

Keweenaw Week 2018 Information

Keweenaw Week 2018 registration is scheduled to begin on March 4, 2018.

Field trip registration is open to the public and all club members who live more than 100 miles from Dollar Bay. This is an opportunity for those who cannot normally attend our club field trips to experience mineral collecting on a prepared surface. After June 1 any field trips that haven't sold will be made available to all members.

Club members can register for any or all of the evening social events at any time.

This year we will be offering classes on using metal detectors. Our guides will arrive to the field trip locations an hour before the event and coach those unfamiliar with using detectors. There are a lot of different detectors on the market but they all use the same principal. We will try to give you a few pointers to be more successful

Badges

Badges will be prepared for each attendee, indicating which event you have paid registration. These badges can be picked up at the Sunday evening social event or at the beginning of all the other events. You must have your badge to participate in each event. Eventbrite may instruct you that you need your ticket to attend but this isn't necessary. In the event there is a mistake on your badge, we will have all the registration information issued by Eventbrite to correct the problem.

Events

Sunday August 5

Welcome to Keweenaw Week

Siskiwit Hall 6:00 to 9:00

General get together for registered attendees. You can pick up your badges and socialize with other attendees. CCRMC members will be there to answer any questions you have or offer suggestions on collecting techniques. Snacks will be served.

\$5 Registration Fee

Monday, August 6

Central Mine

Metal Detector Training 9:00 - 10:00. Field Trip Hours 10:00 - 4:00

\$35 Registration Fee

Tuesday August 7

Cliff Mine

Metal Detector Training 9:00 - 10:00. Field trip 10:00 - 4:00.

\$35 Registration Fee

Lecture and meet and greet. Siskiwit Hall in Calumet 5:30 - 9:00

**Australopithecus To MinDat, Mineralogy Through the Ages
by Nathalie Brandes**

Snacks - Cheese, Meat, Sweets, Hot Snacks will be served

\$15 Registration Fee

Weds August 8

Wolverine #2

Metal Detector Training 9:00 - 10:00. Field trip 10:00 - 4:00

\$35 Registration Fee

Thursday August 9

Seneca

Metal Detector Training 9:00 - 10:00 Field trip 10:00 to 4:00

\$35 Registration Fee

Banquet and live auction. Siskiwit Hall 6:00 - 9:00

Buffet Style Dinner and Live Auction to benefit the Michigan Technological University Geology Department Nathan DeCleen Scholarship

\$25 Registration Fee

Friday August 11 - Sunday August 13

Free Admittance

Copper Country Rock and Mineral Club Annual Rock and Mineral show

Friday 1:00 - 5:00

Saturday 10:00 - 6:00

Sunday 10:00 - 2:00

Weather

All events will be held on schedule, rain or shine.

Weather in the Keweenaw is unpredictable and can vary from full sun with temperatures in the 80's to rainy/windy with temperatures in the 50's. Be prepared to dress accordingly. Hats and sunscreen are recommended. Bring plenty of water not only to drink but also to clean treasures you find.

Protective Gear

Eye protection is a must. Hammering on rocks is common and rock chips can fly at the speed of a bullet. This is especially relative to collecting at the Wolverine location. A lot of hammering is required to find the copper included agates.

Good sturdy boots are highly recommended. The excavated rock piles are great for uncovering hidden specimens but the excavation creates a lot of loose rocks. Footwear with good gripping soles and ankle protection reduce the risk of injury. Always test your footing before applying your full weight as you navigate the rock piles.

Even with warm temperatures, long pants are recommended to help protect your legs from cuts and scratches

Collecting Etiquette

To avoid injury due to falling rocks, always be aware of your surroundings. If you are collecting on a slope always be aware of people below and above. Maintain a reasonable distance from other collectors. Gas or electric powered equipment is not allowed. If a specimen cannot be moved by three people it must be left on the pile.

Metal Detector Etiquette

Metal detectors greatly increase your chances of finding valuable copper specimens. Unfortunately, the various makes and models can interfere with each other. Always keep your detector pointed down and maintain a reasonable distance from other detectors.

Information Package

A week or two prior to the events an email will be sent to all registrants with instructions on where to pick up their information package. The package will provide more details of the events including maps, schedules and badges.

Contact

For additional information or questions contact Kweek@ccrmc.info