

# The Keweenaw Guide

The official newspaper of Keweenaw NHP and the Keweenaw Heritage Sites

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## Welcome to the Copper Country

Welcome to Keweenaw National Historical Park (NHP) and the Keweenaw Peninsula of Michigan! The park lies within the current and ancestral homelands of the Ojibwa people. Here, the stories of people and copper have been intertwined for more than 7,000 years. Indigenous Peoples mined, used, and traded copper across North America for thousands of years before European explorers learned of the abundant pure copper deposits.

By the mid to late 1800s the area became one of the first industrial mining hubs in the United States, attracting immigrants from around the world. Vibrant communities and commercial centers grew to support the mines. Companies provided schools, churches, libraries, and other amenities to support the workers, management, and their families. The copper produced here brought America through two world wars and provided necessary raw material for electrification and industrialization.

Over time, mining companies took advantage of technological advancements to cut costs in extraction and processing of copper. This, paired with changing economic and social conditions, sparked a response from labor, including worker strikes. Over time, as companies moved west and communities declined, some families moved on while others adapted to the post-mining economy.



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By the 1970s, our nation began to recognize the significance of its disappearing industrial history. Local and national organizations moved to preserve the places and stories associated with the Copper Country. In 1992, Congress created Keweenaw NHP to work “in partnership with public and private entities to preserve the nationally significant historical and cultural sites, structures and districts of the Keweenaw Peninsula” and to “interpret the historical geological, archaeological, cultural, technological and corporate forces that relate to the story of copper.”

We hope that you will experience and explore these stories and places for yourself. Journey to a time when “copper was king,” experience the beauty and history of the Keweenaw, and make your own memories that will last a lifetime.

## 2025 Park Programs

### Ranger Guided Tours, Programs, & Demonstrations

Ranger programs in downtown Calumet start at the Calumet Visitor Center, last about 1 hour, and cover approximately 1 mile. Water and sunscreen are recommended. In the event of inclement weather or staffing shortages, programs will be canceled.

Please visit the Calumet Visitor Center information desk, check the park’s calendar of events at [go.nps.gov/KEWCalendar](https://go.nps.gov/KEWCalendar), or follow our social media pages to get the latest schedule of tours, programs, demonstrations, and events.

### Junior Ranger and Junior Ranger Explorer Programs

Are you ready to begin your Junior Ranger adventure? Keweenaw NHP offers two different booklets full of activities designed to help you enjoy and learn about the park. The Junior Ranger Explorer program is geared toward children 4-6 and the Junior Ranger Program is designed for ages 7 and older. All ages can participate in either activity book. Free books are available at the Calumet Visitor Center or online at [go.nps.gov/KeweenawJuniorRanger](https://go.nps.gov/KeweenawJuniorRanger).

Turn in completed books to the visitor center where a ranger will swear you in, sign your certificate, and present you with your official sticker or badge. Completed books can also be mailed to:



Keweenaw NHP  
Division of Interpretation  
25970 Red Jacket Road  
Calumet, MI 49913

Or email them to: [kewe\\_information@nps.gov](mailto:kewe_information@nps.gov).

## Make an Impact! Be a Volunteer!

Michigan’s nationally significant copper mining history is preserved and interpreted by Keweenaw NHP and its 22 Keweenaw Heritage Site partners. It’s a lot of work to keep these locations open to the public. Much of that work is shouldered by fantastic volunteers across the Copper Country.

Volunteering is a great way to meet new people, share your talents, and develop your skills. Whether they’re in the archives, museum collections, visitor center, or out in the field – volunteers help make an impact in the community and beyond.

Are you interested in volunteering for the park or one of its many heritage sites? Learn more about available volunteer opportunities at [go.nps.gov/KNHPVolunteer](https://go.nps.gov/KNHPVolunteer).

If you only have a day or two free, join one of our volunteer workdays! This year, our workdays are scheduled for: June 7, June 21, July 23, August 2, September 27.

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Calumet Visitor Center:  
906-483-3176

Online: [www.nps.gov/kewe](http://www.nps.gov/kewe)

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American people so that all may  
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## Essential Information

### Calumet Visitor Center



The Calumet Visitor Center is located at 98 Fifth Street in downtown Calumet at the corner of 5th Street and Red Jacket Road. It provides information on the many Heritage Sites to visit in the area, as well as 3 floors of exhibits, a park film, and an Isle Royale & Keweenaw Parks Association bookstore that sells books, gifts, clothing, and more. Contact the Calumet Visitor Center at 906-483-3176 for more information.



### Get the NPS Mobile App!



The NPS Mobile App has tools to explore more than 400 national parks nationwide. Find interactive maps, tours of park places, on-the-ground accessibility information, and much more to plan your national park adventures before and during your trip. Keweenaw NHP features include self-guided tours of both the Quincy and Calumet Units. The free app is currently available for iOS and Android devices.



Access this QR Code with  
your phone's camera or visit  
[go.nps.gov/NPS-APP](http://go.nps.gov/NPS-APP) to  
download the app.

