

U.P. Glossary of Terms

Eh! (pronounced "Ay")

A word that ends practically every sentence in the U.P. (example: "Say ya to da U.P., Eh!").

Finglish

The official language of Da U.P. Examples- Dese, Dem Dose, and De Udders (and De Udders ain't on De Cow!)

Heikki Lunta

(pronounced "Hay-kee Loon-tah") In Yooperland mythology, the god of snow.

Holy Man!

Not used to describe a clergyman, but rather as the ultimate Yooper exclamation. Used when a mere "Holy Whaa" doesn't suffice. The A-bomb of Yooper exclamations.

No-see-ums

Tiny gnats capable of driving strong men insane.

Pasty

Finnish (or Cornish, depending on who you want to believe!) meat pie made with onions, beef and potatoes. Many variations on the basic recipe have been created. Some include rutabaga and cayenne pepper. The pasty was introduced to the U.P. by immigrants in the 1880's. Best to buy those that are made in da U.P. Those made elsewhere don't taste nearly as good. If it's made below the Mackinac bridge, don't buy it unless a certified Yooper has prepared it!

Side By Each

Standing next to each other. As in, "Der dey were; towsands of deer standing in da field side by each!"

Sisu

The quality possessed by Yoopers which enables them to endure and even enjoy Yooperland winters. Kind of like "moxie".

Swampers

Rubber boots worn by Yoopers in the spring during the muddy season. (Not a winter boot.)

Youse Guys

You guys. Often used to refer to more than one person, i.e. "Are youse guys going smelt'n tonight?"

