

The Keweenaw Guide

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Photo by Nathan Miller

The Quincy Mining Company built the Quincy Smelting Works on the banks of the Portage Canal in 1898. Quincy constructed the smelter to refine and ship its own copper, as well as to process copper from neighboring mining operations. Quincy began with several sandstone furnace buildings and other support structures, adding buildings as technologies changed over time. With the decline of the industry after World War II, local sources of copper diminished to the point that it was no longer profitable to keep the facility open, and in 1971 Quincy closed the smelter. Fortunately, rather than scrap it, the company locked the doors and left the complex intact. Franklin Township took ownership in 1999.

Although the site decayed over the years, the smelter remained a unique and special place. In 1978, the Historic American Engineering Record documented the smelter complex in its study of the Quincy Mining Company. Due to the historic resources at the site, the National Park Service (NPS) then included the complex in the Quincy Mining Company National Historic Landmark District, and ultimately within the boundaries of Keweenaw National Historical Park. As the only remaining site of its type left in the United States, the smelter provided an exceptional opportunity to tell the stories of industrial workers.

In 2007, at the urging of U.S. Senator Carl Levin, a group of interested parties began working together to save the crumbling smelter. The NPS assisted the owner, Franklin Township, with stabilizing many of the historic structures on the property.

The Environmental Protection Agency conducted environmental cleanup activities and delisted the site from the national Superfund list. A local nonprofit group, the Quincy Smelter Association, began giving tours to the general public. The combined actions of these parties demonstrated to the community that the smelter was much more than a seemingly abandoned industrial complex: it was a place that people cared about, a place that should be preserved.

Today, the Keweenaw National Historical Park Advisory Commission and the NPS are exploring possibilities for the future reuse of the smelter. The Advisory Commission is in the process of acquiring the site from Franklin Township, and the NPS would like to further rehabilitate the historic structures and offer expanded public tours. There are even discussions about the possible relocation of Isle Royale National Park’s facilities from Houghton to the eastern portion of the smelter site. The transformation of the Quincy Smelter is well under way, and even more exciting changes are planned for the near future.

By Scott See, Executive Director
Keweenaw National Historical Park Advisory Commission

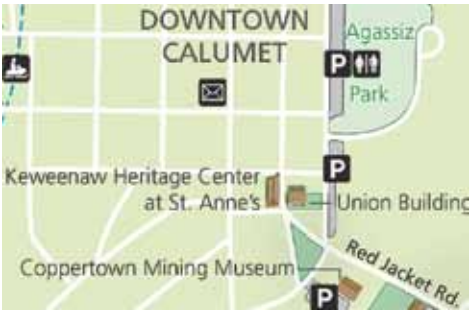
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Keweenaw National Historical Park
was established to preserve and interpret the natural and cultural resources related to the copper mining industry for the enjoyment and benefit of current and future generations through cooperative efforts and partnerships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



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Visitor Services and Facilities



FOOD AND RESTAURANTS

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



CAMPING

Camping options are available across the Keweenaw Peninsula. 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 lodging can be found across the Keweenaw Peninsula. Contact the Keweenaw Convention and Visitors Bureau for more information 1-800-338-7982 or www.keweenaw.info.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Many local communities and Keweenaw Heritage Sites offer special events including parades, musical performances, festivals, races, and more. Check the *schedule of events* at www.keweenawheritagesites.org.



Accessibility



The Calumet Visitor Center and the information desk at Quincy Mine are accessible.

Some National Park Service facilities located in historic structures, as well as several Keweenaw Heritage Sites, are not accessible at this time. Information on which sites have accessible facilities is located in the centerfold of the newspaper. Sites indicated as accessible may require assistance in certain areas. Other parts of the site may not be accessible. Contact sites directly for further information on accessibility prior to visiting.

