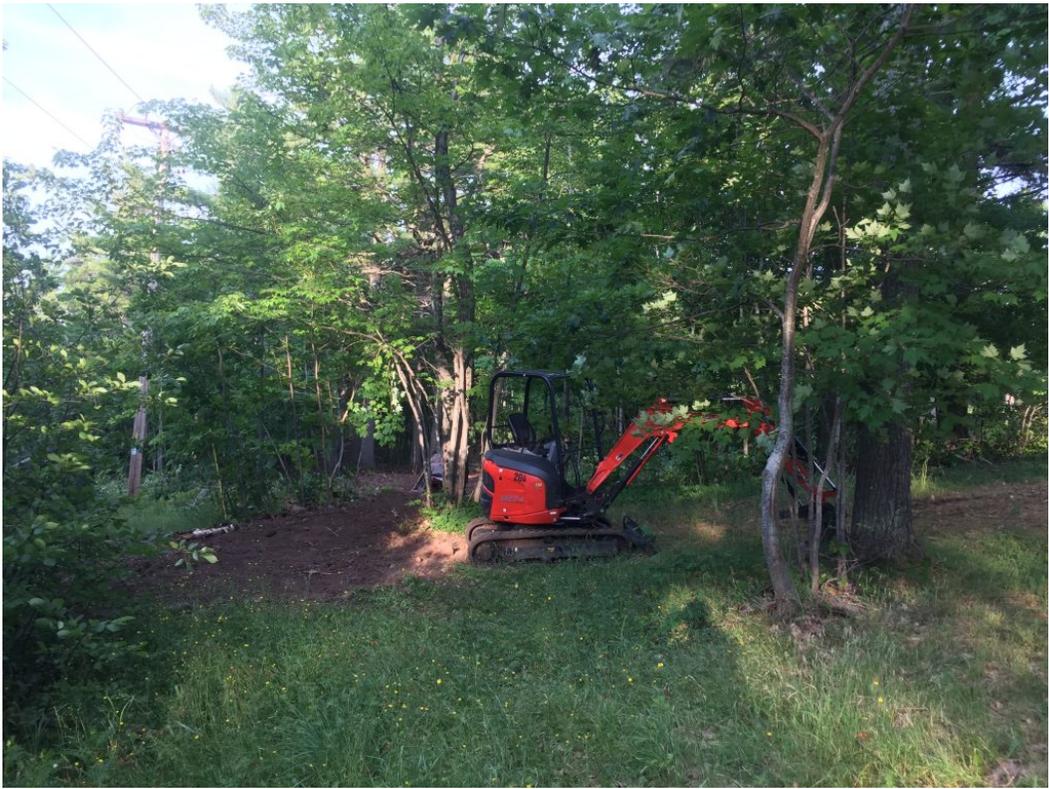


New trail head for the Blue Trail; Back 9 trail reroutes being worked on

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This week the Blue Trail trail head on the Lodge property is being moved. In conjunction with the [Copper Harbor Trails Club](#) and the [Lodge, Rock Solid Trail Contracting](#) is working on changing the trail head location to make it flatter and more welcoming to congregate before heading down hill on a trail. This is part of the initiative to have 2-2.5 miles of mountain biking trails that can be classified as green trails.





As well, the Rock Solid Trails Contracting crew has been working the past several weeks on reroutes for the three Back 9 trails (Chipmunk Run, Moose on the Loose, and Little Loon). These reroutes of existing cross-country ski trails will make it more enjoyable for riders, runners, and hikers to enjoy trails in the wilderness.

Back 9 Trails: 10th Green

You are standing on what would have been the **10th green** of the Kiwanow Mountain Lodge when the wilderness resort was first established in 1933. 18 holes were laid out but only the front 9 were completed. The back 9 were left undeveloped and remain forested to this day. If you look carefully while traveling along the trail, you can still see the large white pines that would have lined the proposed fairways. Fortunately, there are no hidden sand traps or water golf balls for trail users to worry about.

10th Hole Facts

- Par 5
- 437 Yards
- Denali's hole!

Land for the Kiwanow Mountain Lodge was given to the Kiwanow County Road Commission by the Reverend Copper Company. The 10-hole golf required the construction of a 9-hole golf course.

Back 9 Trails Key

* Source	 Easy Trails	 Chipmunk Run	 Moose on the Loose	 Little Loon
	 Other Trail Routes	 Roosts	 Intermediate Trails	 Expert Trails
	 Structures	 Home a Golf Course (1930s)	 Back a Golf Course (proposed 1933)	

Use of these trails is voluntary and dependent upon your own risk assessment to control and respect other trail users.

Back 9 Trails: 13th Green

Now you are standing on what would have been the **13th green** of the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge! When the wilderness resort was first envisioned in 1923, 18 holes were laid out but only the front 9 were completed. The back 9 were left undeveloped and remain forested to this day. If you look carefully while strolling along the trail, you can still see the large white pines that would have lined the proposed fairways. Fortunately, there are no hidden sand traps or errant golf balls for trail users to worry about.

13th Hole Facts:

- Par 5
- 313 yards
- Elevation: 1854'

Unemployment in Keweenaw County during the Great Depression peaked at over 30%. With jobs so few jobs remaining after the collapse of the copper mining industry, many men were put to work constructing the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge.

Back 9 Trails Key

Easy Trails	Other Trailheads	Structures
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orange Line: Chipmunk Run Yellow Line: Pines on the Loose Blue Line: Little Loop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black Line: Beach Blue Line: Intermediate Trails Red Line: Expert Trails 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brown Square: Structure Green Circle: Hole 9 Golf Course (2019) Light Green Circle: Hole 3 Golf Course (proposed 1993)

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Back 9 Trails: 16th Tee

Now you are standing on what would have been the **16th tee** of the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge! When the wilderness resort was first envisioned in 1923, 18 holes were laid out but only the front 9 were completed. The back 9 were left undeveloped and remain forested to this day. If you look carefully while strolling along the trail, you can still see the large white pines that would have lined the proposed fairways. Fortunately, there are no hidden sand traps or errant golf balls for trail users to worry about.

16th Hole Facts:

- Par 5
- 313 yards
- Elevation: 1847'

Did you know that while crews were working on the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge, another contingent of men were busy constructing the new Keweenaw Drive. Both sites are on the National Register of Historic Places.

Back 9 Trails Key

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Mike Sweeney has built the wood (brown) signs for the Back 9 trails, and has started putting them around the trails to better direct people where to go. Nathan Miller will be putting up the interpretive signs in the near future. We are getting closer to having the trails on the Lodge property ready for prime time.