

FAMILY ADVENTURE DAY in the KEWEENAW

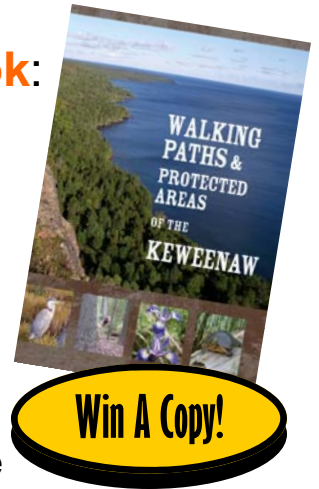
Saturday, September 26 ~ Noon-4 pm

Hike family-friendly trails featured in the **new guidebook**:
Walking Paths & Protected Areas of the Keweenaw

Hands-On Outdoor Activities for Kids!!

Naturalists will conduct hands-on science activities at each sanctuary:

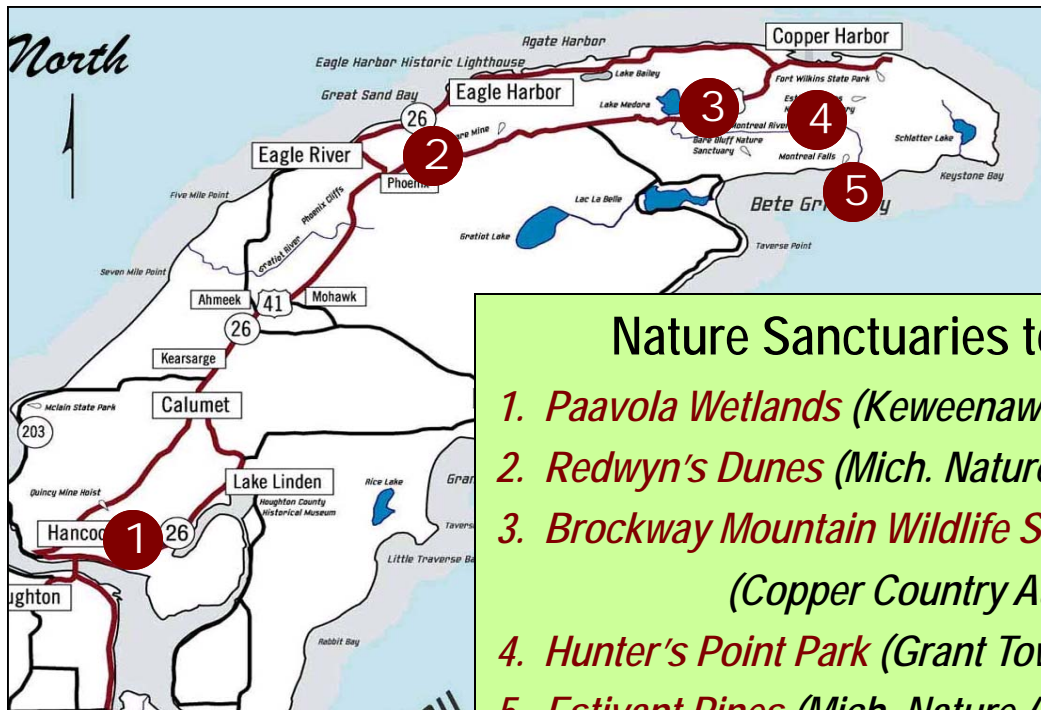
- ☀ *In Search of Wildlife*
- ☀ *Wetland Critter Sampling*
- ☀ *Edible Plants*
- ☀ *Find the Biggest White Pine*
- ☀ *Your Special Rock* and more!



Sanctuary stewards will be at each trailhead to greet families and provide trail maps and sanctuary information.

The More YOU Hike, The Better YOUR Chances of Winning!!

At each location, families may put their names into a drawing for a FREE copy of the new guidebook. There will be a drawing for TWO BOOKS at *each site* (books will be mailed).



Nature Sanctuaries to Visit

1. *Paavola Wetlands* (Keweenaw Land Trust)
2. *Redwyn's Dunes* (Mich. Nature Association)
3. *Brockway Mountain Wildlife Sanctuary*
(Copper Country Audubon Club)
4. *Hunter's Point Park* (Grant Township)
5. *Estivant Pines* (Mich. Nature Association)

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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(Driving directions on back)

Enjoy a special adventure with your family!