### Accessibility

The Calumet Visitor Center and exhibits accommodate many accessibility needs.

- wheelchair available for use
- braille park brochures
- interactive discovery area

To learn more about park accessibility features, ask park staff or visit:  
[go.nps.gov/KEWEAccessibility](http://go.nps.gov/KEWEAccessibility).

Many of the Keweenaw Heritage Sites also offer accessible features. Contact each site for specific information.

### Weather

No matter the season, it is best to know the current weather forecast. Both summer and winter can be unpredictable and storms can emerge without warning. Remember to dress accordingly and bring plenty of water and sunscreen for a pleasant visit.

### Safety

Dial 9-1-1 for Emergencies. Be prepared to give your location. You should report fires, accidents, or life-threatening emergencies.

Some areas within the park or Heritage Sites are considered remote, possibly without cell phone service. You may have to find the nearest land line to call 9-1-1.

### Connectivity

Some areas have limited or spotty cellular phone and data service. Please plan accordingly. The NPS Mobile App and park information can be downloaded for offline use prior to arrival.

### Research

The Keweenaw History Center (Park Archives) is open to researchers and scholars by prior appointment. Please call 906-483-3032 for more information.

### Pets

Pets are allowed in many outdoor areas around park sites; however they are not permitted inside park buildings. Service animals, as defined by law, are welcome in all park buildings. Please pick up after your pets.

### Lodging & Food

*Visit Keweenaw* provides information about lodging and food in the area. Contact them at 906-337-4579 or online at [www.visitkeweenaw.com](http://www.visitkeweenaw.com).

### Passenger Carrying Buses

While bus parking is permitted in the parking area next to the Calumet Visitor Center, it is strongly suggested that buses offload passengers and park elsewhere. Buses may not idle; engines must be shut down when the bus is not underway to prevent the accumulation of exhaust fumes in the area.

### Recreational Opportunities

A variety of hiking trails, museums, heritage centers, lighthouses, guided or self-guided tours, geocaching opportunities, and more await visitors. For a full list of opportunities, visit [go.nps.gov/Keweenaw2Do](http://go.nps.gov/Keweenaw2Do).

The use of bicycles and ebikes is permitted on established routes on park-owned lands within the Quincy and Calumet Unit Boundaries.

The use of bicycles and ebikes on established routes on non-federal property within the park boundary are governed by prevailing state, county, township or village laws and ordinances, and postings by private land owners.

A bike rack is provided at the Calumet Visitor Center.

## Keweenaw NHP - A New Kind of National Park

When the U.S. Congress established Keweenaw National Historical Park on October 27, 1992, it created a new kind of park that involved the public in a new way. This would be a partnership park, with responsibilities for preservation and storytelling shared between the National Park Service and local organizations. Most national parks begin with the purchase of land (the National Park Service then owns and manages the land and other resources for the benefit of the American people, according to its own policies and practices). This park was going to be different.

With passionate leadership from Senator Carl Levin and Representative Bob Davis, Congress created a park designed to keep federal land ownership to a minimum. A great experiment began – would it be possible to preserve and interpret the story of this place without substantial federal ownership? Could the federal government successfully partner with local citizens and others to achieve the purpose of the park and the mission of the National Park Service? How would it work?

Congress created an Advisory Commission of seven members, appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, to operate in support of the park's activities and to act when needed as a conduit between the park and its partners. Together, the commission and the park provide grants, recommendations, and other technical assistance to Keweenaw Heritage Sites and local organizations.

Our success in preserving and interpreting the history of the Keweenaw depends on working together, sharing resources, and learning from each other. So far, it's been 32 years of partnership and experimentation. How do you think we are doing?



*Keweenaw NHP is made up of many parts that represent government and community members. Each part is essential. If you remove any one part of the partnerships, the work would be much more difficult to complete.*



# Sculptures on Quincy Hill

## Returning a Sense of People to the Landscape

For many years, visitors have marveled at the industrial history preserved in the mining landscapes of the Keweenaw. The ruins can evoke a sense of abandonment and isolation. But when the mines were in operation, these were bustling places – they were places of work and commerce and home. We wondered, how could that be conveyed to park visitors?

During the summer of 2024, the park worked in cooperation with Isle Royale and Keweenaw Parks Association and Keweenaw National Historical Park Advisory Commission to find an artist to help. Together, they commissioned artist Kasey Koski to bring back a sense of the people who once lived and worked on the landscape. Ms. Koski worked with the team to develop the concept – four life-size sculptures representing miners and their families. They selected the Quincy Dry House ruins site as the location for the sculptures.



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Every good sized mine had at least one Dry House. It was the place where workers prepared for work in the morning, and washed up before returning home at night (until the 1920s or later, most homes did not have running water or baths of the type we have today). Near the ruins of the Quincy Dry House are the foundations of the workers' homes. This was an ideal place to capture both home and work life.

