in the historic Union Building in Calumet. This center will not only be a place to learn about park activities and features, but also to experience exhibits that interpret significant aspects of the area's copper mining story.

Keweenaw National Historical Park purchased the Union Building in 1999. Lack of routine maintenance over the prior years caused extensive damage to the structure. In 2005, the National Park Service (NPS) completed the first phase of the building's rehabilitation by restoring its exterior. In 2008, a new heating system was installed and the NPS began planning for the interior renovation and exhibits that would occupy much of the first and second floors.

In 2010, the NPS received funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to complete the project. Interior construction work is scheduled to begin in June of this year. Simultaneously, final design of the exhibits will be finished over the summer. This Fall, fabrication of the exhibits begins. After the architectural work is completed in June or July of 2011, the building will be ready for exhibit installation – scheduled to occur during the summer of 2011.

Once the entire project is complete and the building is open, on the first floor visitors will find park staff at an information desk, an interactive map highlighting features of the park with all our partners, and publications available for purchase from the Isle Royale and Keweenaw Parks Association. First floor exhibits will introduce the copper mining story, the history of Calumet's commercial district and the story of local historical preservation efforts.



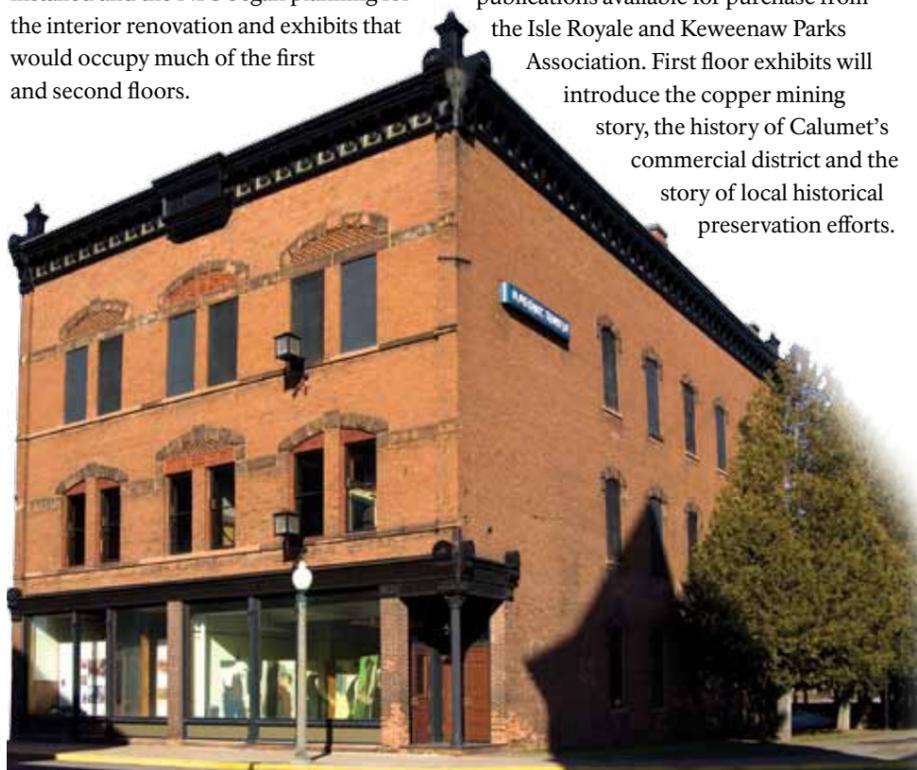
above: Two concepts for features of the new Calumet Visitor Center. The top illustration depicts the information desk on the first floor. The lower illustration shows a exhibit on immigration on the second floor. Drawings courtesy of the Office of Krister Olmon.

On the second floor, reached either via a newly installed elevator or stairway, visitors will discover interactive exhibits that reveal a more intimate and personal story of the Village of Calumet. Architectural elements will serve as portals into the different aspects of community life. Beyond its many artifacts, the exhibits will incorporate interesting graphics, hands-on activities and several audio-visual elements. The third floor will feature only a few small exhibits and instead will mainly echo the building's historic function as a gathering space for a Masonic

Lodge. It will be used for educational programs and community members will once again host activities here.

To learn more or get updates, visit the park's web page – www.nps.gov/kewe – and follow the links for the Union Building project. We hope you will come back after the Calumet Visitor Center opens to explore this new facility and the exhibits on Keweenaw Copper mining's role in our heritage.

By Dan Johnson, Interpretive Specialist



Isle Royale and Keweenaw Parks Association

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By joining, you are making a direct contribution to our public lands partnered with the Isle Royale and Keweenaw Parks Association. Sales proceeds are combined with membership gifts to support research and educational programs pertaining to Isle Royale and Keweenaw National Historical Park. Every year the Isle Royale and Keweenaw Parks Association contributes approximately \$25,000 in cash and in-kind aid to the two parks.