KEWEENAW NHP INFORMATION DESK



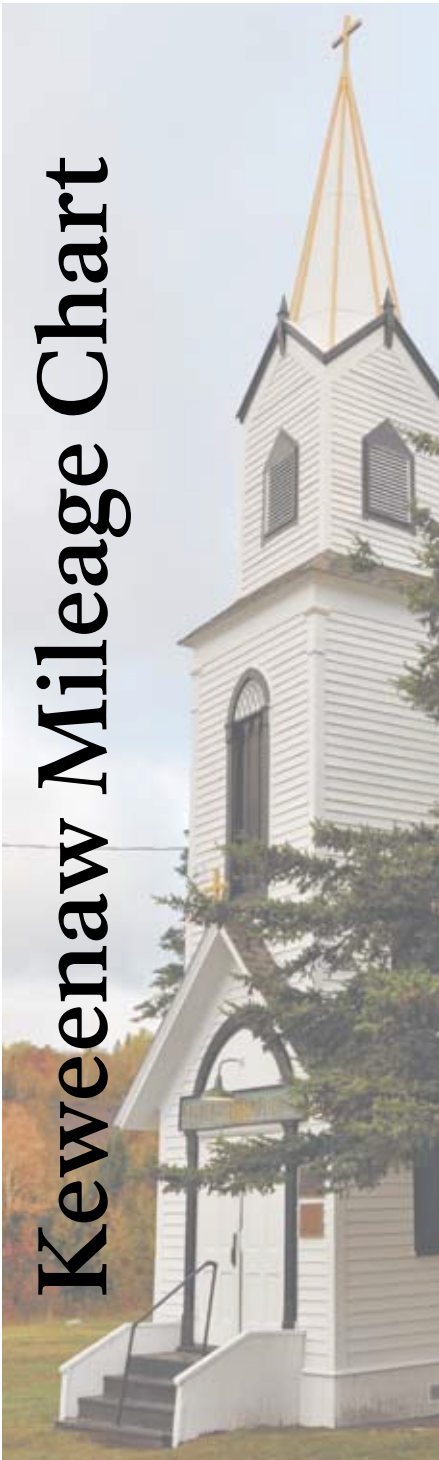
Located at the entrance to the Quincy Mine Gift Shop, an information desk contains travel and trip planning information about the park and Keweenaw Heritage Sites. Staffing varies and depends on the season.



CALUMET VISITOR CENTER



Let park rangers provide area information to help you plan your visit. Explore the historic structure and two floors of interactive and accessible exhibits and audio-visual programs, including *Risk and Resilience*, a free 14-minute film about the area's history, people, and the park. Assisted listening devices available, as well as closed captioning. Bookstore purchases (books, games, posters, postcards, shirts, hats, patches, and more) support the park. Located at 98 Fifth Street in Calumet. Please call 906-483-3176 or visit the park website at www.nps.gov/kewe for the latest information on days and hours of operation.



Keweenaw Mileage Chart

	Hanka Homestead	Calumet/Laurium	Central	Chassell	Copper Harbor	Delaware	Eagle Harbor	Eagle River	Greenland	Hancock	Houghton	Lake Linden	Ontonagon	Phoenix	Quincy Hill	South Range	Victoria	Porcupine MWSP
Hanka Homestead	—	35	53	15	70	58	59	51	60	24	22	36	73	49	26	55	72	89
Calumet/Laurium	35	—	18	20	35	23	24	16	51	11	13	4	51	14	11	22	63	82
Central Mine	53	18	—	38	17	5	14	6	69	29	31	22	55	4	29	40	81	100
Chassell Heritage	15	20	38	—	55	43	44	36	45	9	7	21	58	34	11	12	57	74
Copper Harbor	70	35	17	55	—	12	14	22	86	46	43	39	72	21	46	57	98	117
Delaware	58	23	5	43	12	—	19	11	74	36	38	27	60	9	34	45	86	105
Eagle Harbor	59	24	14	44	14	19	—	8	75	35	37	28	88	10	35	46	87	106
Eagle River	51	16	6	36	22	11	8	—	67	27	29	20	80	2	27	38	79	98
Adventure Mine	60	51	69	45	86	74	75	67	—	40	38	52	13	65	42	33	12	29
Hancock	24	11	29	9	46	36	35	27	40	—	2	12	53	25	2	7	52	69
Houghton	22	13	31	7	43	38	37	29	38	2	—	14	51	27	4	5	50	67
Lake Linden	36	4	22	21	39	27	28	20	52	12	14	—	65	37	14	19	64	81
Ontonagon	73	51	55	58	72	60	88	80	13	53	51	65	—	78	55	46	16	16
Phoenix	49	14	5	34	21	9	10	2	65	25	27	37	78	—	25	36	77	96
Quincy Hill	26	11	29	11	46	34	35	27	42	2	4	14	55	25	—	11	54	71
Copper Range	55	22	40	12	57	45	46	38	33	7	5	19	46	36	11	—	45	62
Old Victoria	72	63	81	57	98	86	87	79	12	52	50	64	16	77	54	45	—	32
Porcupine MWSP	89	82	97	74	115	105	106	98	29	69	67	81	16	96	71	62	32	—

Doing Research at the Park



Archival collections at Keweenaw National Historical Park (KNHP) include Calumet and Hecla Mining Company and Quincy Mining Company records, other business records, records from fraternal organizations and churches, personal and family papers, and photographs. For a guide to our collections, researcher forms, and additional information, please visit the Keweenaw NHP website at <http://www.nps.gov/kewe>. Click on History and Culture, and then on Collections.