The Dry House Ruins are across Highway 41 from the Quincy Shaft Rock House. As you near the Quincy Mine Site. Turn onto No.2 Road and take the first left. The dirt road leads to a parking lot. From there it is a short walk on an uneven gravel trail to the Dry House and an overview of the entire Quincy landscape, including Portage Lake.

Closest to the parking lot is a silhouette of a woman and her child looking out into the distance. What do you think they might be looking at? They are standing next to the foundations a company house. It is one of many that were built on this hillside. If you look carefully you can see where the other company houses once stood in this area.

Walls and foundations of a larger building can be found close by, the ruins of the Dry House. Near the door to this building is a miner waving. Do you imagine him ready to start a day or happy to have finished one safe and sound?

Inside is another miner, washing up at a basin. Have you experienced anything like a dry house in your lifetime? What can you tell about the lives of the miners from this silhouette and the building it is in?

Closest to the highway, the largest sculpture depicts three miners walking together. The silhouettes of the three men represent all Quincy mine workers, their many countries of origin and their varied life stories. They stand near a path that was worn into the landscape by hundreds of miners walking back and forth to the mine. Can you see traces of that trail today?

Artist Kasey Koski drew her inspiration for the sculpture from Giuseppe, Giovanni, and Ferdinando Fasana, three brothers who immigrated from Italy to work in the booming mine at Quincy near the turn of the twentieth century. She discovered information about the brothers while conducting research in the Michigan Tech Archives to prepare for the work. As she explored their stories, she found that Ferdinando and Giovanni were killed in separate instances of falling rock within the mines two among dozens of fatalities due the dangerous conditions underground, leaving Giuseppe the only surviving brother. Their story inspired her to depict two of the men in shadow, and one with light shining through.

The land around the Quincy mine was a vibrant and thriving, populated by people similar to those reflected in the silhouettes that now stand here. What do you think it would have been like to live so close to a working mine? Imagine the soundscape that people living and working here experienced and compare it to the noise around you today. Immerse yourself in the history of the area and try to visualize how it shaped what you see in the Keweenaw today.

When visiting, please remain courteous and respectful of this valuable historic landscape. Follow Leave No Trace principles, leave historic objects as you see them, and do not climb on the ruins.

# Support Your Public Lands



## Isle Royale & Keweenaw Parks Association

The Isle Royale & Keweenaw Parks Association (IRKPA) is a non-profit bookstore, publisher, educator and supporter of Isle Royale National Park and Keweenaw National Historical Park. IRKPA's mission is to promote an understanding of, appreciation for, and enjoyment of these two parks. By educating the public about these parks, they help to protect and preserve them for future generations.

To accomplish their mission, IRKPA:

- Operates bookstores at each park as well as an online store.
- Publishes educational books, videos, and posters about the parks.
- Promotes a variety of free publications, such as the park newspapers and visitor guides.
- Offers a variety of adult workshops and research grants.
- Contributes financial support and services to its partner parks.

IRKPA's work is undertaken with generous contributions from members and donors, as well as income earned from bookstores sales and other sources. Consider becoming a member and learn more at [www.irkpa.org](http://www.irkpa.org).



## Keweenaw National Historical Park Advisory Commission

The Keweenaw National Historical Park Advisory Commission was established along with the park by an Act of Congress on October 27, 1992. This commission serves at the request of the Secretary of the Interior. The Advisory Commission provides leadership, education, and financial support for the protection, preservation, and interpretation of resources related to the story of copper mining on Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula.

The goals of the Advisory Commission are to:

- Advise the National Park Service at Keweenaw NHP on park planning, preservation, interpretation, and operational matters.
- Develop the Keweenaw Heritage Sites Program into a consortium of fully sustainable sites.
- Develop partnerships that provide visitors with a cohesive, accessible, and engaging national park experience along the entire length of the Keweenaw.
- Promote a historic preservation ethic and emphasize heritage awareness.
- Enhance appreciation of the historic resources in the park, surrounding areas, and on the Keweenaw Peninsula.

Learn more about how the Keweenaw National Historical Park Advisory Commission and Keweenaw NHP work together at [go.nps.gov/commission](http://go.nps.gov/commission).

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## National Parks of Lake Superior Foundation

The National Parks of Lake Superior Foundation (NPLSF) is the philanthropic partner of the five national parks of Lake Superior. They inspire people to create meaningful connections with our parks by providing funding for programming, educational initiatives, and outreach efforts.

Work NPLSF does to support the parks is funded through grants and private donations. Consider becoming a member and learn more about NPLSF at [www.npls.org](http://www.npls.org).



# Places to Visit

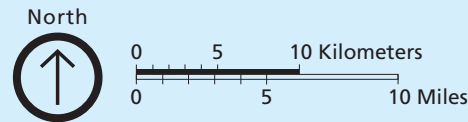
Are you ready to see more amazing places all connected by our collective copper story? The 22 Keweenaw Heritage Sites are official partners of Keweenaw NHP. Each site interprets and preserves an important aspect of the areas' copper mining history and provides a unique visitor experience. Scan the QR code for more information online or check out pages 6 and 7 for site-specific information to plan your trip. Information on these pages were correct as of the time of printing.



