Directions to the KLT’s Boston Pond Nature Area

From Houghton/Hancock:

1. Head north on US-41, following signs for Calumet
2. About 3.6 miles north of the Quincy Mine shaft house, look for a Boston Pond Nature Area sign on your left
3. Pull into either side of the looped driveway to the parking area

If you reach the access road for the airport, you have gone too far and should turn around. There is handicap accessible parking on the west side of the parking area closest to the trailhead. The parking area is not plowed in winter! Parking on the shoulder of US-41 should be done as safely as possible. To avoid the worst of the traffic, we recommend winter parking along the shoulder of Shortcut Road just to the north. Be careful when crossing US-41 if you choose this option!

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Note: The KLT’s Boston Pond Nature Area boundary is marked in blue. The Paavola Wetlands Nature Area is marked in black. Michigan Department of Natural Resources land extends over much of the northern shore of Boston Pond. Please respect our neighbors and steer clear of private property. The nature area’s accessible parking pad is suitable for many vehicles but is not plowed in winter. The Wet Foot Trail (marked in light blue) may be wet for much of the year - wear waterproof shoes or stick with the main trails. Please do not drive up to the boardwalk and viewing platform! The trails at Boston Pond are suitable for non-motorized use only. Hunting is not permitted at the Boston Pond Nature Area. The pavilion is open year-round for use by the public on a first-come basis. The pit toilet is available for nature area visitors only.
Today the story of Boston Pond centers on that of recreation. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) owns much of the northern shore of the pond, while the KLT purchased 26 acres on the southeastern shore in 2008 to create our Boston Pond Nature Area. The Pond is a popular fishing destination and caters to both boaters and silent paddlers. Remnants of mining heritage on the north shore are slowly being returned to a more natural state like the marshes and wetlands ringing most of the pond. Beavers have taken advantage of the man-made water body to set up lodges, while migrating waterfowl frequently stop for a much-needed rest.

With help from a bequest from the late Marilyn Mason and the America’s Scenic Byways program, the KLT constructed an accessible trail, boardwalk, floating viewing platform, pit toilet, and pavilion at the Boston Pond Nature Area in 2014. These amenities allow us to better accommodate visitors traveling along the Copper Country Trail as they learn about the history of the Keweenaw Peninsula, its natural resources, and its people.