



DAY TRIP TO CENTRAL

From Calumet · Keweenaw County, Michigan



COPPER MINING



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OPEN; MUSEUM IN SUMMER

A historical society site with a few occupied houses, open year-round with a summer visitor center (Keweenaw County Historical Society, notice of October 12, 2026).

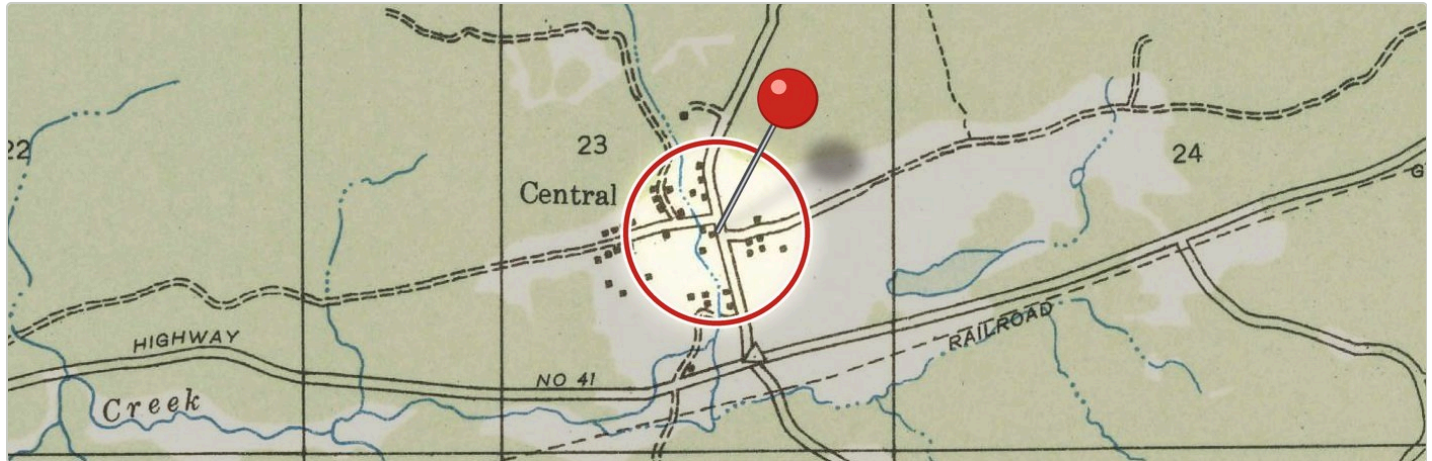
Central is an easy summer outing from Calumet, about half an hour up US 41. Give it two hours: the visitor center, the church, the miners' houses and the two short trails. The visitor center runs from mid-June to early October; the society lists the 2027 season as June 20 to October 10.

A SAMPLE DAY

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| ☐ Morning | Drive up US 41 from Calumet and turn left on Central Road. |
| ☐ Late morning | Start at the visitor center, then see House 61 and the church. |
| ☐ Midday | Walk the two trails to the rock pile overlook. |

WHAT TO PHOTOGRAPH

- **The church tower.** Its battlements stand out against the sky from the road below.
- **The restored houses.** Green and yellow frame houses along the gravel street.
- **The powder house.** Stone walls and a yellow-brick doorway in the woods.



USGS topographic map, 1940 (public domain). The ring and pin mark the town.

DAY TRIP ESSENTIALS

DRIVE	18 mi, about 32 min each way from downtown Calumet. From Houghton: 30 mi, about 51 min.
OPEN	Grounds year-round. Visitor center 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, June 20 to October 10, 2027 (Keweenaw County Historical Society).
ADMISSION	Free; donations welcome.
TRAILS	Two woodland trails of a quarter mile and a half mile, opened in 2005, past house foundations to a view from the upper rock pile.
REUNION	The Central Reunion is held at the old church on the last Sunday in July, with a service open to all faiths.
ETIQUETTE	Some houses are occupied; respect residents' privacy. Engine House No. 2 is posted as dangerous, no trespassing.
ADDRESS	7143 Central Road, Phoenix, MI.
WEBSITE	keweenawhistory.org/Central

BEFORE YOU GO

- Check the status with the land manager before you go; conditions change.
- Stay out of mine shafts, tunnels and unstable buildings.
- Leave artifacts where they lie. Removing them can be a crime.
- Carry water, a paper map and a charged phone; signal is often poor.

Coordinates 47.40715, -88.20067 • 47°24'26"N
88°12'02"W

Full guide abandonedtowns.com/michigan/central/

Directions [Google Maps](#)

Details checked October 2026. Hours, prices and access change: confirm before you go.