

Daily the Bull



If you put your back to the wind, you can just get a push through campus.



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Invincible's Guide to the Keweenaw Pt. Vanilla Ice

by Nathan 'Invincible' Miller ~ Daily Bull Immortal

Ice ice baby! The Keweenaw is frozen solid and Lake Superior is following suit, which means a lot of locations that were previously out of reach are now a hop, skip, and a jump away. Unless you've got a boat or kayak or like to swim long distances during the summer, these locations are otherwise impossible to get to. This week's Keweenaw Guide focuses in on some of the area's less visited locales.

NOTE: visiting all of these locations requires walking on ice. You've heard it before: thin ice breaks, you fall in, get wet, and die of hypothermia. Bring a friend if you're not confident in the ice, or be a badass like me and go for it anyway. Your choice, but don't hold me liable when you get stuck on an ice floe on your way to Stannard Rock.

Copper Harbor Lighthouse. One of my personal holy grails of places to visit, I was finally able to get out to the Copper Harbor Lighthouse this week. There is a road that goes right up to the lighthouse, but it's private and the owners don't like you going on it. The lighthouse itself is a part of Fort Wilkins State Park, and they offer a ferry service across the harbor during the summer. It costs money though, which is never fun.

With the Keweenaw in deep freeze mode, the lighthouse is 100% accessible starting right now. The harbor hasn't frozen over for a long time so be sure to take advantage of this opportunity while you can. On a sunny day, the lighthouse is majestic up close and in great shape for being 150 years old and in such a harsh spot. Bring a nice camera and snowshoes to make your trip worth it.

To get there, head up to Copper Harbor and continue through town on US-41. When you hit Fort Wilkins State Park, there will be a small plowed parking area on the left across from one of the historic buildings. Leave your vehicle here and head down to the harbor. You probably don't necessarily need

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It takes great courage to stand up to one's enemies, but even greater courage to stand up to one's friends. For this, I award ten points to Mr. Neville Longbottom.

-- Albus Dumbledore.

Turbine Powered Campus?

by Sam Kolesar ~ Staff Writer

The wind tunnel. That little piece of frozen hell on campus. When all a student wants is to get home through the freezing cold and take a hot shower to warm up, there lies the wind tunnel. A place so treacherous that it causes students to plant sumo poses while hoping that they don't get blown all the way back to walker. Many have wondered what can be done against such unbridled wind? Tech may have an answer and it would be two words. Wind farm.

It started in the esoteric talks of the Alternative Energy Enterprise (AEE). At first a joke tossed in amid paraskiing and snow sailing, but for one Tom Moss the idea stuck. After a weekend binge of coffee and research he brought the idea before the team. It was kept very quiet the first few weeks of development (After the solar power improvement debacle of last year, who could blame them). Once they had a working plan and a basic design they approached the Green Campus Enterprise(GCE) to pitch the idea. The plan calls for adding two wind turbines, two hundred and twelve feet tall, at each end of the wind tunnel. This would be to "considerably" reduce the wind affecting pedestrians and provide two thirds of campus power requirements. The debate carried on heatedly in last week's meeting.

Tom Moss has headed up the pro-turbine side.

"Really there's nothing to lose and everything to gain. The new turbines will provide many jobs during the construction phases and maintenance will provide long term jobs. Even with the start up cost and continuing maintenance the turbines will be profitable for the school and is environmentally friendly." He paused a moment to finish chewing his tofu. "Think of all the people that will come to see our new industrial turbines! We can even paint the blades bright colors for an added flair!"

His excited and optimistic views have come up hard against grad student Will E. Byet's counter arguments.

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THU FEB 6
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CITY HOT CLUB!!

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UP BLUEGRASS LEGENDS

CHASIN' STEEL

"Anyone looking for what the combination of country music in overdrive, bluegrass hot picking, and fun on stage with performers can be like, they need to look no further than Chasin' Steel." - John McEuen, Nitty Gritty Dirty Band



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snowshoes to cross the ice, but I like to use them for the crampons as there are a lot of slippery blocks underneath the snow. It's maybe a half mile out to the lighthouse straight across the harbor from the parking area.

