

## **Ishpeming & Copper Country Field Trips and Shows August 5 - and Beyond**

The **Ishpeming Rock & Mineral Club's Show** on Saturday, August 6 is preceded by a Friday field trip to the **Republic Mine**, noted for its **jaspilite (jasper, hematite) with quartz**. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Ace Hardway/Pamida Center parking lot. This makes good lapidary material such as bookends, or can be used in rock gardens. Last year, for the first time since the mine closed down, the mine tailings became accessible to those on the field trip, when special arrangements were made by the local club with the owners. The second scheduled field trip is Sunday, the day after the Show to the **Lindberg Quarry for kona dolomite**. Leave at 12:30 p.m. from the Negaunee Township Hall. This rock is also useful for lapidary, easily worked into cabochons. The fee is \$10 per trip to support the local club. Well worth it as you can haul out as much as your vehicle will carry! We will also be visiting other sites on our own. **Safety equipment requirements:** safety glasses, sturdy boots, long pants. Remember insect repellent and sun screen.

The Saturday show, 9:30 - 4:30 (Elks Club Hall, 597 Lakeshore Dr.), will feature dealers with a variety of materials from throughout the Midwest, with a special emphasis on copper, datolites, agates, and other UP collectibles. Saturday evening activities will include a live auction at 7 p.m. then a program on Gold Mining in the Menominee area. The club website: [www.ishpemingrockandmineralclub.org](http://www.ishpemingrockandmineralclub.org) Mileage is approx. 440 miles from Holland.

Motel suggestion: **Quartz Mountain Inn**, (800) 330-5807, 791 US Hwy. 41, **Negaunee**. A room for 2 people, 1 bed \$78.40 tax included. 2 levels. Nola makes a full breakfast! Alternate: Country Inn Motel, Ishpeming, (906) 485-6345. Campers: **Country Village RV Park, Ishpeming**, (906) 486-0300. The latter two will give discounts if you tell them you are attending the show.

The **Copper Country Mineral Retreat** follows in the Keweenaw, August 8 – 13. The schedule of events and registration form is available on the **Seaman Museum** website: [www.museum.mtu.edu](http://www.museum.mtu.edu) and click on the CCMR tab to view details. It includes **Mine Prepared (bulldozed) Surface field trips**, most costing \$30 each. Metal detectors and rock picks essential. **Events in brief: Aug. 10, 5 p.m., Mineral Sale/Swap** at Quincy Mine Hoist; **Aug. 11, 6 - 8 p.m. Seaman Museum Open House**; **Aug. 12 – 14 Copper Country Rock & Mineral Club Show** (Houghton Elementary School); **Aug. 13, 6 – 10 p.m. Keweenaw Gem & Gift Open House** (Houghton); **Red Metal Minerals** (Ontonagon) is also offering **field trips in several mines** beginning Aug. 8. **Aug. 9, 4:30 – 7:30 Open House & Mineral Sale (Reg. required)**. There is concern that with the old mine tailing piles disappearing, being purchased for roads, etc., it's hard to tell how much longer this mineral retreat will be held.

Motel suggestion from Sjoquists: **Best Western Copper Crown Motel**, (800) 925-7144, 235 Hancock St., on US 41 South in **Hancock**. 2 people, 1 Q. \$65.72 tax included. Cont. brkf., wireless, heated indoor pool, whirlpool, sauna. Numerous campgrounds are on the website.

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