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Keweenaw Heritage Sites are numbered and labeled in COPPER color.

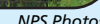
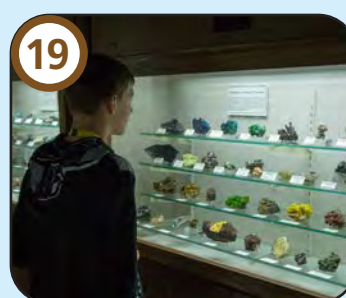
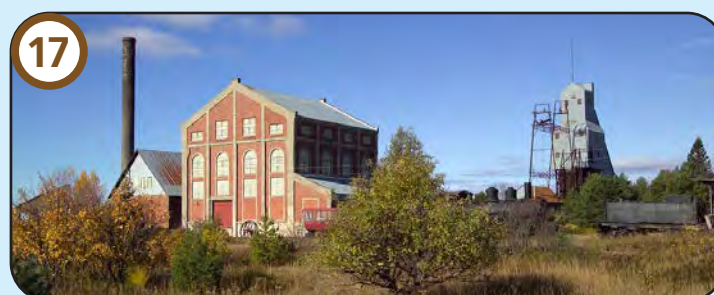
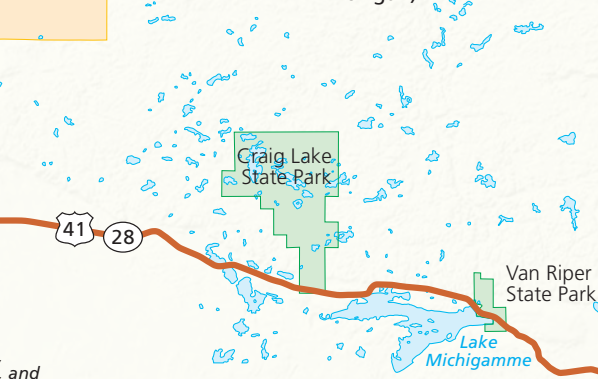
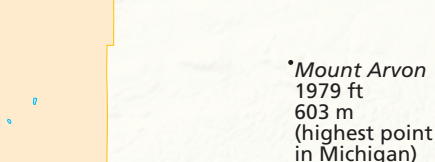
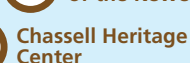
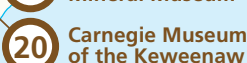
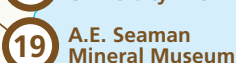
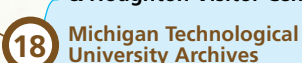
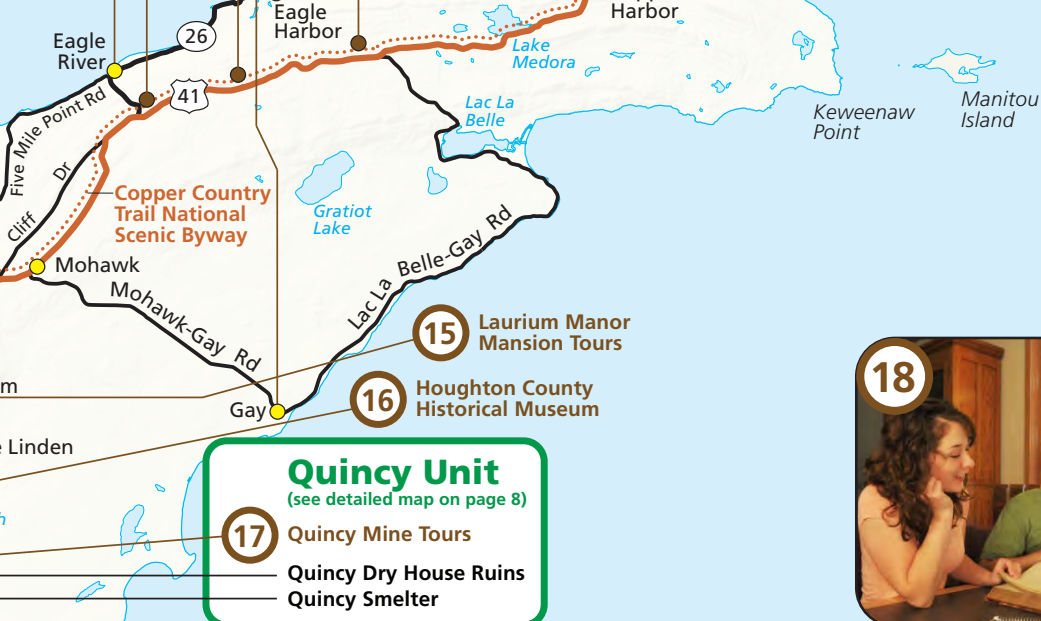
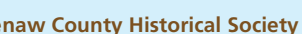
**Calumet Unit**  
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Are you a researcher interested in the Keweenaw? Many archival facilities preserve the records of the area. The Lake Superior Collections Management Center, the Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections, or the Finnish American Heritage Center Archives are all good places to start, depending on your topic. Many of the historical societies and other partners sites also have research collections. A research appointment is needed so be sure to plan ahead. Learn more at [go.nps.gov/KEWEArchives](https://go.nps.gov/KEWEArchives).



