

# Keweenaw Mineral Days

## Registration Description and Liability Waiver

**Safety is always first for all events!**

**All collecting requires safe practices and use of common sense.  
No children on rock piles unless registered.**

Registration fee and event fee is required (age 14 or older) unless noted otherwise. Children 11 to 14 years old may participate in collecting events accompanied by and supervised by the responsible adult. Regardless of age, all children on the rock pile must be registered to participate. A parental consent for liability form is required for children. Children under 11 years old are not allowed on the rock pile.

A general registration fee is required to participate in Keweenaw Mineral Days activities (including free admission to the museum, discounted purchases at the Museum Gift Shop and Keweenaw Gem and Gift). In addition you must pay a separate additional registration fee to participate in a prepared mineral collecting event.

Normally there is **No refund** after June 30. All prepared mineral collecting activities have minimum participants and may be cancelled if minimums are not met by June 1. If we cancel you get a 100 % refund. The collecting events are confirmed but should circumstances require a change we reserve the right to make a substitution of the collecting site or cancel the event with refund of your collecting event registration fee. You will be notified via email (or phone if email is not available) of cancellations or changes and they will be posted on our Keweenaw Mineral Days web site.

Travel to events and food are the responsibility of individual participants.

Each participant can pick up their registration package at the A. E. Seaman Mineral Museum containing your name badge and maps for the prepared *museum collecting events*.

### Prepared Surface Collecting Events

The retreat organizers have obtained legal permission to access and prepare old mine rock piles for surface collecting. You may be on the site legally ONLY during the times of the event. We contract heavy equipment (excavator) to move rock to expose new materials for collecting. The newly moved rock will be coated with fine particles, “muck”, which will make finding minerals more challenging. Your eyes are the essential tool for mineral collecting. For finding minerals such as datolite your eyes are the only tool! *For finding native copper and native silver a metal detector can be quite valuable and many would consider it essential to finding copper.* But you can find native copper without a metal detector too! Metal detectors can interfere with each other, so there can be problems when too many people have similar metal detectors too close together in a collecting area. We try to prepare sufficient area to accommodate everyone allowed on the site. We also limit the number of participants per site. We want your collecting experience to be fun and rewarding, but there is no guarantee of finding a treasure. You must provide your own **skill and luck of collecting.**

### Museum and Keweenaw Gem and Gift Day

The A. E. Seaman Mineral Museum and Keweenaw Gem and Gift retail shops will give a 15 % discount on general merchandise Thursday. This is an exclusive event for Keweenaw Mineral Days registrants and will be one day only. Keweenaw Gem and Gift will have drinks and light snacks in the morning. The Museum will hold a surplus inventory sale in the afternoon. Your registration fee gets you free admission to the Museum for the entire week.

***ALL REGISTRANTS MUST READ AND AGREE TO THE LIABILITY RELEASE BELOW DURING REGISTRATION:***

**ADULT LIABILITY RELEASE  
Keweenaw Mineral Days 2020  
Hosted by the A. E. Seaman Mineral Museum  
Michigan Technological University**

*Please read AND acknowledge online or through paper copy your agreement to the terms of the liability release only required for the collecting events. Your event registration is not complete until this Liability Release is acknowledged. Liability Release is required for EACH individual registering for one or more collecting events.*

The Keweenaw Mineral Days 2020 can be considered a physical activity that could be hazardous. As a participant, I agree to conduct myself in a responsible manner, to act safely and to follow any rules, procedures or instructions.

I affirm that I am in good health, have the physical ability and capacity to participate in, and have the skills and the knowledge to safely use all equipment for this activity. I also understand that protective gear must be worn to participate in this activity to help limit the possibility of injury but acknowledge that even with such equipment injury is still possible. I agree that I am free to not participate in the activity if I am not willing to assume all such risks.

I hereby release and agree to hold harmless and indemnify Michigan Technological University, its Board of Trustees, officers, organizers/coordinators, its employees, and designates, against any and all claims and causes of action arising out of my participation in the Keweenaw Mineral Days 2020 or any personal and/or bodily injury, including death, incurred while participating in the Keweenaw Mineral Days 2020. I agree to assume all risks of injury or death.