

The Rendezvous

Your Guide to
Voyageurs National Park

Spring 2014 - Winter 2015



Why Voyageurs?

Voyageurs National Park was set aside by Congress for 3 important reasons, its geological resources, its inspiring scenery comprised of water, forest, rocks and wildlife, and its historic waterways.

These waterways include an important segment of a 3,000-mile fur trade route of the late 18th and early 19th centuries.

The driving force behind the fur trade was a demand for hats—beaver hats desired by fashionable Europeans.

As the fur trade expanded, it relied on the voyageurs, or French-Canadian canoemen, to muscle trade goods and furs between Montreal and the Canadian northwest.

The voyageurs in turn, relied on native peoples for furs, guide services, clothing, food, and medicine.

The route of these voyageurs shaped the international boundary between the US and Canada, and the legacy of these voyageurs inspired the naming of this national park.

From supporting the life and culture of Native Americans, to supplying resources for the fur trade, commercial fishing, gold mining, and timber and tourism industries, the interconnected waterway system of this area has influenced the movement of people for thousands of years.

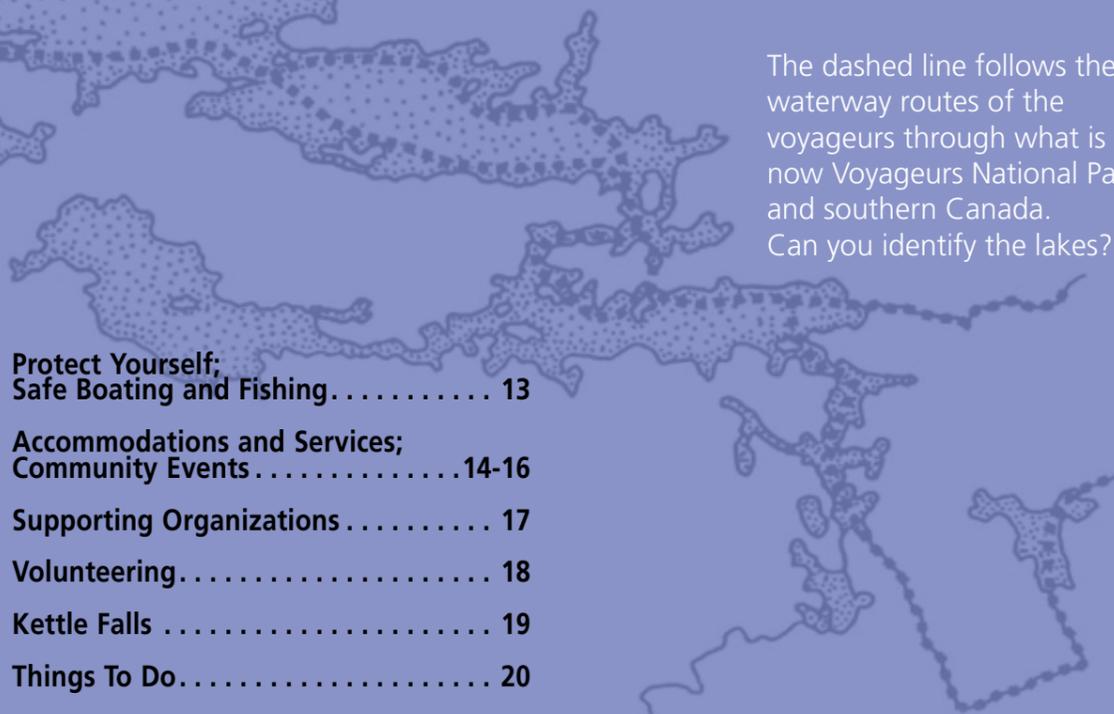
Today, for the modern travelers who visit this land, Voyageurs National Park preserves the geology, scenery, and a segment of the historic voyageurs waterway route for all to enjoy.

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The dashed line follows the waterway routes of the voyageurs through what is now Voyageurs National Park and southern Canada. Can you identify the lakes?



Welcome



A Special Place

At night, looking down from space, Minnesota shows a dazzling spray of lights from the Twin Cities outward to the farm country, the Mississippi River valley, and the Iron Range. Just north of the glow, lies Voyageurs National Park, under a dark, night sky.

In Voyageurs National Park, you can lay stretched out on a rock half as old as the world and gaze up at nature's light show in a sharp, clear sky. Here you can camp and hike in a solitude that is never lonely. There are lakes that have no names; lakes with tawny boulders rising from the water like giant loaves of bread; long flowages disturbed only by the slap of a beaver's tail.

