



FORT WILKINS HISTORIC STATE PARK

2010 Summer Evening Programs

Sponsored by The Fort Wilkins Natural History Association

All evening programs are held indoors at the Fort Wilkins West Barracks, Copper Harbor, MI
Evening Programs begin at 7:30 PM EDST (unless indicated otherwise)
Special Event Program Times are noted on the bottom
Admission: Daily or Annual Motor Vehicle Permits

JULY

Tuesday, July 6....."Wildflowers-What's Blooming around the Keweenaw- Harvey Desnick; Wildflower Enthusiast/Photographer
Thursday, July 8... "Keweenaw Copper Story-From Fire to Ice to Us" – Tom Baker; Keweenaw National Historical Park
Monday, July 12... "Lighthouse Optics"- Kurt Fosburg; VP MQT Maritime Museum, Capt. of Lighthouse Tours, Metals/Lens Expert
Tuesday, July 13... "Keweenaw Point Trails" – Copper Harbor Trails Club; Dan Kauppi, Aaron Rogers and Sam Raymond
Wednesday, July 14... "A Walk on the Wild Side-Explore the island on a Virtual Visit to Isle Royale" -Katie Donovan; Isle Royale Nat. Park
Thursday, July 15... "Sutling for Fort Wilkins" – John Griebel; Historian Fort Wilkins
Monday, July 19.... "The Gateway to Isle Royale": The Copper Harbor Ferry Service to Isle Royale National Park by Captain Ben Kilpela
Tuesday, July 20...."A Parknership- Keweenaw National Historical Park"-Tom Baker; Keweenaw National Historical Park
Thursday, July 22... "Keweenaw Native Orchids and Rare Plants" – Harvey Desnick; Wildflower Enthusiast/Photographer
Friday, July 23....."Nature Walk" – Rachel Carpenter; Superior AmeriCorps Member
Monday, July 26.... "Estivant Wilderness Preserve" – Charlie Eshbach; Author & Nature Tour Guide
Wednesday, July 28.."Delaware Mine" – Tom & Lani Poynter; Owners of the Delaware Mine
Thursday, July 29.. "Living in and Loving Sandhills Lighthouse" – Mary Mathews & Bill Frabotta; Owners/Innkeepers
July 30th, 31st Aug 1st "Special Event – Battery D 1st Michigan Light Artillery Civil War Encampment"
(See Description Below)

Special Events

July 30, 31 & Aug. 1 Battery D - History comes alive at Fort Wilkins. Battery D, 1st Michigan Light Artillery, a Civil War era living history group returns to Fort Wilkins for its 26th weekend encampment. The weekend event will be open to park visitors from 8 AM to 8 PM on Friday and Saturday and 8 AM to 4 PM on Sunday. Battery D will interpret army life of the period, demonstrating artillery and small arms drills, period cooking and soldiers' pastimes. A Michigan State Park Motor Vehicle Permit is required for entry into the park.

AUGUST

Sunday, August 1st.... "Special Event – Battery D 1st Michigan Light Artillery Civil War Encampment"
Monday, August 2....."She's Not as Shiny as She Used to Be – Shipwreck Story of the City of Bangor"- Mark Rowe; KCHS
Tuesday, August 3..... "Boys in Blue – Union soldiers and Equipment during the Civil War" – Jeremie Moore; Historian & Civil War Re-enactor
Wednesday, August 4... "Wildflowers-What's Blooming around the Keweenaw" – Harvey Desnick; Wildflower Enthusiast/Photographer
Thursday, August 5... "Living History Role-Playing Program at Fort Wilkins – John Griebel; Historian Fort Wilkins
Friday, August 6.... "Nature Walk" – Rachel Carpenter; Superior AmeriCorps Member
Saturday, August 7....."Special Event – Copperman Triathlon: A Triathlon in the Wilderness at Fort Wilkins Historic State Park"
Monday, August 9..... "The Gateway to Isle Royale" – The Copper Harbor Ferry Service to Isle Royale National Park; by Captain Ben Kilpela
Tuesday, August 10... "Lighthouse Optics – Kurt Fosburg; VP Marquette Maritime Museum; Captain of Lighthouse Tours, Metals/Lens Expert
Wednesday, August 11.. "They Were God Medal Heroes of the S.S. Waldo" – Mark Rowe; Keweenaw Historical Society
Thursday, August 12....."Standing Naked in the Stream, Isle Royale Stories" – Vic Foerster; Author & Arborist
Friday, August 13..... "Living & Loving Sandhills Lighthouse" – Mary Matthews & Bill Frobotta; Owners/Innkeepers
Saturday, August 14.....Special Events – "Fort Wilkins by Candlelight" (See description below)
Sunday, August 15..... "Growing Up in a Copper Harbor Commercial Fishing Family" – Rich Jamsen; Copper Harbor
Monday, August 16..... "Mainland Michigan Moose" – Rob Aho; Retired Wildlife Biologist, Michigan DNR
Tuesday, Aug. 17..... "It's a Berry, Berry Keweenaw-Eatable & Non-eatable Plants" – Harvey Desnick; Wildflower Enthusiast/Photographer
Wednesday, August 18... "Delaware Mine" – Tom and Lani Poynter; Owners of the Delaware Mine