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You can support the work of the Isle Royale and Keweenaw Parks Association and our partner parks by becoming a contributing member of our organization.

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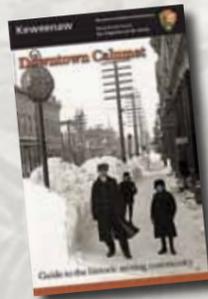
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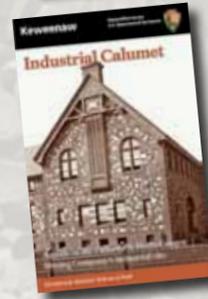
- A 10% discount on all purchases from Isle Royale and Keweenaw Parks Association outlets and other participating national park visitor centers across the U.S.
- 3 issues of the Parks Association Newsletter
- Copies of park newspapers: *The Greenstone and Keweenaw Guide*
- Special invitations to park programs, trips, and events
- An opportunity to participate in the Parks Association membership e-mail list

Featured Selections

Want to learn more about Keweenaw National Historical Park? Check out these items available from the Isle Royale and Keweenaw Parks Association. Sales outlets are located at Keweenaw National Historical Park Headquarters in Calumet or the Isle Royale National Park Visitor Center in Houghton. **Shop today at www.irkpa.org or by phone: 1-800-678-6925. Don't forget that members receive a 10% discount!**



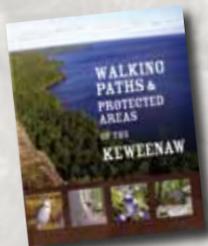
Downtown Calumet Guide to the Historic Mining Community \$1.50
 This walking tour guide for downtown Calumet takes you on a journey through the history and heritage of this historic mining community, with information and stories about 26 different stops along the way. 20 pages



Industrial Calumet A Guide to the Calumet & Hecla Copper Mining Company's Industrial Site \$1.25
 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. Spiral bound. 118 pages



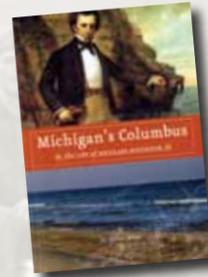
Walking Paths and Protected Lands of the Keweenaw \$14.95
 Edited by Joan Chadde
 A guide to some of the Keweenaw Peninsula's walkways. Directions, descriptions, and history of 22 protected areas, illustrated with maps and photos for those who wish to experience the Keweenaw's wild side. 80 pages



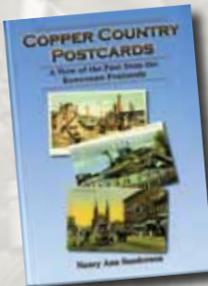
Is This an Agate? \$7.95
 By Susan Robinson
 An illustrated guide to Lake Superior's beach stones helps you identify the common rocks and minerals found on the Keweenaw's Lake Superior shoreline. Color illustrations. 23 pages



Mine Collar Mystery \$10.00
 By Fourth Grade Students, Calumet-Laurium-Keweenaw Elementary School
 A fanciful tale of time travel through Copper Country history, where children in 2006 meet a young miner from the past on their school's playground. Children's illustrations. 24 pages



Michigan's Columbus: The Life of Douglass Houghton \$19.95
 By Steve Lehto
 'Houghton' graces many Michigan places but what made the man a star? Besides helping launch a copper mining rush, he was also Detroit's mayor and taught at the University of Michigan. Paper. 164 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 20th century. Features a variety of topics including mining, mills, machines, shipping, the 1913 strike, towns and villages. Hardcover. 172 pages



Finns in Michigan \$19.95
 By Gary Kaunonen
 A study of Michigan's Finns in the workplace, society, and cultural life. Kaunonen presents "the good, the bad, and the other" activities of a group he calls "possibly America's most diverse family." 123 pages



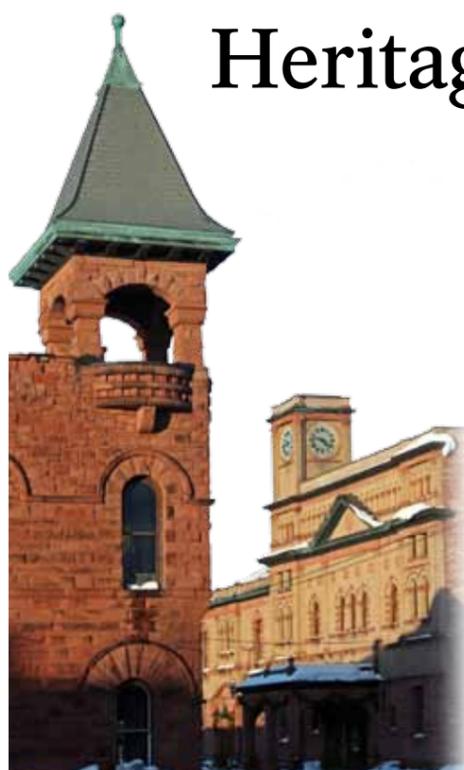
Death's Door \$19.95
 By Steve Lehto
 On Christmas Eve 1913, a cry of "fire" caused a panic on the second floor of the Italian Hall in Calumet. More than six dozen people were crushed to death in the scramble to flee. Speculation about what happened that night continues today. Lehto examines conflicting news reports and other documents. 232 pages



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. 128 pages



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



Heritage Sites Need Your Help!