If you are interested in doing research using the park's collections, please contact the park archivist to make an appointment.

The Keweenaw NHP Archives are located in the Keweenaw History Center, in the former Calumet and Hecla

Mining Company Public Library building at the southeast corner of Red Jacket Road and Mine Street in Calumet. Plans for the rehabilitation of the historic C&H Public Library building include changes to allow for universal accessibility. In the meantime, please notify park staff if you are not able to navigate stairs, and they will arrange research space for you in another building.

The best place to start family history research is Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country History Collections. Michigan Tech holds the majority of the records from the Calumet and Hecla Mining Company and the Quincy Mining Company, including employment records. They also have the most complete run of Houghton County directories available in one location, in addition to many other collections. The Michigan Tech Archives are open Monday through Friday from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and are located in the lower level of the J. R. Van Pelt and Opie Library on the Michigan Tech campus in Houghton. Walk-ins are welcome. Please visit the Michigan Tech Archives website at <http://www.lib.mtu.edu/mtuarchives/> for more information.

By Jeremiah Mason, Park Archivist

Greetings from the Park Superintendent

Welcome to Keweenaw National Historical Park (KNHP), one of 401 units of your National Park System. The



park is one of the nation's special places, established to tell the story of copper on the Keweenaw Peninsula and preserve the attendant historic structures, landscapes, and other resources. The people of the National Park Service do this together with many park partners, including the Keweenaw NHP Advisory Commission and the Keweenaw Heritage Sites, which include twenty one organizations operating twenty eight sites spread over approximately 800,000 acres of the peninsula. Other important park partners include the Isle Royale & Keweenaw Parks Association, the National Parks of Lake Superior Foundation, local governments and organizations, and the community at large. We work with all of these organizations to preserve the resources and tell the stories. Whether for part of a day or for several days, to best experience and learn about the park, stop at the Calumet Visitor Center and visit as many of the Heritage Sites as you can. If your time does not allow you to visit a majority of the sites, please come back. For more information about the park and our partnerships, please visit our website at www.nps.gov/kewe. Be safe and enjoy your park!

Mike Pflaum, Park Superintendent

Bats Find a New Use for an Old Mine



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www.batcon.org

The Keweenaw is dotted with remnants left behind from its mining past. Among the rock piles, industrial buildings, and surface infrastructure are abandoned mine shafts connecting to miles of underground tunnels. Open shafts provided access to stopes and drifts near the surface and provided critical wintering habitat for Great Lakes bat populations. However, these open mine shafts posed a safety hazard. Beginning in the 1960s and 70s, many openings were sealed with concrete caps. By doing so, thousands of hibernating bats were unintentionally entombed in mines throughout the Keweenaw.

Starting in 1993, the North American Bats and Mines Project began an effort to retrofit mine caps with "bat friendly"

gates. These gates were designed and constructed to have openings large enough for bats to fly through, but small enough to keep people and predators out. Thanks to these efforts, mines are again home to tens of thousands of bats. The two primary species found in Keweenaw mines are the North American Little Brown Bat and the North American Big Brown Bat. As winter settles in and hibernation begins, bats drop their body temperature and heart rate to as low as 10 beats per minute. Hibernation can last more than 6 months, and by the time spring arrives, a bat will often lose half of its body weight. During the spring, these bats will migrate from the Keweenaw to surrounding states and Canada. In the summer, they hunt insects to build up fat reserves, which they use during the fall to return to their winter home in the Keweenaw.

Bats are important both ecologically and economically. A recent study estimates that bats provide a \$23 billion dollar a year benefit to farmers in the US by controlling damaging insects. Yet the future for bats is uncertain. White-nose Syndrome has killed millions since its discovery in a New York cave in 2006. This white fungus disturbs a hibernating bat, causing it to awaken and prematurely deplete its valuable fat reserves. Mortality rates approaching 100 percent are reported at some sites. Bats across North America are at impending risk unless a solution is found. Researchers have been able to pinpoint the fungus, and are working on how to treat a bat without disturbing it.