Paavola Wetlands Preserve ~ Along US-41 north of Hancock

Directions: From Hancock, take US-41 north past Hancock to the yellow blinking light on Quincy Hill. Travel about 1.5 miles to the No.9 Road where several roads intersect, including Pontiac Road and Boston Road. Turn right onto No.9 Road, just before the new business, and travel 0.6 miles to the small trailhead parking area on the left side of the road.

Description: This preserve is home to beaver, frogs, turtles, wild iris and cattails, and the call of the red-winged blackbird can be heard. A 15-acre pond is surrounded by sedges, grasses, rushes, sweet gale and willow. Succession can be observed with gentle rises in elevation to stands of mixed northern hardwoods studded with large white pine. The preserve was established through the generosity of the Copper Country Masonic Lodge No. 135 in Hancock, and community funds, including a major donation from Sharon Emley and Don Arkin.

Ownership: Keweenaw Land Trust

Trail contact: www.KeweenawLandTrust.org Tel: (906) 482-0820

Redwyn's Dunes Nature Sanctuary ~ Along M-26 between Eagle River & Eagle Harbor

Directions: Follow M-26 about 3.5 miles north of Eagle River or 4 miles south of Eagle Harbor. The sanctuary is across from Great Sand Bay and has a large sign marking the entrance.

Description: Redwyn's Dunes Nature Sanctuary offers a pleasant hike as it loops along the shore of several dune ponds with exceptionally large red pine. These catch basins fill in the spring and are home to many breeding frogs and toads. In spring and fall, these basins make a favorite over-night stop for migrating geese and other water fowl. The area is rich in wildlife as evidenced by the abundant wildlife sign. This area also has several unique plant communities. Club mosses, lichen, trailing arbutus dwarf blueberry, holly, bearberry, and cranberries are found in profusion. *Hudsonia tomentosa*, also called false heather or beach heather, adorns the open dunes and is sometimes buried by the shifting sand. The new one-mile loop trail starts and ends on the east side of the road, across the highway from Lake Superior.

Ownership: Michigan Nature Association

www.michigannature.org

Trail Contact: michigannature@michigannature.org

Tel: (517) 655-5655

Brockway Mountain Wildlife Sanctuary ~ Along Brockway Mountain Drive

Directions: Follow M-26 through Eagle Harbor several miles and turn onto Brockway Mountain Drive just past the Silver River bridge. Follow the drive 2.5 miles and watch for a large sign on the north side of the road.

Description: The sanctuary has a .3/4 mile loop trail on gently rolling terrain. The sanctuary is wooded and due to the harsh Lake Superior winds on the north-facing slopes, many trees and shrubs exhibit stunted growth. Many beautiful orchids occur, as well as blueberries, bearberry, large-leaved aster and various grasses and sedges.

Ownership: Michigan Audubon Society/Copper Country Audubon

Trail Contact: dlichte@mtu.edu

Tel: (906) 487-2149

Hunter's Point Park (North Shore Trailhead) ~ West of Copper Harbor Marina

Directions: From the blinker light in Copper Harbor at the intersection of M-26 and US-41, drive west on M-26 about 0.7 mile and turn right onto North Coast Shores Road. Drive north to Harbor Coast Lane and turn right; drive 0.3 mile to the main parking area and trailhead.

Description: The North Shore Trail is 0.9 mile along flat ground. The trail offers numerous scenic overlooks and provides access to nearly one-half mile of picturesque rocky beaches where you can find your special rock!

Ownership: Grant Township

Trail Contact: www.hunters-point.org

Tel: (906) 289-4292

Estivant Pines Nature Sanctuary ~ South of Copper Harbor near Manganese Lake

Directions: From Houghton-Hancock, follow US-41 or M-26, north to Copper Harbor. At the junction of US-41 and M-26, travel through the town of Copper Harbor to the community center and turn right onto the road to Lake Manganese. Follow signs to Estivant Pines.

Description: Estivant Pines boasts one of the largest tracts of old-growth white pine in the United States, east of the Mississippi River! Walk beneath 500 year-old pines that tower more than 100 feet overhead. Can your family reach their arms around these giant pines? There are three loop trails over moderately-rugged terrain:

- 1. Cathedral Grove loop** is a one mile trail where you will gaze in awe at some of the biggest and oldest giants, measuring over four feet in diameter and 125 feet tall.
- 2. Memorial Grove loop** is a 1.2 mile trail through one of the thickest groves of old growth pine, as well as, a large grove of younger pine, maple, and oak.
- 3. Combination loop** combines both the Cathedral Grove and Memorial Grove trails for a total length of 2.5 miles.

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