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# The Keweenaw Guide

The official newspaper of Keweenaw NHP and the Keweenaw Heritage Sites

## Changing the Course of History

### Who are we after 250 years?

As the American Declaration of Independence reaches its 250th birthday this year, we invite you to consider what was founded in 1776. Where have we been, where are we, and where are we going? At the time of the Declaration, the country was a confederation of states, not yet a nation. The words Thomas Jefferson put on paper organized the country around a set of ideals. After notable revisions by the 55 delegates in Philadelphia, the document became the Declaration we recognize today. Among other things, it established the belief that all people are created equal, and that we each have the unalienable rights of Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

The “self-evident truths” described in the Declaration helped to build our new nation. The Keweenaw Copper Country is part of that story. Immigrants came here from around the world with the hope of making better lives for themselves and their families. Copper from the mines in this area propelled the country forward in industry and innovation. A combination of new innovations such as affordable light bulbs, the telegraph and telephone, and copper from this special, remote place changed the course of history for the United States.

The American story takes many forms here. While you are visiting the Keweenaw, take some time to learn about early Native American copper mines and the treaties which ceded lands and rights to the federal government. Visit Fort Wilkins and Copper Harbor where the United States Government set up a Mineral Land Agency. Uncover the history of the creation of immigrant communities and their contributions, celebrated at many Keweenaw Heritage Sites including Hanka Homestead, Old Victoria, and the Finnish American Heritage Center.

Visit the mines (Adventure, Painesdale, Quincy, and Delaware), the Quincy Smelter site, and the Coppertown Mining Museum to explore what deep-shaft, hard-rock mining, milling, and smelting was like. Discover advances in mining technology and how they changed life for mine workers and influenced the Strike of 1913-14. Explore the labor and community story at the Calumet Visitor Center, the Laurium Manor, and the Calumet Theatre.

America is still working to live up to the ideals of Jefferson and to recognize the “self-evident truths” spelled out in the Declaration of Independence. Keweenaw National Historical Park and the Keweenaw Heritage Sites are amazing places where the important role of Michigan’s Copper Country in our nation’s history continues to be uncovered and interpreted. Visiting these sites and exploring American history provides a good opportunity to reflect on our past and imagine our future. What role will you play in America’s ongoing experiment?

## 2026 Park Programs

### Ranger Guided Tours, Programs, and Demonstrations

Opportunities to engage in history are happening all throughout the park and at partner sites this summer. Schedules of ranger guided tours, special programs, demonstrations, and events are available at:

- the Calumet Visitor Center
- the park’s calendar of events at [go.nps.gov/KEWECalendar](http://go.nps.gov/KEWECalendar)
- the park’s social media pages

In the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen events, some programs may be modified or canceled.



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### 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](http://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)

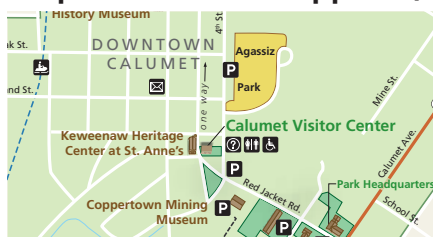
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Calumet, MI 49913  
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Fax: 906-337-3169  
Calumet Visitor Center:  
906-483-3176  
Online: [www.nps.gov/kewe](http://www.nps.gov/kewe)  
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Keweenaw Parks Association.



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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 Fifth Street and Red Jacket Road. It provides information about the many Heritage Sites to visit in the area, as well as three 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 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 develop 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, and may be without cell phone service. You may have to find the nearest landline to call 9-1-1.

## Connectivity

Some areas have no or limited cellular phone and data service. Please plan accordingly. The NPS Mobile App 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.

## 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.

## 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).

## Recreational Opportunities

A variety of hiking trails, museums, heritage centers, lighthouses, guided or self-guided tours, geocaching, 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 during the summer months.

# 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 designed 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?

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 33 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.*

# Become a Volunteer

## Make an Impact!

The National Park Service Volunteers-In-Parks (VIP) program fosters strong connections within local communities by enriching visitor engagement in a variety of ways. On average, over 100,000 volunteers donate over three million hours of service to National Park Sites across the country every year.



Here in Michigan, volunteers with Keweenaw National Historical Park and the 22 Keweenaw Heritage Site partners help to preserve and interpret the nationally significant copper mining history. Embodying stories of hardship, ingenuity, struggle, and success, each site encourages visitors to explore the role area mining played in people's lives here and afar. With all the park and the heritage sites have to offer, it comes as no surprise that there is a lot of work involved in keeping these locations preserved and available to the public. That is where volunteers come in!

Volunteering is a rewarding experience. It is also a great way to meet new people, share your talents, and develop new skills. At Keweenaw National Historical Park, there are a variety of positions to meet your volunteering goals. Some examples include:

- **Archives Technician:** Assist in inventorying, cleaning, rehousing, organizing, and describing archival materials, assist in researching and writing biographical and historical sketches and chronologies, or assist in digitizing historic photographs.
- **Museum Technician:** Use proper museum collection conservation and preservation practices to protect and organize objects in our visitor center and museum storage areas.
- **Visitor Services Volunteer:** Assist park staff at the Calumet Visitor Center or at special events around the Keweenaw Peninsula by greeting visitors, providing trip planning assistance, and sharing the nationally significant copper mining history of the Keweenaw.



Are you ready to start your volunteering adventure with the park or one of its many heritage sites? The first step to get involved is learning more about available volunteer opportunities at [go.nps.gov/KNHPVolunteer](http://go.nps.gov/KNHPVolunteer) or scanning the QR code at the bottom of this page. There you'll find a list of volunteer positions within the park and at the heritage sites.