For the most current information on White-nose Syndrome, and to learn what you can do to help bats in the Keweenaw and worldwide, please visit batcon.org.

By Nick Clark, Interpretive Park Ranger

Keweenaw Heritage Sites



A.E. Seaman Mineral Museum



Visit the Mineral Museum of Michigan. Explore mineral collections from the Keweenaw Copper District, the Lake Superior Iron District, throughout Michigan and beyond.

Location: Michigan Technological University, 1404 E. Sharon Avenue, Houghton. Free parking at museum.

Open: Jan. 14 - April 30, Tuesday - Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

May 1 - December 23, Monday - Saturday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Fees: 2-Day Admission \$6.00 adult, \$2.00 11-17 years, \$5.00 senior (65+ years), \$3.00 student with ID, children 10 and under free with adult. Check website for group rates. Free admission on Tuesdays. (906) 487-2572 www.museum.mtu.edu



Adventure Mining Company

This site offers a variety of guided tours of a historic mine that operated from 1850 to 1920. Tours range from 45-minute walks to a 3-hour excursion plus a new 6 hour tour requiring advance reservations.

Location: 200 Adventure Avenue, Greenland

Open: Late May to mid October, Monday - 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 \$14.00 adults, \$7.50 children (6 to 12 year old), under 6 free. Contact us for rates on other tour options. (906) 883-3371 www.adventuremine.com



Calumet Theatre



Opened in 1900, this historic opera house offers a variety of theatrical, musical and community events year-round. Guided and self-guided tours.

Location: 340 Sixth Street, Calumet

Open: Year round, Wednesday - Friday, 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Additional days and hours in summer (Guided tours - please call for availability)

Fees: Guided tour \$6.00 adults, \$3.00 children (3 to 15 years), under 3, free; Self-guided tour \$4.00 adults, \$2.00 children, under 3 free. (906) 337-2610 or (906) 337-2166 www.calumettheatre.com



Carnegie Museum

The Carnegie Museum of the Keweenaw shows rotating 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.

Location: 105 Huron Street, Houghton

Open: July 5 - Sept. 30, Tues. - Fri. 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM, Saturday 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM October 2 - July 2, 2015, Tues. and Thurs. 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM, Saturday 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

(906) 482-7140 www.facebook.com/pages/Carnegie-Museum/320261210148



Central Mine Site



This site tells the story of one of the Keweenaw's most successful mines and of the over 1200 people who lived here. Two homes are open for self-guided tours. An established trail winds across the site.

Location: Just off U.S. Highway 41.

Open: Visitor center - June 10 thru October 14, daily, 9:00 to 5:00 PM;

Fees: Donations appreciated (906) 289-4990 www.keweenawhistory.org



Chassell Heritage Center

Exhibits follow Chassell's history from a logging camp to today. A collection of vintage clothing provides a glimpse into people's lives.

Location: 42373 Hancock Street, Chassell

Open: July 1 - August 30, Tuesdays & Saturdays, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM & Thursdays, 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Also open Friday & Saturday during Strawberry Festival, July 11-12.

Fees: Donations appreciated (906) 523-1155 www.einerlei.com/community/CHO.html



Copper Country Firefighters History 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 people of all ages.

Location: 327 Sixth Street, Calumet

Open: Mid-June - Mid-Sept., Monday - Saturday, 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM

Fees: \$2.00 per person, \$5.00 per family. (906) 337-4579



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 & September, Tuesday - Friday, Noon to 3:00 PM

July & August Monday - Friday - Noon to 3:00 PM

Open house, Saturday June 1. Last day Friday, September 27.

Fees: \$1.00 for adults. Children & members are free. Group tours welcome by appointment. Please call (906) 482-3097. (906) 487-9412 www.pasty.com/crhm



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.

Location: 25815 Red Jacket Road, Calumet

Open: Early June - late September, Monday to Saturday, 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Fees: \$4.00 adults, \$2.00 6 to 15 years old, under 6 free. \$3.00 tour groups & Golden Age passport. (906) 337-4354 www.uppermichigan.com/coppertown



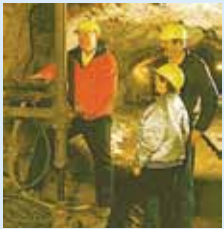
Delaware Copper Mine

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 - mid-October, daily, 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Fees: \$11.00, Ages 13 & up; \$7.00, ages 6 thru 12, 5 & under free. (906) 289-4688 www.copperharbor.org/site_files/del_mine.html



Eagle Harbor Lighthouse and Museum

This site contains the lighthouse, keeper's quarters, and several museums. Nearby is the Rathbone schoolhouse and new Life-Saving Museum.