Access the QR code above with  
your phone's camera, or visit:  
[go.nps.gov/KeweenawHeritageSites](https://go.nps.gov/KeweenawHeritageSites)



# Keweenaw Heritage Sites

Numbers match those on the map on previous pages.

## 1 Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park



In addition to wild forests and lakeshore, Michigan's largest state park has numerous historic copper mining sites. The 59,020-acre park offers an array of summer and winter recreational pursuits and interpretive programs.

**Fees:** Michigan Recreation Passport required

**Operating Season & Hours:**

- Park: Open year-round; 8 am - 10 pm
- Visitor Center: May 15 - Oct 14; 8 am - 8 pm, daily

**Location:** 15 miles west of Ontonagon on 107th Engineers Memorial Highway

**Phone:** 906-885-5275

**Website:** [www.michigan.gov/porkies](http://www.michigan.gov/porkies)

## 2 Old Victoria



Four log cabins built at the Victoria Mine in 1899 served as homes to waves of copper miners and their families. They have been restored in their original remote mining location and give visitors a true feeling of the life faced by miners and their families. Guided tours will take you back in time for about an hour.

**Fees:** Free admission, donations appreciated

**Operating Season & Hours:**

- Open mid-June through Labor Day; open days and hours will be posted on Facebook and Google.

**Address:** 25401 Victoria Dam Road, Rockland, MI

**Phone:** 906-886-2617

**Online:** [www.facebook.com/oldvictoria/](http://www.facebook.com/oldvictoria/)

## 3 Ontonagon County Historical Society Museum



The museum features exhibits on area mining, logging, farming, marine, and social memorabilia. The nearby lighthouse is restored and furnished as a lightkeeper would have used it in the 1910s.

**Fees:**

- Lighthouse tours - \$7 Adults, children free
- Museum tours - \$5 Adults, children free

**Operating Season:** Open mid-May to mid-October

**Operating Hours:**

- Museum open 10 am - 4 pm, daily. Lighthouse tours 11 am - 3 pm, daily

**Address:** 422 River Street, Ontonagon, MI

**Phone & Email:** 906-884-6165; [ochs@jamadots.com](mailto:ochs@jamadots.com)

**Website:** [www.ontonagonmuseum.org](http://www.ontonagonmuseum.org)

## 4 Adventure Mining Company



Visit Adventure Mine and experience rappelling down a mine shaft, underground drilling and blasting workshops, or an easy guided walking tour. There are accommodations for all ages, skill levels, and interests. 90-minute guided tours and 3-hour rappel tours are offered daily. Online pre-booking is encouraged. Walk-ins welcome and offered as staffing allows.

**Fees:** Tours \$38 Adults, \$16 children (6 to 12 years old), under 6 free. Contact for rates on other tour options.

**Operating Season:**

- Open mid-May to mid-October (Closed Wednesdays after Labor Day)

**Operating Hours:**

- 9 am - 6 pm, Monday - Saturday, 11 am - 6 pm on Sunday

**Address:** 200 Adventure Avenue, Greenland, MI

**Phone:** 906-883-3371

**Website:** [www.adventureminetours.com](http://www.adventureminetours.com)

## 5 Painesdale Mine and Shaft



Come see the upper levels of the Champion Mine's Shaft-Rock House #4. The Champion #4 is the oldest remaining shaft-rock house in the Keweenaw with a tour unlike any other in Copper Country. The tour focuses on the Shaft-Rock House and the machinery that brought the ore to the surface. Most of the original machinery is still in place. The tour includes a visit inside the hoist house with its intact hoist engine and the Captain's Office.

Due to the close quarters in places, group size is restricted to 15 individuals. There will be a sign-up sheet so come early to walk around the site. Tours range from 2-3 hours in length. The grounds are open for walking year-round during daylight hours.

**Fees:** Tours \$15 Adults, \$10 youth

**Operating Season:**

- Tours offered on Fridays and Saturdays at 12 pm from May 30 through Color Season.

**Tour Hours:**

- Fridays and Saturdays at 12 pm

**Address:** 42634 2nd St (Shaft House Road), Painesdale, MI

**Phone & Email:** 906-369-5358; [painesdalemine@gmail.com](mailto:painesdalemine@gmail.com)

**Website:** [www.painesdalemin shaft.com](http://www.painesdalemin shaft.com)

## 6 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.

**Fees:** \$1 donation; children under 12 free; members free

**Operating Season:**

- Open June through September

**Operating Hours:**

- 12 pm - 3 pm, Tuesday - Friday (also open Mondays in July & August)

**Address:** 244 Trimountain Avenue, South Range, MI

**Phone:** 906-482-6125 (leave message) or 906-487-9412

**Email:** [copperrangehistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:copperrangehistoricalsociety@gmail.com)

**Website:** [www.pasty.com/crhm](http://www.pasty.com/crhm)

## 7 Finnish American Heritage Center and Archive



The Finnish American Heritage Center houses the Finnish American Historical Archive, the Finnish American Folk School, the Martha Wiljanen Community Hall, the Finlandia Gallery, North Wind Books, and the offices of The Finnish American Reporter. Regular programming and exhibits highlight Finnish-American culture.