If your schedule doesn't allow for a long-term commitment right now, consider participating in a volunteer workday! These one-day events are a fun way to "dip your toe in" as a short-term volunteer and are focused on specific

projects in the park and at heritage sites. Each year the park assists partner sites with a call for volunteers to complete projects needing a little bit of extra attention. These can range from helping lay gravel for safe walking paths, to general cleaning and tidying up and invasive plant removal work. You can be part of a team working on preservation projects that help keep park and partner sites looking great for the many visitors that come each year!

This year's volunteer workdays are scheduled for: June 13, June 27, July 25, August 20, and September 19. Check the park's website for more details about locations and specifics.

The many hours that volunteers donate each year are priceless and have a significant impact on the community. No previous experience is needed for most volunteer positions. Scan the QR code below and start your rewarding journey as a VIP!



Access this QR Code with your phone's camera or visit [go.nps.gov/KNHPVolunteer](http://go.nps.gov/KNHPVolunteer) to learn more about volunteer opportunities.

# 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, IRKPA helps 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).

## 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.

The 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.nplsf.org](http://www.nplsf.org).

# Places to Visit

Are you ready to see more amazing places 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 area's 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 was correct at the time of printing.

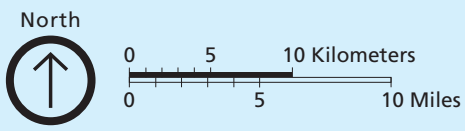


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**Calumet Unit**  
(see detailed map on page 8)

- Calumet Visitor Center
- Coppertown Mining Museum
- Keweenaw Heritage Center
- Copper Country Firefighters History Museum
- Calumet Theatre
- Italian Hall Memorial Park



Keweenaw Heritage Sites are numbered and labeled in COPPER color.



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

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Access the QR code above with your phone's camera, or visit: [go.nps.gov/KeweenawHeritageSites](http://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 nearly 60,000-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 EST
- Visitor Center: May 15 - Oct 14; 8 am - 8 pm EST, daily
- Park Headquarters: October 15 - May 14, 8 am - 4 pm EST, daily

**Location:** 15 miles west of Ontonagon on 107th Engineers Memorial Hwy  
**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 (check Facebook for the current schedule)

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

**Phone:** 906-281-7412

**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

**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, Sunday

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

**Phone:** 906-883-3371

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

## 5 Painesdale Mine and Shaft



Champion #4 is the oldest remaining Shaft-Rock House in the Keweenaw and a fantastic example from a time when countless others rose like skyscrapers across the Copper Country. Today, it stands as a memorial to the men who worked and to those who lost their lives thousands of feet underground. Tours are led by passionate volunteers highlighting the newly restored upper levels of the Shaft-Rock House, as well as the Hoist House, Captain's Office, Water Tank Building, and surrounding grounds. Equipment, tools, and machinery still sit where they were left decades ago, just a bit rustier and dustier. Please arrive early as space is limited, and plan to climb 55 steps to reach the Rock House.

**Fees:**

- Guided tours - \$15 Adults, \$10 youth
- Self-guided ground tours are free during daylight hours

**Operating Season:** May 22nd through October 10th

**Tour Hours:** Fridays and Saturdays at 12 pm

- private tours are available by visiting our website

**Address:** 42634 Shaft Rd, Painesdale, MI

**Phone & Email:** 906-369-5358; painesdalemine@gmail.com

**Website:** [www.painesdalemineshaft.com](http://www.painesdalemineshaft.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:** 44 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 & 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 and private tours may be scheduled by calling the box office

**Address:** 340 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**



**Guided & Self-guided Tours**



**Museum Exhibits**



**Research & Historic Archives**



**Historic Buildings & Landscapes**



**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)

- \*Eagle Harbor Lighthouse Museum Complex:  
**Mid-June, Sept, Early Oct:** 12 pm - 5pm daily, Monday - Sunday.  
**July & August:** 10 am - 5 pm, Monday - Saturday;  
 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 portrays mid-19th century army life on the northern frontier. The park also includes the 1866 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., an 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 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, plus a research center. The site also has an operating 1915-era steam locomotive - check the website or contact the museum for ticket prices and current ride schedule.

**Fees:** Free admission to the museum and grounds, donations appreciated

**Operating Season:** Open June through September

- Call ahead for schedule in October

**Operating Hours:** 12 pm - 4 pm, daily

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

**Phone & Email:** 906-296-4121; [info@houghtonhistory.org](mailto:info@houghtonhistory.org)

**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 historic East Adit (1895), where visitors experience working conditions in a mid-19th century copper mine.

**Fees:** \$40 Adults, \$20 Youth/Student with ID, Children under 5 free

#### Operating Season & Hours:

- 8:30 am - 5:00 pm, daily (May through October)
- 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, daily (November through April)
- Other times, private tours, & 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 (Closed for Holidays, please check website)

#### 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's changing exhibits highlight 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. 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 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.



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

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Learn more about the rich history of Calumet on a guided ranger tour.

## Calumet National Historic Landmark District

At the center of the village 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



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The Dry House Ruins in the Quincy Unit offer great views over the Quincy landscape and Portage Lake. Take the short interpretive trail to learn more about the history of the place or pick up a Geology of the Dry House Ruins site bulletin to learn about its rich geology. Check out the recently installed art on the landscape or have a picnic and enjoy the views! The Quincy Mine Hoist Association offers Quincy Mine Tours which include a self-guided tour of the #2 shaft-rockhouse and guided tours of the hoist house and underground. Outside exploration of the site is free and open to the public.

## 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 the 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 tours are offered by heritage site partner Quincy Mine Hoist Association.



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