Location: Eagle Harbor

Open: Lighthouse & Museum, June 10 - October 14, 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

July & August, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, SUNDAYS, 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

Fees: \$5.00 adults, 16 years & under free with adult.

School & Life-Saving Museum, 9:00AM - 5:00PM, JUNE 10 - OCTOBER 14. (906) 289-4990 www.keweenawhistory.org



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 exhibits highlight Finnish culture.

Location: 435 Quincy Street, Hancock

Open: All year, Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Fees: Free for Archives and museum, fee for scheduled performances. (906) 487-7302 www.finlandia.edu/FAHC.html



Fort Wilkins Historic State Park



The U.S. Army built Fort Wilkins in 1844 to keep the peace in Michigan's Copper Country. It now serves as 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 daily through the summer season.

Location: 15223 U.S. Highway 41, Copper Harbor

Open: Daily, 8:00 AM to dusk, buildings open May 13 thru October 13.

Fees: Michigan Recreation Passport required. (906) 289-4215 www.michigan.gov/historicfortwilkins



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 - 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



Houghton County Historical Musuem

Explore this seven-building complex, which includes a museum containing artifacts and photographs spanning 100 years, one-room schoolhouse, log cabin, railroad depot, research center, and an operating 1915 C&H 0-4-0 steam train.

Location: 53150 Michigan State Highway 26, Lake Linden

Open: June 1 - October 15 - Sunday - Saturday, 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM;

Train rides and Log Cabin Art Gallery: Weekends from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Fees: Weekdays (museum only) - Adults \$5.00, children under 5 free Weekends (train ride, museum, art gallery) - Adults \$9.00, kids under 5 free (906) 296-4121 www.houghtonhistory.org



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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 the Calumet Visitor Center 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, members receive a 10% discount!**



Exploring Michigan's Historic Copper Country **\$7.95**
By Celeste Haapala
Let this book guide you on a tour through Michigan's Copper Country. 46 pages and more than 50 illustrations. *Winner of the 'Best Visitor Guide Publication' at the 2012 Association of Partners for Public Lands conference.*



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Copper-colored pin with a white park logo design. Measures 1" x 3/4"
Park Patch **\$3.50**
Black and white patch. Measures 3" x 4"



Risk and Resilience DVD **\$7.95**
Produced by: the National Park Service and RBH Multimedia, Inc.
In this film, experience the story and spirit of Calumet through historic photos, film footage, and on-screen interviews with local residents.
Running time: 13:22



Sneakers Tours the Quincy Steam Hoist **\$10.00**
By Jim Lowell
Follow a friendly, inquisitive cat as he goes on a Quincy Mine Hoist tour. Written in poetic prose, this story explains the mine hoist operation in an easy to understand way through the eyes of a cat.
Softcover 30 pages



Annie Clemenc & the Great Keweenaw Copper Strike **\$19.95**
By Lyndon Comstock
Sometime called the 'Joan of Arc of Calumet,' Annie Clemenc was the most visible leader of the huge 1913-14 copper mining strike in Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula. This book presents much that is new about her childhood, her work in the Slovenian immigrant community in Calumet, her participation in the drama and heartbreak of the copper strike, and her subsequent life in Chicago.
Softcover 233 pages



Community in Conflict **\$29.95**
By Gary Kaunonen and Aaron Goings
Community in Conflict emphasizes that the Michigan copper district strike of 1913-14 was not just a local battle between capital and labor. The authors challenge the view that the Copper Country was largely a happy hamlet presided over by benevolent mine bosses prior to 1913. — Larry Lankton, Professor Emeritus, MTU
Softcover 304 pages

National Parks of Lake Superior Foundation



With over 2,725 miles of shoreline, Lake Superior is home to some of the most beautiful natural features in the world. The National Parks of Lake Superior Foundation (NPLSF) strives to support these natural resources and the cultural heritage of the five U.S. National Park Service venues on Lake Superior.

The five national park sites are Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, Grand Portage National Monument, Isle Royale National Park, Keweenaw

National Historical Park, and Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore.