**Fees:** Free for exhibits, fees for classes and special events.

**Operating Season:** Open year-round

**Operating Hours:** 8 am - 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday

- Archive research by appointment only.

**Address:** 435 Quincy Street, Hancock, MI

**Phone:** 906-487-7549

**Website:** [fahc.finlandiafoundation.org](http://fahc.finlandiafoundation.org)

## 8 Coppertown Mining Museum



Housed in the former Calumet & Hecla Pattern Shop, this museum features exhibits on the former copper mining giant's underground and surface operations. For private tours, call 906-369-9353.

**Fees:**

- \$5 Adults, \$3 children (6-15 years old), under 6 free; Military Service Free.

**Operating Season:** Open mid-June to mid-October

**Operating Hours:** 11 am - 4 pm, Monday - Saturday

**Address:** 25815 Red Jacket Road, Calumet, MI

**Phone:** 906-337-4354

**Website:** [www.uppermichigan.com/coppertown](http://www.uppermichigan.com/coppertown)

## 9 Keweenaw Heritage Center



Located on the corner of Fifth and Scott Streets, at the head of downtown Calumet's commercial district, the Keweenaw Heritage Center is a cornerstone of the Calumet Downtown National Historic Landmark District. The story of the building's rescue from years of neglect is featured among exhibits that focus on the social side of Keweenaw's population. Check for dates of performances and concerts featuring the 1895 Barckhoff organ and watch for event signs and banners in front of the building.

**Fees:** \$5 Adults; 12 and under free with an adult.

**Operating Season:** Open late June to mid-September or by arrangement.

**Operating Hours:** 1 pm - 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday

**Location:** Corner of Fifth St. & Scott St., Calumet, MI

**Phone:** 906-337-2410

**Website:** [www.keweenawheritagecenter.org](http://www.keweenawheritagecenter.org)

## 10 Copper Country Firefighters History Museum



Built in 1898, the historic Red Jacket Fire Station features displays dedicated to the history of fire fighting in the Keweenaw Peninsula. The exhibits and historic fire trucks appeal to people of all ages.

**Fees:** \$5 Adults, children free.

**Operating Season:** Open mid-June through September

**Operating Hours:** 1 pm - 4:30 pm, Monday - Saturday

**Address:** 327 Sixth Street, Calumet, MI

**Phone:** 906-281-8822

**Online:** [www.facebook.com/CopperCountryFirefightersHistoryMuseum/](http://www.facebook.com/CopperCountryFirefightersHistoryMuseum/)

## 11 Calumet Theatre



Opened in 1900, this historic opera house offers a variety of theatrical, musical and community events year-round. Two-hour guided tours are available. Contact the box office or visit the website for shows and other event information.

**Fees:** \$15 per person

**Operating Season:** Open year-round

**Operating Hours:** Tours are seasonally run Tuesday - Saturday at 1 pm.

Winter season and private tours may be scheduled by calling the box office.

**Address:** 2340 Sixth Street, Calumet, MI

**Phone & Email:** 906-337-2610; [boxoffice@calumettheatre.com](mailto:boxoffice@calumettheatre.com)

**Website:** [www.calumettheatre.com](http://www.calumettheatre.com)





## Site Features



### Underground Mine Tours



### Museum Exhibits



### Historic Buildings & Landscapes



### Guided & Self-guided Tours



### Research & Historic Archives



### Hiking & Outdoor Recreation

## 12 Keweenaw County Historical Society



The Historical Society maintains 11 sites in Keweenaw County. The Eagle Harbor Lighthouse Museum Complex includes the lighthouse, Keweenaw History, Commercial Fishing, and Maritime Museums.

Other sites include Rathbone School, Eagle Harbor Lifesaving Station, Central Mine, Phoenix Church, Bammert Blacksmith Shop, Eagle River Museum, and the Historic School at Gay.

#### Fees:

- Eagle Harbor Lighthouse Museum Complex:
  - \$8 Adults; children under 16 free.
- Other sites encourage donations.

#### Operating Season:

- All sites open mid-June through early October.
- Check website for updates and additional information.

#### Operating Hours:

Most sites open daily, check website for hours.\*  
(\*see exceptions below).

- \*Eagle Harbor Lighthouse Museum Complex:
  - July & August:** 10 am - 5 pm, Monday - Saturday;  
12 pm - 5pm on Sunday.
  - Late June, Sept, early Oct:** 10 am - 5 pm,  
Mon - Sat; 12 pm - 5pm on Sunday.
- \*Eagle River Museum: 12 pm - 4 pm on Wednesday, Friday, & Saturday.
- \*Historic School at Gay: 1 pm - 4 pm on Wednesday & Saturday.