Apart from its sheer beauty, Voyageurs National Park reveals the drama of nature's forces at work. There are forests where fire has renewed life and windrows of dead and fractured

trees that were sheared off by straight line winds that tore through ridges and valleys. The ridges themselves, high above the lakes, bare the marks of glaciers moving on bedrock, like fingers drawn through sand.

You are welcome you to the park in all seasons. There are programs for all ages, including ranger-led boat tours, voyageur North Canoe trips, family canoe programs, hikes, snowshoe and crosscountry ski programs, and so much more!

We hope you will find your own place in the park to experience the solitude that isn't so lonely, the darkness that lets you see the stars, and the silence where you will hear the landscape speak.

Voyageurs National Park staff

Traveling to the Park

Roads lead to six park entrances, the communities of Crane Lake, Orr, Ash River, Kabetogama, Ranier, and International Falls. No matter where you choose to enter the park, each community has a range of services to assist with your trip (pages 14-16).



Contact Information

Voyageurs National Park Headquarters
www.nps.gov/voya
 360 Highway 11 East
 International Falls, MN 56649
 Phone: (218) 283-6600
 Year-round, Monday – Friday
 8 am – 4:30 pm

Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center
 Phone: (218) 875-2111
 Mid - May – Mid - Sept, 2014
 Open daily, 9:30 am – 5 pm

Rainy Lake Visitor Center
 Phone: (218) 286-5258
 Mid - May – Mid - Sept, 2014
 Open daily, 9:30 am – 5 pm
 Mid - Sept – Mid - May, 2015
 Open Wed – Sun, 10 am – 4 pm

Ash River Visitor Center
 Phone: (218) 374-3221
 Mid - May – Mid - Sept, 2014
 Open daily, 9:30 am – 5 pm

Crane Lake Ranger Station
 Phone: (218) 993-2481



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- International Falls, Rainy Lake, and Ranier Convention & Visitors Bureau rainylake.org
- Orr-Pelican Lake Association www.orrpelicanlake.com
- Boise, Inc. www.boiseinc.com
- Kabetogama Lake Association www.kabetogama.com
- Voyageurs National Park Association www.voyageurs.org
- Crane Lake Visitor & Tourism Bureau www.visitcranelake.com
- Rainy River Community College www.rrcc.mnscu.edu
- Arrowhead Lodge & Resort www.arrowheadlodgeresort.com
- Camp Idlewood Resort idlewildresort.com
- North Country Inn www.northcountryinn.com/
- Oveson's Pelican Lake Resort & Inn www.ovesonpelicanlakeresortandinn.com
- RE/MAX Lake Country www.thelakecountry.com
- Sha Sha Resort shashaonrainylake.com
- Super One Foods www.s1foods.com
- VFW Post 2948
- Voyageur Lodge and Houseboats www.voyagaire.com
- Wagner Construction www.wagnerconstructioninc.com
- Wherley Motors Sales & Car Rental www.wherleymotors.com
- WoodsPort Cottages /Port of Ranier Rentals woodsport.com/homepage.html

On the Water



Voyageurs' Watershed and Flow Direction

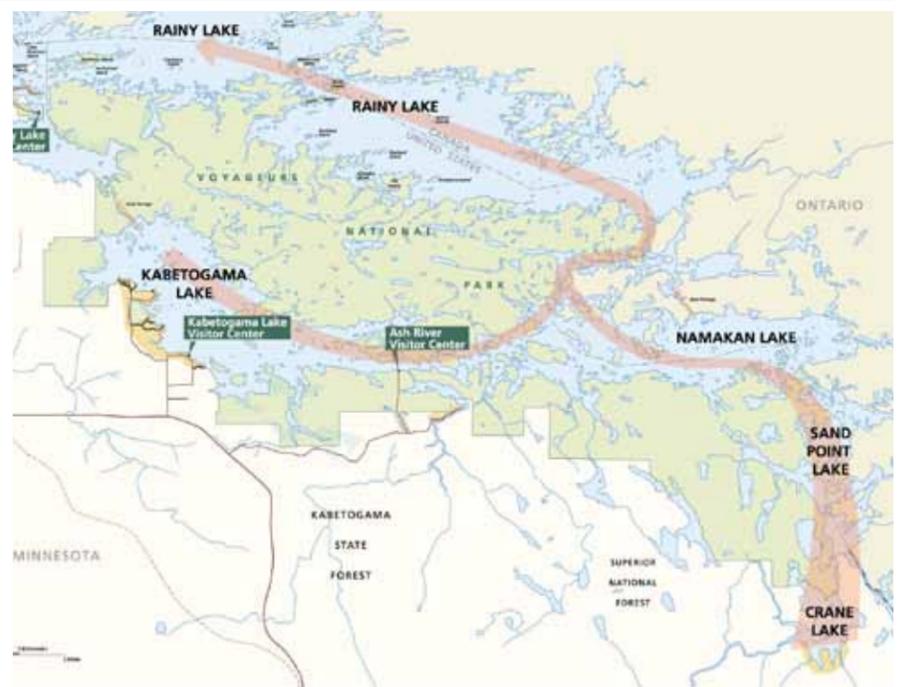
Voyageurs National Park lies in the 14,900-square-mile Rainy Lake basin. About seventy percent of the basin lies within Ontario, Canada and thirty percent in Minnesota.