Thursday, August 19..... "Keweenaw's Copper Story-From Fire to Ice to Us"-Tom Baker; Keweenaw National Historical Park
Friday, August 20..... "Is This an Agate?" – Susan Robinson; Author & Artist
Sunday, August 22... "Growing Up in a Copper Commercial Harbor Fishing Family" – Rich Jansen; Copper Harbor
Monday, August 23... "What Makes the Keweenaw Unique" – Charlie Eshbach; Author & Nature Tour Guide
Tuesday, August 24.... "Keweenaw Point Trails" – Dan Kauppi, Aaron Rogers, & Sam Raymond; Copper Harbor Trails Club
Wednesday, August 25... "Loons-Their Legends & Their Lives" – Katie Donovan; Isle Royale National Park
Thursday, August 26.... "Surface Archeology at Fort Wilkins" – John Griebel; Historian Fort Wilkins
Monday, August 30.... "Estivant Wilderness Preserve" – Charlie Eshbach; Author & Nature Tour Guide
Tuesday, August 31..... "It's a Berry, Berry Keweenaw – Eatable and Non-eatable Plants" – Harvey Desnick; Wildflower Enthusiast/Photographer

Saturday, September 11th...Special Event – Antique Car Show (See description below)

Saturday, Sept.18th Special Event – Geocaching in the Keweenaw (See description below)

Special Events

August 14th Fort Wilkins by Candlelight

History comes alive with Civil War re-enactors portraying a unit of the Veteran Reserve Corp during the day. The Young Future Historians will be concluding their weeklong camp with a presentation of "Kids Games from the Past" at 1:00 PM. Visitors of all ages are asked to participate. The evening Candlelight program will start at 8:00 PM. Following the program there will be candlelight visits to several fort buildings followed by light refreshments in the restored 1844 mess hall. Come and visit a U.S. Army Fort as it was seen in the 1840's. A Michigan State Park Motor Vehicle Permit is required for entry into the park.

September 11th Antique Car Show in the Fort

Come and see pre 1940's antique cars on the parade ground of the Fort. This will bring back the days before Fort Wilkins became a state park and visitors drove here to picnic and camp. A Michigan State Park Motor Vehicle Permit is required for entry into the park.

Sept. 18th Geocaching in the Keweenaw

Spend the day exploring the beautiful Keweenaw Peninsula in the fall color season during a Geocaching event. At the end of the day there will be a bonfire with hot dogs and snacks that are provided. A treasure hunt for the kids will be held before the evening cookout. A Michigan State Park Motor Vehicle Permit is required for entry into the park.

Daily Programs in July and August

Living History Costumed interpreters will be acting as members of the military garrison. You are invited to leave the present and join them in the year 1870. Schedule is 9:30 AM -4:00 PM daily (06/20/10 through 09/06/10)

Future Historians The Michigan Historical Center has Future Historians portray actual girls and boys that lived in Fort Wilkins. They perform daily chores, play historic games and talk to visitors about life at this remote outpost. Times vary each day.

Dates: July 14-16 July 27-29 August 4-6 August 18-20

Fort Wilkins Natural History Association Park Store – Open Seven Days Week – 10:00 AM – 9:00 PM

Sutler's Store The Sutler's Store will be open from 10:00 to 5:00, seven days per week, commencing July 1, 2010. This is an exhibit of the original 1846 Sutler's Store and a retail store. Replica and authentic goods will be stocked and sold at the 1846 store.

Lighthouse Boat Tours

Departing daily from the Copper Harbor Marina 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM (every 2 hrs) and an evening 'Sunset Cruise' 7 days a week (per person charge).

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