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Hike with a View

A hike is planned from 2 to 5 p.m., Saturday, June 12, to climb to the top of Bare Bluff, part of the Michigan Nature Association's Grinnell Nature Sanctuary near Lac La Belle. Be prepared for stunning views, soaring raptors and some of the oldest rocks in the Keweenaw.

Interested hikers should meet at the Lac La Belle Marina parking area to carpool to the sanctuary trailhead, a 20-minute drive on rough roads. Come prepared with sturdy shoes, a backpack, plenty of water, snacks, rain gear, sun hat, sunscreen and insect repellent. Bring a camera, binoculars and an extra layer for windy weather. Allow two to three hours round-trip for the hike.

To reach the Grinnell Nature Sanctuary, drive north from Calumet on US 41. About 15 miles north of Calumet, turn right at the sign for Lac La Belle. Drive five miles to Lac La Belle, turn left, and look for the marina sign on the right.

Contact Western UP Center for Science, Math and Environmental Education at Michigan Tech at 487-3341 or wupcenter.mtu.edu.

MPSERS Offers Retirement Incentive Program Extensions

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With the passage in May of Michigan Senate Bill 1227, which includes a Retirement Incentive Program for the Michigan Public Schools Employees Retirement System (MPSERS), the state has granted a limited number of extensions to each reporting unit. Michigan Tech received a total of nine.

An employee granted an extension must apply to retire during the incentive period--the deadline to apply is June 11--but may extend employment to September 1, 2011. The employer and employee must both agree to the extension.

If you are interested in being considered for one of the nine extensions granted to Michigan Tech, please see the following timeline on our benefits website:

http://www.admin.mtu.edu/hro/forms/timeline_for_extension_application.pdf.

If you have questions, contact the Benefits Office at 487-2517.