



MICHIGAN'S  
KEWEENAW  
PENINSULA

# A story that began over one billion years ago...

*Numerous chapters have been written that together form the natural history of the Copper Country. They range from major geologic events that began over one billion years ago, to the protection of the area's special natural resources that people advocate for today. For centuries people have been attracted here because of the valuable resources that nature provided—most notably copper. But, this relationship between the Copper Country's natural history and economy is not the entire story.*

**KEWEENAW  
CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE**  
[keweenaw.org](http://keweenaw.org)  
906.482.5240

**COPPER HARBOR  
IMPROVEMENT  
ASSOCIATION**  
[copperharbor.org](http://copperharbor.org)  
906.289.4274

**KEWEENAW  
CONVENTION AND  
VISITORS BUREAU**  
[keweenaw.info](http://keweenaw.info)  
906.337.4579

**KEWEENAW  
NATIONAL  
HISTORICAL PARK**  
[nps.gov/kewe](http://nps.gov/kewe)  
906.483.3176



## Natural Features



CONTINUE EXPLORING AT  
[coppercountrytrail.org](http://coppercountrytrail.org)



*Trillium*  
Photo Courtesy of K. Baker







*Cliff Escarpment in the fall  
Photo Courtesy of TMBaker*



*Winter at McLain State Park  
Photo Courtesy of James Klapperich*

## Nature is closer than you think.

*Discover it at these locations throughout the Copper Country...*

*Disclaimer: Be aware that some destinations listed here are only accessible via non-paved road, non-paved trail, or through private property. Use caution when traveling these routes (four wheel drive vehicles are recommended). Please be respectful of areas and remember to "leave only footprints, and take only pictures."*

### **GEOLOGY**

The Keweenaw has a very strong geoheritage that is embodied by huge lava flows, redbed sandstones, conglomerates, and copper. Whether you are rock collecting or admiring the unique topography, there are a myriad of activities and locales to discover.

- Cliff Escarpment / *Cliff Drive, Ahmeek to Phoenix*
- Bete Grise Preserve / *Gay-Lac La Belle Road, Lac La Belle*

### **FLORA**

We are all subject to the rhythms of nature, and there is no better indicator in the Copper Country than the trees and plants. They will tell you when fall is around the corner with changes in color and when spring has finally returned with the peeking of buds.

- Tunnel of Trees / *US-41, Delaware to Copper Harbor*
- Estivant Pines / *Copper Harbor*
- Redwyn Dunes Nature Sanctuary / *Great Sand Bay, M-26, North of Eagle River*

### **FAUNA**

Humans are not the only creatures that inhabit the Copper Country. Much of the landscape still remains wild, so there is plenty of habitat for eagles, black bear, white-tailed deer, and other animals to live alongside us.

- Brockway Mountain Drive / *Brockway Mountain Drive, Copper Harbor*
- Hunter's Point Park / *Copper Harbor*
- Paavola Wetlands / *US-41, North of Hancock*

### **WATER**

The Keweenaw presents a rugged exterior, but the way to its heart is water. The water features of the area include Lake Superior, inland lakes, rivers, the Portage Canal, and too many waterfalls to count.

- Hungarian Falls / *6th Street, Tamarack City*
- McLain State Park / *M-203, Hancock*
- Gratiot River County Park / *Northwest of Ahmeek*



*Wood Lilly  
Photo Courtesy of  
Katie Keller*



*Sandhill Crane  
Photo Courtesy of TMBaker*