Michigan Nature Association
Fall Social Event: Keweenaw Field Trips
Friday-Sunday, September 23-25, 2005

Join us for a guided exploration of some of the Michigan Nature Association (MNA) sanctuaries in the Keweenaw Peninsula as part of the 2005 MNA Fall Social Event. Bring your friends! Help recruit new members! Learn more about MNA!

**SCHEDULE**

**Friday, Sept. 23**
10:00 AM – Meet at Meijers in Lansing *(1350 W. Lake Lansing Rd. Tel: 517-333-3006)*
Participants will meet and leave vehicles in the E section of the parking lot by Applebees Restaurant and take a bus to the Super 8 Motel in Houghton *(1220 E. Lakeshore Dr., Tel: 906-482-2240)*.

* The Friday bus can stop to pick up additional people in two locations between Lansing and Houghton. Possible locations are: Mt. Pleasant, Gaylord, St. Ignace, or Munising. We'll select two of these locations based upon requests.

**Saturday, Sept. 24**
8:15 AM – Meet in the lobby of the Houghton Super 8 Motel
All participants will travel by bus to the sanctuaries. Participants will choose one of the field trips described below. Field trips will be led by Charlie Eshbach, Jeremy Emmi, Joan Chadde, and others.

**Choose ONE:**

1. **Hike Estivant Pines and Redwyn’s Dunes Nature Sanctuaries.**
   Estivant Pines Nature Sanctuary near Copper Harbor—MNA’s first sanctuary in the Keweenaw—boasts one of the largest tracts of old-growth white pine in the United States, east of the Mississippi River! Walk beneath these 500 year-old pines that tower 100 feet above the ground. In addition to this grand spectacle of trees, eighty-five species of birds nest in and around these giant pines, and a variety of northern boreal plants provide groundcover. The Redwyn’s Dunes Nature Sanctuary is located just east of Keweenaw’s Great Sand Bay along M-26 north of Eagle River. A new one-mile trail takes you along two dune ponds and out to the shore of Lake Superior.

2. **Hike Gratiot Lake and Brockway Mountain Nature Sanctuaries.**
   The trail in MNA’s Gratiot Lake Nature Sanctuary climbs nearly 400 ft. to the top of a bluff overlooking Gratiot Lake. One of Michigan’s most beautiful cascading waterfalls is hidden within this 100-acre sanctuary. The Brockway Mountain Nature Sanctuary offers an overlook of Copper Harbor, Lake Superior, and a spectacular view of the fall colors.

6:00-7:00 PM  Dinner on Your Own

7:30 PM - Keweenaw Community Foundation Celebration
Meet at Keweenaw Community Foundation’s Office, 326 Sheldon Ave.(Upper Level), Houghton. Tel: 482-9673

Join us for hors’ d’oeuvres, a welcome from the Keweenaw Community Foundation director & a local MNA board member, and a presentation by MNA’s executive director that will highlight MNA’s activities and challenges in the Keweenaw, including the newly established Keweenaw Community Foundation Endowment Fund. Meet other MNA members and learn how we can expand protection of valuable resources in the Keweenaw.

The Michigan Nature Association (MNA) is a non-profit conservation organization dedicated to protecting examples of Michigan's unique natural habitats and rare or endangered species since 1952. MNA’s mission is not only to preserve unique habitats and natural flora, but also to carry on programs of public conservation education and scientific study. Through the help of its members, the MNA now has over 160 nature sanctuaries across the state for people to enjoy today and in the future.
Sunday, Sept. 25
8:15 AM - Meet at the Super 8 Motel in Houghton (1220 E. Lakeside Dr., or Tel: 906-482-2240.)

Participants will be traveling by bus to the sanctuary.

Visit the Robert T. Brown Teaching Nature Sanctuary near Painesdale on a guided tour with Charlie Eshbach, (MNA’s Upper Peninsula field representative) and Jeremy Emmi (MNA executive director). This site is part of MNA’s Statewide Land Protection Campaign and offers a rich variety of plant and animal species.

10:30 AM – Participants depart on the bus from Brown Teaching Sanctuary and head toward Lansing.

OTHER DETAILS

Food for Friday Bus Trip from Lansing will be sack lunches from the Better Health Store that include a sandwich (vegetarian option available), cookie, and salad. Pop, juice, bottled water (or bring your own water bottle to save resources!), ice, snacks, and fruit will be available on the bus. Bus riders are responsible for their own Friday breakfast and dinner (we’ll stop at the Brownstone Inn near Munising or fast food in Marquette).

Saturday Field Trips - Participants will ride the bus for ease of accessing the sanctuaries. Sack lunches will be from the Keweenaw Food Co-op and will include a wrap (vegetarian option available), cookie, and salad. Pop, juice, bottled water (or bring your own water bottle to save resources!), ice, snacks, and fruit will be available on the bus. Participants are responsible for their own Saturday breakfast (a continental breakfast is provided at Super 8 Motel) and Saturday dinner.

Food for Sunday Bus Trip back to Lansing will be Subway sandwiches. Pop, juice, bottled water (or bring your own water bottle to save resources!), ice, snacks, and fruit will be available on the bus. Participants are responsible for their own Sunday breakfast (a continental breakfast is provided at Super 8 Motel) and dinner (bus will be stopping in the Gaylord area.)

Accommodations are at the Super 8 Motel in Houghton, 1220 E. Lakeside Dr., Tel: 906-482-2240.

For More Information: Contact Natalie Kent at the MNA office at (517) 655-5655 or send an e-mail to michigannature@michigannature.org by Friday, September 16.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s) ___________________________________________________________________________________
Home Mailing Address _____________________________________________________________________

MNA Member:  ____ YES    ____ NO    ____ Sign me up to become a member for a special discount of $30/year
Phone: ___________________________ Email _______________________________________________

Choose ONE field trip:  _____ Estivant Pines and Redwyn’s Dunes Nature Sanctuaries
                      _____ Gratiot Lake and Brockway Mountain Nature Sanctuaries

**MNA MEMBER RATES**
Includes:
Roundtrip Transportation by Bus From Lansing* to Houghton
Friday Lunch, Snacks, and Lodging
Saturday Lunch, Snacks, evening Hors' d'oerves, and Lodging
Sunday Lunch and Snacks

Shared Double Hotel Room: $230 per person = $______
Single Hotel Room: $290 per person = $______

* I live further north than Lansing and would like to meet the bus in:
  ____ Mt. Pleasant    ____ St. Ignace
  ____ Gaylord    ____ Munising
We'll select two of these locations based upon requests.


**NON-MEMBER RATES**
Includes:
Roundtrip Transportation by Bus From Lansing* to Houghton
Friday Lunch, Snacks, and Lodging
Saturday Lunch, Snacks, evening Hors' d'oerves, and Lodging
Sunday Lunch and Snacks

Shared Double Hotel Room: $260 per person = $______
Single Hotel Room: $320 per person = $______

* I live further north than Lansing and would like to meet the bus in:
  ____ Mt. Pleasant    ____ St. Ignace
  ____ Gaylord    ____ Munising
We'll select two of these locations based upon requests.

**MEAL PREFERENCE**
  ____ Vegetarian    ____ Meat

$ _______ TOTAL ENCLOSED

Mail with payment to: Michigan Nature Association 326 E. Grand River Ave., Williamston, MI 48895