

Keweenaw Week 2025 Information

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General Information

- Keweenaw Week 2025 registration is scheduled to begin 12:00 PM Eastern Time April 15 on Eventbrite (link)
- There is a \$15 registration fee for all attendees.
- You will be issued a ticket when you register for a Keweenaw Week event. You will need to present your event ticket issued by Eventbrite at each event. An electronic version of your ticket on your cell phone is acceptable. If you misplace your ticket we will maintain records of participants to confirm your purchase but this adds to the time to process attendants at the event.
- Unless expressed otherwise, you must register for any event you want to attend even if the event fee is free. We need to know the number of attendees to properly plan the event
- Field trips are meant to be an opportunity for those who cannot normally attend our club field trips to experience mineral collecting on a prepared surface. This includes the general public and Copper Country Rock and Mineral Club members that live more than 100 miles away from Dollar Bay. Club members can register for any or all of the evening social events at any time.
- After June 1 any field trips that haven't sold will be made available to all members.

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 90'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. We will require evacuation of the rock pile in the event of severe weather conditions.

Protective Gear

- Eye protection is a must. Hammering on rocks is common and rock chips can fly at the speed of a bullet. If anyone is hammering on rocks nearby make sure you have eye protection.
- 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. Rain can make the rocks slippery. A sprained or broken ankle will ruin the rest of your week.

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

Collecting and Metal Detector 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. Gas or electric powered equipment is not allowed. If a specimen cannot be moved by three people it must be left on the pile. Hammer drills and feather wedges will be allowed.
- 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 antenna pointed down, especially when digging out a specimen. Maintain a reasonable distance (at least 10 ft) from other detectors.
- Drones are **STRICTLY FORBIDDEN** on any field trip. In high winds or a mechanical failure they can cause serious injury.
- To prevent wildfires, smoking is not allowed

Recommended Equipment

As a result of excavating or bulldozing, the rocks will be covered with dirt and mud. Visually, it's difficult to identify specimens. Ultimately, you need to take them home and clean them before verifying the identity of the specimen.

- Metal detectors are strongly recommended. A limited supply are available for rent at the [A.E. Seaman Mineralogical Museum](#)
- Pinpointer
- A handheld pinpointer is a great tool to locate a specimen once it's detected. It fits into a small hole better than your detector coil to "pinpoint" the specimen. This decreases the amount of time to recover a specimen allowing more time to search
- Small Shovel or Geo Pick
- For digging out your specimens.
- 5 Gallon Plastic Bucket
- These buckets are convenient in storing your finds while you transverse the rock pile.
- Rock Hammer - Caution: Do not use a common claw or nail hammer. These hammers will chip off dangerous shards while pounding rocks. Only use hammers that are designed to split rocks. Common hammers are a 22 oz rock hammer 3lb, 4lb or 10lb rock hammers depending on how ambitious you are.
- Water for washing off your finds to help identify the specimen.
- Jewelers Loupe - This is especially helpful if you are interested in micro mounting.

Social Events:

- There will be a meet and greet on Sunday August 3 evening from 5 pm to 8 pm at the Dollar Bay Fire Department Hall. Cost is free
- The Live Auction will occur on Tuesday August 5th evening from 6 pm to 9 pm at the St Anne Church in Calumet . Pasties from the local Mohawk Superette along with snacks will be available. Directions to the social events will be provided to all participants several weeks prior to the events. Cost \$15
- A.E. Seaman Museum Lecture - Evan Jones, from Unique Minerals of Brisbee, AZ will present a talk entitled "**Ben Williams - First Superintendent of the Copper Queen Mine**" on Monday August 4 from 7 pm to 8 pm at the Michigan Tech Memorial Union Ballroom B. Cost is free.

Field Trips

- Field trip fees are \$50 per field trip with the Eventbrite ticket fee added to the total.
- Please note that DUE TO ROAD COMMISSION CRUSHING SCHEDULES, ALL FIELD TRIPS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. All registrants will be notified ASAP of any changes.
- This year we are again offering advice on using metal detectors prior to each field trip. Our guides will arrive at the field trip locations an hour before the event (9:30 am) 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 and have copper specimens available to see exactly how your detector reacts.
- Please note that accessing the rock piles requires a certain level of physical fitness. Expect to climb shallow grades of loose rocks. A good sense of balance is required to prevent falling. Constantly digging shallow holes to expose your specimens requires a moderate level of strength. There is no food service available near the mine piles so be prepared to pack a lunch. Make sure to take your garbage with you so as not to litter the rock piles
- Your participation in the Keweenaw Week field trips allows you to access the site for the specified time for the event. This does not give you permission to access the site outside the field trip specified time. Permission from the land owners is required to access the site at any other time.
- Waiver
- All field trip registrations must include a signed waiver for each participant. Due to our insurance requirements, nobody is allowed to participate in any field trip without a signed liability waiver. Waiver forms will be completed at each field trip site.
- Multiple Registrations
- If you purchase multiple tickets for any event, you will be required to include the name and email address for all attendees. You can use your own email address for each

attendee, but please note that all information and tickets will be sent to your email address.