**Lighthouse Museum Address:** 670 Lighthouse Road, Eagle Harbor, MI

**Website:** [www.keweenawhistory.org](http://www.keweenawhistory.org)

## 13 Delaware Copper Mine



At the Delaware Mine, visitors can take a self-guided tour of one of the oldest underground copper mines on the Keweenaw Peninsula. Walking paths allow visitors to view historic sites dating from Indigenous mining more than 7,000 years ago to Euro-American copper mining in the mid- to late-1800s.

**Fees:** \$14 Ages 13 & up; \$9 Ages 6-12; under 6 free.

**Operating Season:** Open mid-May to mid-October

**Operating Hours:** 10 am-5 pm, daily

**Location:** Off U.S. Highway 41, 12 miles south of Copper Harbor, MI

**Phone:** 906-289-4688

**Website:** [www.DelawareMineTours.com](http://www.DelawareMineTours.com)

## 14 Fort Wilkins Historic State Park



Built in 1844 by the U.S. Army, the site now serves as an example of mid-19th century army life on the northern frontier. The park also includes the Copper Harbor Lighthouse (only accessible in the summer by boat), the 1848 light keeper's house, and interpretive trails. Living History programs offered June through August as staffing allows.

**Fees:** Michigan Recreation Passport required

**Operating Season:** Open May 15 - October 15

**Operating Hours:** 8:30 am to dusk, daily

**Address:** 15223 U.S. Highway 41, Copper Harbor, MI

**Phone:** 906-289-4215

**Website:** [www.michigan.gov/historicfortwilkins](http://www.michigan.gov/historicfortwilkins)

## 15 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.

**Fees:** \$15 Adults, \$10 Children under 18

**Operating Season:** Open for walk-ins from June to mid-October. Call ahead for appointment during winter season late October through May.

**Operating Hours:** 12 pm - 3 pm, daily

**Address:** 320 Tamarack Street, Laurium, MI

**Phone:** 906-337-2549

**Website:** [www.laurium.info](http://www.laurium.info)

## 16 Houghton County Historical Museum



Explore this seven-building complex, which includes a museum containing exhibits, artifacts, and photographs spanning 100 years, a one-room schoolhouse, a log cabin, a railroad depot, a research center, and an operating 1915-era steam locomotive.

**Fees:** Free admission, donations appreciated

**Operating Season:**

- Open June through September. Call ahead for schedule in October.

**Operating Hours:** 9 am - 12 pm, Monday - Friday

**Address:** 53150 Michigan State Highway 26, Lake Linden, MI

**Phone:** 906-296-4121

**Website:** [www.houghtonhistory.org](http://www.houghtonhistory.org)

## 17 Quincy Mine Tours



Quincy Mine offers educational tours focusing on the copper mining history of the Keweenaw Peninsula and the role of the region in the industrialization of America. Guided tours are approximately two and a quarter hours long, with emphasis on a historical overview of mining at the site. The tour starts in the historic 1918 hoist house, showcasing the Nordberg hoist (the largest steam hoist ever constructed), and continues with an underground walking tour in the 1895 East Adit, where visitors experience working conditions in a mid-19th century copper mine.

#### Fees:

- \$35 Adults
- \$20 Youth/Student with ID
- Children under 5 free

#### Operating Season & Hours:

- Friday-Sunday, April through June.
- 8:30 am-5:00 pm, 7 days/week, Memorial Day weekend - Labor Day.
- Other times, private tours, and group/school tours available upon request.

**Address:** 49750 U.S. Highway 41, Hancock, MI

**Phone & Email:** 906-482-3101 (Gift Shop); [info@quincymine.com](mailto:info@quincymine.com)

**Website:** [www.quincymine.com](http://www.quincymine.com)

## 18 Michigan Technological University Archives



The Michigan Tech Archives house a wide variety of print, graphic, and manuscript resources. The department's holdings include collections from the Quincy Mining Company, Calumet & Hecla Mining Company, and local and university history.

**Fees:** No fees

**Operating Season:** Open year-round

**Operating Hours:** By appointment only, 1 pm - 5 pm, Monday - Thursday

**Location:** Garden level of the Van Pelt & Opie Library,

Michigan Technological University, Houghton, MI

**Phone:** 906-487-2505

**Website:** [www.mtu.edu/library/archives](http://www.mtu.edu/library/archives)

## 19 A.E. Seaman Mineral Museum



Visit the official Mineral Museum of Michigan to explore the beauty and splendor of minerals from the Michigan copper-mining district, the Great Lakes Region, and around the world.

**Fees:** \$9 Adult, \$8 Senior (65+), \$5 Young Adult (18-22),

\$4 Junior (9 - 17), Children 8 & under free.