Through the funding of research, maintenance and educational projects, the NPLSF collaborates with the National Park Service to continue the legacy of our National Parks for current and future generations.

Project SISU - A Summer Staycation in the Keweenaw



How do you get local youth to care about the natural and cultural sites that exist around them? With a grant from the National Park Foundation and a partnership between Washington Middle School and Keweenaw National Historical Park, twelve middle school students were selected to go on a summer adventure. The youth participated in community service learning projects, volunteered, hiked, camped, conducted scientific research, and were immersed in their local treasures. Each week, these students recorded their thoughts and observations with the goal of creating a kid's activity map. By the end of the summer, the kids had not only met their goal but they had also gained an appreciation for their local area and an increased awareness and understanding of the park. Many of

the participants continued on in volunteerism activities and gained new levels of confidence and leadership.

The activity map is the first of its kind here that introduces youth to the fun and interesting places of the Park and the Keweenaw Peninsula. Stop by any local chamber of commerce or the Calumet Visitor Center and obtain your copy. Then get out and explore the Keweenaw!



Exploring the Quincy Unit of Keweenaw National Historical Park is fun for all ages and interests! Designated a National Historic Landmark District in 1989, the NPS, Quincy Mine Tours, and the Quincy Smelter Association partner to offer a variety of experiences. Quincy Mine Tours provide guided tours of the underground mine and hoist house, along with self-guided tours of the #2 shaft-rockhouse. Any outside exploration is free of charge and open to the public.

Also contained within the Quincy Unit, near the Portage Lake lift bridge, is the Quincy Smelting Works. Although currently enclosed by fencing, the public is welcome to explore the perimeter of the property. The public may also go on guided tours led by the Quincy Smelter Association. Many buildings remain on the site, giving evidence to this once-flourishing industrial complex. In recent years, some stabilization and preservation work has been accomplished with the hope that the site will be fully open to the public.

By Nick Clark, Interpretive Park Ranger

Photo by Nathan Miller

Map of the Keweenaw Peninsula

Legend:

- Information
- Restrooms
- Free parking
- Hospital
- Post office
- Self-guiding trail
- Snowmobile trail
- Authorized park boundary
- NPS property
- Village park
- Hiking trail

Scale: 0 to 0.25 Kilometers / 0 to 0.25 Miles

North Arrow: North

Map Labels:

- Streets:** Pine St., Elm St., Oak St., Portland St., Mine St., Depot St., School St., Third St., Hecla St., Osceola St., Lake Linden Ave., Millionaire St., Swedetown Rd., Oxecola Rd.
- Highways:** 41, 26, 203
- Landmarks:** Italian Hall Site, Calumet Theatre, Copper Country Firefighters History Museum, Keweenaw Heritage Center at St. Anne's, Coppertown Mining Museum, Mine Street Station Shopping Center, Swedetown Recreation Area, Osceola #13 Mine, Calumet Visitor Center, Park Headquarters, Keweenaw History Center, Keweenaw Convention & Visitors Bureau Visitor Center, Agassiz Park, Red Jacket Rd.
- Directions:** To Hancock 16mi 25.7km, To Copper Harbor 33mi 53km, To Lake Linden 3mi 4.8km

Other Text: Most property within the park boundary is privately owned. Please respect private property.

This map illustrates the Quincy Mine Tours area, highlighting the National Historical Park boundary (red line) and various landmarks. Key features include:

- Legend:**
 - Information (i icon)
 - Restrooms (restroom icon)
 - Parking (P icon)
 - Book and souvenir shop (book icon)
 - Scenic trail (dashed line)
 - Authorized park boundary (red line)
 - NPS property (green shading)
 - Urban area (yellow shading)
 - Quincy Mine NPS property (orange shading)
 - Ruin (ruin icon)
- Text:**
 - Collection of artifacts or copper specimens is not permitted on NPS or Quincy Mine Tours property. Most property within the park boundary is privately owned. Please respect private property.
- Scale:**
 - North arrow pointing up.
 - Scale bar: 0 to 0.2 Kilometers / 0 to 0.3 Miles.
- Landmarks and Roads:**
 - Roads:** Highway 41, Highway 24, and various local streets (e.g., Main St, Franklin St, Quincy St, Hancock St, White St, Quincy St, Hancock St, White St, Quincy St, Hancock St, White St).
 - Landmarks:** Franklin School Ruins, Bear Rock Aft, Quincy Mine Office (NPS - No motor vehicles), Quincy Mine Tours, Quincy Cog Bell Trees, Quincy Adit (open entrance), Quincy Smelting Works, Mont Ripley Ski Area, Dry House Ruins, Cemetery, and various other ruins and trails.

