

Fort Wilkins

Historic Site &
Copper Harbor
Lighthouse



**Fort Wilkins Historic Site &
Copper Harbor Lighthouse**
at Fort Wilkins Historic State Park
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Built in 1844 on the rugged shoreline of Lake Superior, Fort Wilkins is a well-preserved example of mid-19th-century army life with 19 buildings, 12 of which are original structures dating to the 1840s. The site also includes the Copper Harbor Lighthouse with a restored 1848 lightkeeper's dwelling, 1866 lighthouse and 1933 steel light tower. The Copper Harbor Lighthouse marks the entrance to one of Michigan's northernmost harbors.

Daily Attractions

- 1844 copper mine site
- 21 historic buildings
- Costumed Interpreters
- Lighthouse boat tour (fee)

Hours:

Fort Wilkins: 8:30 a.m. to dusk, mid-May to mid-October.

Copper Harbor Lighthouse: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Memorial Day through Labor Day.

There is a charge for boat rides to and from the Copper Harbor Lighthouse. A Recreation Passport is required for entry. Michigan residents, \$10, non-residents \$8 for a daily permit or \$29 for an annual permit. Wheelchair accessible in most areas.

Directions:

Fort Wilkins and Copper Harbor Lighthouse are located in Fort Wilkins Historic State Park, on the Keweenaw Peninsula, one mile east of Copper Harbor on U.S. 41.



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