**Operating Season:** Open year-round

**Operating Hours:**

- Summer Hours: 9 am - 5 pm, daily (June - August)
- Winter Hours: 9 am - 5 pm, Monday - Saturday (September - May)

**Address:** 1404 E. Sharon Avenue, Houghton, MI

**Phone:** 906-487-2572

**Website:** [www.museum.mtu.edu](http://www.museum.mtu.edu)

## 20 Carnegie Museum of the Keweenaw



The Carnegie Museum shows changing exhibits about the area's cultural and natural history. Founded in 2006, the museum is housed in the former Houghton public library building which was built in 1910.

**Fees:** Free admission, donations appreciated

**Operating Season:** Open year-round

**Operating Hours:**

- Standard Hours: 12 pm - 5 pm, Tuesday & Thursday;  
12 pm - 4 pm on Saturday
- Summer Hours (July 5th - Labor Day): 12 pm - 5 pm, Tuesday - Friday;  
12 pm - 4 pm on Saturday

**Address:** 105 Huron Street, Houghton, MI

**Phone:** 906-482-7140

**Website:** [www.carnegiekeweenaw.org](http://www.carnegiekeweenaw.org)

## 21 Chassell Heritage Center



Exhibits follow Chassell's history from its establishment as a lumber mill community in 1888 to today. A collection of vintage clothing provides a glimpse into people's lives. Another collection documents the history of strawberry farming and the Chassell Strawberry Festival. Take a walk along the historic interpretive trail on the site of the Sturgeon River Lumber and Worcester Lumber Companies. The trail can be accessed from Centennial Park. Visit their website for details about Thursday Evening Programs and other special events.

**Fees:** Free admission, donations appreciated

**Operating Season:** Open July and August

**Operating Hours:**

- 1 pm - 4 pm on Tuesdays & Saturdays; 4 pm - 8:30 pm on Thursdays

**Address:** 42373 Hancock Street, Chassell, MI

**Phone:** 906-523-1155

**Website:** [www.chassellhistory.org](http://www.chassellhistory.org)

## 22 Hanka Homestead Museum



Herman Hanka homesteaded here with his family after he was injured in a copper mining accident. Volunteers, when available, provide guided tours of this 1920s-era Finnish Farm. A self-guided brochure is also available. Please call ahead to schedule guides for large groups.

**Fees:** \$5 Adults, \$1 Children ages 13-17, under 13 free.

**Operating Season:** Open Memorial Day - Labor Day

**Operating Hours:**

- 12 pm - 4 pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays, weekends, and holidays.

**Location:** Six miles west of U.S. Highway 41, off Tower Road, Pelkie, MI

**Phone:** 906-334-2575

**Website:** [www.hankahomesteadmuseum.org](http://www.hankahomesteadmuseum.org)



# Visiting Calumet

Along the streets of Calumet, visitors can discover the interactions of many historical forces at play, including social, ethnic, commercial, and paternalistic practices. In Calumet, Keweenaw National Historical Park and its partners tell the stories of an immigrant and migrant mining community and its influences on the past and present.



above:  
The Italian Hall Memorial Park in Calumet tells the tragic story of the 1913 tragedy on Christmas Eve.

left:  
Learn more about this rich history of Calumet on a guided ranger tour.

## Calumet National Historic Landmark District

At the center of the unit is the Calumet National Historic Landmark District. Visitors can take part in self-guided walking tours of the downtown or the industrial core, or accompany a Keweenaw NHP ranger on a guided tour.

Places to visit include the Calumet Visitor Center, the Keweenaw Heritage Center, Coppertown USA Mining Museum, Copper Country Firefighters History Museum, the Calumet Theatre, and the Italian Hall Memorial Park. The park headquarters and Keweenaw History Center (both formerly Calumet & Hecla Mining Company-owned buildings) are also located nearby.

For tour information, ask a ranger at the visitor center, visit [go.nps.gov/KEWECalendar](http://go.nps.gov/KEWECalendar), or call ahead at 906-483-3176.



# Visiting Quincy



A visit to the Quincy Unit of Keweenaw National Historical Park rewards the visitor with above and below ground experiences. Designated a National Historic Landmark District in 1989, the National Park Service and Quincy Mine Hoist Association partner to offer a variety of experiences. Quincy Mine Tours provides guided tours of the underground mine and hoist house, along with self-guided tours of the #2 shaft-rockhouse. Outside exploration of the site is free and open to the public. At the Quincy Dry House Ruins, visitors can view new art that depicts the lives of miners and their families.

## Quincy Smelting Works

Also contained within the Quincy Unit, along the Portage Lake shoreline just east of the lift bridge, is the Quincy Smelting Works. As the only remaining industrial site of its type left in the world, the Quincy Smelter provides an exceptional opportunity to learn about the machinery, processes, and workers that made Michigan's copper industry so important to our nation.

Visitors can tour the smelting complex seasonally by contacting Quincy Mine Tours Gift Shop at 906-482-3101. The Quincy Smelter is owned by the Keweenaw NHP Advisory Commission and operated by heritage site partner Quincy Mine Hoist Association.