When I was out there in late January, I could not see the water's edge to the north there was so much block ice. I wouldn't hike out there though, you never know what the currents may do.

Islands! There are a number of islands offshore or in the middle of lakes that are tough to get to, either for lack of boat launches or stupidly long portages that would never be worth your while. Here are a few islands that are accessible by snowshoe now that the near-shore ice and lakes have frozen over.

Lake Bailey Island: owned by Keweenaw County, this island is in the middle of Lake Bailey which lies adjacent to M-26 east of Eagle Harbor. There is a boat launch on the eastern side that was partly plowed last I drove by. Isolation and views of Lookout Mountain are everywhere you turn.

Lake Medora Islands: a few small privately owned islands. If you're adventurous and don't wreck 'em, they're worthy to check off your Keweenaw bucket list. A few roads on the eastern shore of Lake Medora are plowed all season, but good luck finding a spot to tuck your vehicle.

Manitou Island & Gull Rock: Might we get enough ice pack that the cross-channel hike becomes possible? Manitou and Gull Rock are off the eastern tip of the Keweenaw by nearly 3 miles, and with no plowed roads anywhere close you'll have to make a multi-day excursion out to these remote places. Your safety will be jeopardized at every turn, but the rewards will be insane isolation and the biggest Keweenaw adventure ego trip possible 🐻



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"Wind turbines? That's the stupidest thing I've ever heard. We've never had wind turbines before and we don't need them now. I walked to school through the wind tunnel when I was an undergrad without any problem. You think that the local firms can win a bid on this project? We'll just be sinking our money into a black hole. This thing is supposed to help power campus but let's remember how well the wind harp worked. Its music was played out of a rock for a months. Something like that can't work in our cold."

Both sides are locked in a campaign to win support for or against the new proposal. We at The Bull took to the wind tunnel to ask a few students what they thought about the idea. Here are a few quotes.

"Hell yeah, anything to cut down on this wind. I have to walk around the MUB to reach lot twenty-seven." - Mike Lancaster

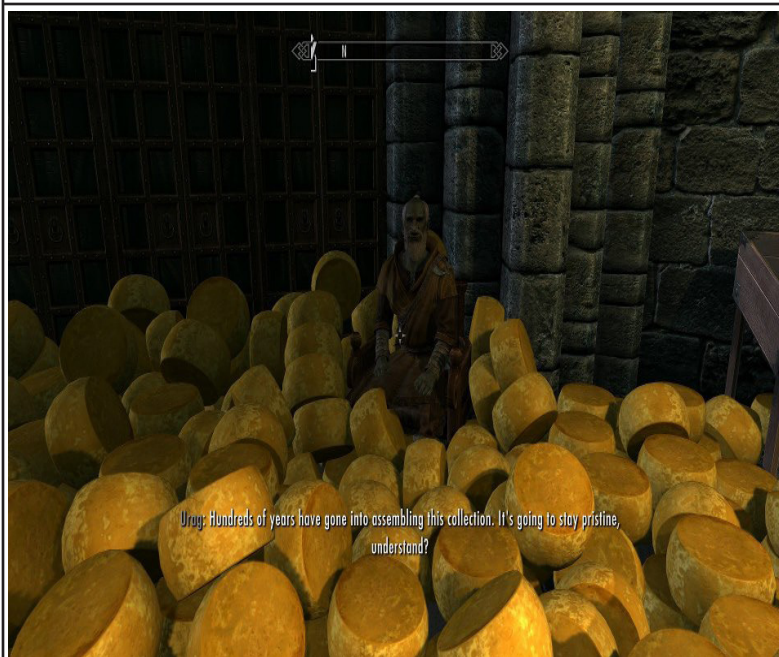
"Mmmm mmm mmmmmm. Mmmm mmm." - Heavily bundled student

"Turbine would be great. I'd Looooooowww..." - Tim Suther as he slid past.

"Ww wiiii wiiiilll iiiiit mmaakke caaammpu pus wwww warmmmmer?" -Ashly Matherson (New transfer student)

Well the opinions are as strong as the wind. Until someone agrees on this we'll just have to keep loading our backpacks with spare weights from the SDC and wear our blankets over all the winter clothing.

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