Junior Ranger Program



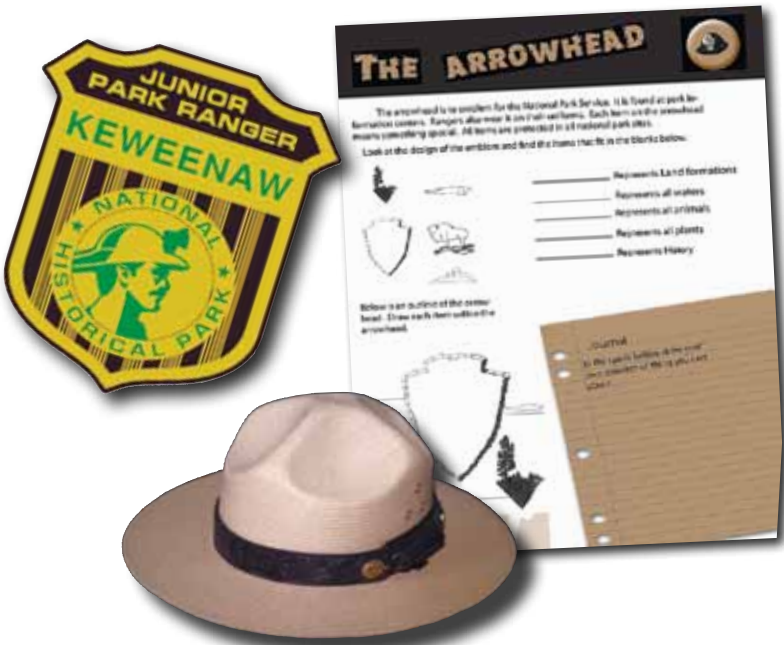
Become a Junior Ranger!

Children ages 8 and up are welcome to become Junior Rangers.

Pick up a free book filled with fun and engaging activities from the following locations.

- Calumet Visitor Center in Calumet
- Park Headquarters located at 25970 Red Jacket Road in Calumet
- Keweenaw National Historical Park Information Desk at the Quincy Mine Hoist
- Or print online from the webpage

After completing your book, bring it back to the visitor center or park headquarters where a ranger will review your book and award you a badge and sticker!



Interview a Park Ranger - Earn an Explorer Sticker

1. What is your favorite thing to do in the park or at a partner site?
2. What is one thing I should know about the Calumet Visitor Center?
3. What kind of winter activities can you do in or near Keweenaw National Historical Park?
4. Create your own question to ask and write it here along with the Ranger's answer.

Employee Highlight - Ruth Harmala, Park Guide

How do you take great cultural resources in plain sight and get them noticed by the next generation? For me it was a paycheck, gas in my car, and work before play.



Ruth planting flowers at a Keweenaw Heritage Site.

Fast-forward three weeks to a large manila envelope, bearing the insignia of Keweenaw National Historical Park. I was in! For eight weeks I worked with five other high school students. We wacked weeds, dusted artifacts, hauled gravel, picked up trash, and dug ditches. We painted picnic tables, garbage cans, posts, and sheds. We painted the inside of the park's archives, and when we were done, we painted some more picnic tables. While we were doing these tasks, we were learning. We assisted many of the park's

heritage sites and were often rewarded with an educational tour or lesson. I was sad to see the season end, for I had come to love this park that was my backyard.

I was off to college to pursue my degree in Clinical Laboratory Science. The last weeks at college that year, I came across a job posting for a Park Guide at Keweenaw National Historical Park. In the midst of my frantic studying, packing, and all-nighters, I filled out an application. The weeks quickly passed and, to my surprise, I had an interview and a job before my first week at home was over. Once again, the summer season seemed to fly right past my eyes. However, this year I was teaching the public what I had learned the past summer. I was a full-blown interpretive Park Guide! And here I am today.



Ruth participated in the CopperDog 150 public event at Agassiz Park in December.

What started out as a paycheck turned into something that was so much more. I am at a crossroads. I love my job as a Park Guide. I also love my work in the medical field. How do you choose between two passions? In my dreams, I am doing both. Only time will tell.