- All field trip registrants will receive a 50% discount off admission to the A.E. Seaman Mineral Museum valid Aug. 4 -10.
- For a complete list of field trips, see the calendar of events below.

Calendar of Events

Sunday August 3, 2025 5 pm - 8 pm

Meet and Greet

Location Dollar Bay Fire House

General get together for registered attendees. This is an opportunity to socialize with other attendees and CCRMC members. CCRMC members will be there to answer any questions you have or offer suggestions on collecting techniques. We will have a display with examples of most of the minerals you will find. Included in your reservation fee of \$15

Monday August 4 2025

Cliff Mine Field Trip

Mineral List - Copper, Copper Crystals, Copper/Silver hybrids, Copper Chisel Chips, Adularia, Analcime, Prehnite, Greenstones

Metal Detector Training 9:30 - 10:30. Field Trip Hours 10:30 - 4:30

\$50 Registration Fee

Monday August 4 evening

A.E. Seaman Museum Lecture - Evan Jones, from Unique Minerals of Brisbee, AZ will present a talk entitled "Arizona Minerals" on Monday August 4 from 7 pm to 8 pm at the Michigan Tech Memorial Union Ballroom B. Cost is free. Michigan Tech University is at 1400 Townsend Drive in Houghton, Michigan. The lecture is in the Memorial Union Ballroom B, which is a large brown brick building visible from US 41. Enter campus at the light at MacInnes Drive, make a left and parking is free in all staff and faculty parking after 4 pm. Park in Lot 12 or other lots nearby.

Tuesday August 5

Iroquois Mine

Mineral List - Copper, Copper Crystals, Copper Wires, Copper-Silver Hybrids, Datolite, Prehnite.

Metal Detector Training 9:30 - 10:30 Field Trip Hours 10:30 - 4:30

\$50 Registration Fee

Tuesday August 5 evening

Live Auction

St Anne Church Calumet 6:00 - 9:00. Address 25725 Scott St Calumet MI corner of 5th and Scott

Pasties from the Mohawk Superette are provided along with snacks.

All proceeds from the auction go to the Nathan De Cleene Geology Scholarship at Michigan Technological University

\$15 Registration Fee

Wednesday Aug 6

Wolverine #2 Mine

Mineral List - Copper, Copper Crystals, Copper Agates, Epidote Crystals, Prehnite, Copper/Silver hybrids.

Metal Detector Training 9:30 - 10:30. Field trip 10:30 - 4:30.

\$50 Registration Fee

Thurs August 7

Wolverine #4 Mine

Mineral List - Copper, Copper Crystals, Silver, Copper - Silver Hybrids, Epidote, Copper Agates

Metal Detector Training 9:30 - 10:30. Field trip 10:30 - 4:30

\$50 Registration Fee

Friday, August 8

Central Mine

Mineral List - Copper, Copper Crystals, Copper Chisel Chips, Copper/Silver Hybrids,

Analcimes, Prehnite, Datolite, Greenstones

Metal Detector Training 9:30 - 10:30. Field Trip Hours 10:30 - 4:30

\$50 Registration Fee

Friday August 8 - Sunday August 10

Copper Country Rock and Mineral Club Annual Rock and Mineral Show

Houghton Elementary School

Free Admittance (you do not need to register for this event)

Door Prizes, • Displays, and a Silent Auction of Minerals, Copper, and other unique items

Activities for Kids: Find copper with a metal detector

Free Mineral "Grab Bags" and activities about minerals.

Show Opens 1 pm Friday and Closes 3 pm Sunday

Friday 1:00 - 8:00

Saturday 10:00 - 6:00

Sunday 10:00 - 3:00

Free presentation by Dr. Nathalie Brandes

Dimetrodon: More Human Than Dinosaur!

Dimetrodon, the apex predator of the Permian, shares many traits more closely associated with mammals than reptiles. Join Dr. Nat for two presentations as she describes how they lived, why they are not dinosaurs, and why they and other species (including dinosaurs) are not found in Michigan.

4 pm Friday and Saturday

Information Package

A week or two prior to the events an email will be sent to all registrants with maps to all the events.

Contact

For additional information or questions contact Kweek@ccrmc.info