THE KEWEENAW HERITAGE SITES work with the National Park Service to preserve and interpret historic resources that are important to the story of copper on the Keweenaw Peninsula. These partners include local nonprofit organizations, state agencies, and private businesses. As with most heritage preservation groups, financial and human resources are typically the biggest challenge to fulfilling their missions of preserving and interpreting the heritage of the Copper Country. The majority of the sites rely on volunteers and charitable contributions to perform their work.

The sites receive advice and a lot of moral support from the National Park Service, but they are not owned or operated by the Federal government. When funding sources are available, the NPS provides tangible as-

sistance, typically in the form of stabilization projects for historic structures. The Keweenaw Heritage Sites' needs go far beyond the resources of the NPS, however, and they need your help!

Needs can range from volunteers to keep a site's doors open for visitors, to donations to make major roof repairs at the Calumet Theatre, and all levels between these two extremes. Sites may need the exact expertise that you have to offer for a specific task or project, or you may want a volunteer experience that is completely different from your normal career. Opportunities can range from caring for a site's museum collection to caring for a lighthouse; from documenting the historic roots of eminent figures to creating exhibits that interpret a miner's family life; or from being a docent that interprets

mining technology to caring for the historic landscape. There is no end to the list of tasks and duties to be accomplished while preserving and interpreting Copper Country heritage. There are also a wide variety of settings in which to do so.

If you would like to help the Keweenaw Heritage Sites, please ask a site representative about making a donation or volunteering your time. For additional information, please visit their website at: www.KeweenawHeritageSites.org.

By Scott See, Executive Director for the Keweenaw National Historical Park Advisory Commission and Tom Baker, Keweenaw NHP Management Assistant

Interpretive Programs & Services



Keweenaw National Historical Park Ranger Programs June 26 to September 4, 2010

Calumet Walking Tour Tuesday and Saturday at 9:30 AM
Wednesday at 1:30 PM

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 PM
Wednesday at 9:00 AM

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 at 10:30 AM (June 30 to August 18)

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. 1 hour and approximately ½ mile. Meet in front of park headquarters on Red Jacket Road in Calumet (See map on page 3).

Become a Junior Ranger!

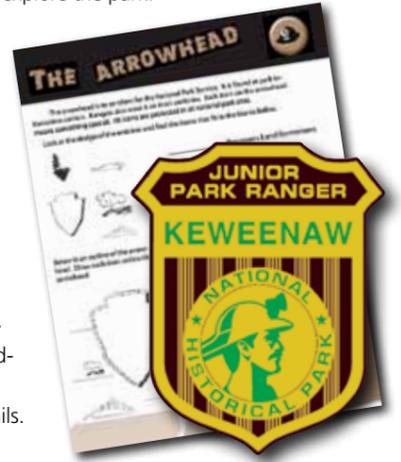
Children ages 8 to 12 can now become Keweenaw National Historical Park Junior Rangers! Pick up a free book and follow Rusty and Digger through fun and engaging activities. Together, they draw, complete crossword puzzles, search for words, and explore the park.

You can get your free Junior Ranger book at:

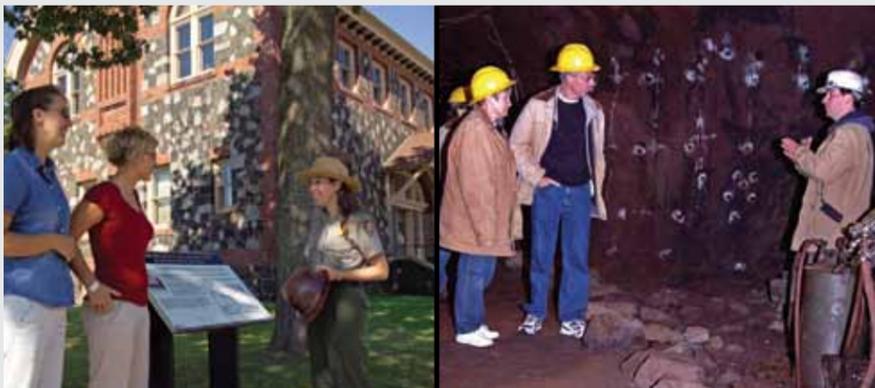
- The park information desk at Quincy Mine
- Park Headquarters in Calumet
- Downloaded from the park website

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 in Calumet. See the information to the left for schedule. 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 2010 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.