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The first few miles within the city of Hancock from Porvoo Park are paved—a rarity for Upper Peninsula rail-trails—and steep. The trail levels off near mile 4. After leaving the asphalt surface in Hancock, the trail alternates between crushed stone and dirt, and trail users will sail past numerous ponds, wetlands, fishing spots, piles of mine tailings and other relics of the copper-mining era.

Approaching the Calumet area the trail skirts the Swedetown Recreation Area and Swedetown Trails. Formerly just for cross-country skiers, these trails now welcome mountain bikers too. Closer to downtown Calumet an old railroad bridge frames the boarded up Mineral Range depot. This idle bridge now stands as a gateway to Calumet for trail users as they pass beneath it. The depot is a logical ending point for the trail.

Calumet is the headquarters for the Keweenaw National Historical Park that preserves and celebrates the mining history of Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula.

Take a trip through the heart of "Copper Country" on the Hancock-Calumet Trail. When more than three-quarters of the nation's copper came from this region of the Keweenaw Peninsula, Mineral Range Railroad cars hauled hard-rock copper along this route. Today the rolling corridor is home to 13.4 miles of trail that also goes by the names "Jack Stevens Calumet-Hancock Rail Trail" and "Snowmobile Trail #17".

About the Route

The Portage Lift Bridge, the heaviest and widest double-decked vertical lift bridge in the world, serves as the backdrop for the southern end of the trail, but it is more convenient to park and start on the trail from just west of the bridge at Hancock's Porvoo Park.



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States: Michigan

Counties: Houghton

Length: 13.4miles

Trail end points: Pine St. (Calumet) to Navy St. (Calumet)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt,Ballast,Dirt,Gravel

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Bike,Horseback

Riding,Mountain

Biking,Snowmobiling,Walking

Parking & Trail Access

The Hancock-Calumet Trail runs between Pine St. (Calumet) and Navy St. (Calumet).

Parking is available at Porvoo Park (Hancock).

Please see TrailLink Map for detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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