The general direction of water flow through the four main lakes in the park (Rainy, Kabetogama, Namakan, and Sand Point) is northwesterly.

Water leaving Rainy Lake flows to the Rainy River and then to

Lake of the Woods, which in turn flows to the Winnipeg River. Ultimately, the system drains to Hudson Bay.

Lake levels in the park's four main lakes are controlled by a dam crossing the international border at Fort Frances, Ontario Canada and International Falls, MN, as well as by dams at Kettle Falls and Squirrel Falls on Namakan Lake.



Namakan, Sand Point, and Crane Lakes all flow north (or downlake) toward Kettle Falls. Kabetogama Lake flows

east (or downlake) to Namakan and Kettle Falls. Rainy Lake flows west (or downlake) to International Falls.

Navigation You Need to Know

The United States Coast Guard (USCG) numbered red and green buoy system is used to guide boaters and mark hazards.

To use this system you need to know the direction of lake flow.

Remember red buoys to your right while traveling up-lake



- red
- right
- return



Nun Buoy



Can Buoy

Fisheries in Voyageurs

There are 54 fish species known to exist in park lakes. Walleye is the most frequently sought after by anglers. Yellow perch and northern pike are the most widely spread species.

Other fish include smallmouth and largemouth bass, crappie, sauger, lake trout, muskellunge, and burbot.

Not all of these fish are native to the park. Some of these species may be native in the four main lakes of the park, but not native to the interior lakes where they exist due to prior stocking.

A Minnesota fishing license is required in the park. Know the slot (size limit) for the lakes. Effective 2014, Mukooda Lake is temporarily closed to lake trout fishing.

Thinking of Drinking Lake Water?

Visitors are advised to always treat lake water before using it for drinking or cooking.

Consider bringing drinking water with you when camping. Otherwise, use a high-quality water filter to remove potential contaminants.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) advises the public to approach lake areas with blue-green algae blooms with caution.

During the right conditions these blooms can be toxic to pets and harmful to people. A blue-green algae bloom like pea soup should be avoided.

For detailed information visit the MPCA website: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/clmp-toxicalgae.html>



Blue-green Algae Bloom

Camping and Houseboating



For 2014: The New Reservation System

What Sites Can I Reserve?

May 15 - September 15, 2014:

- 34 Frontcountry Campsites
- All Backcountry Campsites

April 15 - October 15, 2014:

- All Backcountry rental canoes and rowboats

Houseboat and other campsites are first-come, first-served, no reservation required, free permit still needed.

Reservation Requirements

- Reservation required (online or by phone) for overnight stays - year round, starting May 15, 2014.
- Reservation Fees apply only from May 15 - September 15 each year
- Reservations must be made at least 1 day prior to the day you want to occupy the site
- Visitors are required to print their permit prior to arrival and place at site
- Check-in is 3:00 pm or later
- Check-out by 12:00 noon
- Cancellation and/or amenity fee applies

Reservation Length Minimum/Maximum:

Site	Minimum Length	Maximum Length
Frontcountry Campsites	1 night	14 consecutive nights; no more than 30 in a calendar year
Backcountry Campsites	1 night	7 consecutive nights; no more than 30 in a calendar year
Group Campsites	1 night	7 consecutive nights; no more than 30 in a calendar year
Rental Canoe/ Rowboat	1 night/ 1 day	7 consecutive nights; no more than 30 in a calendar year

Minimum/Maximum Number Of People At Sites

Site	Minimum Number	Maximum Number
Small Campsite	1	9
Large Campsite	1	18
Group Campsite	14	30
Rental Canoe	1	3
Rental Rowboat	1	3

How Do I Make A Reservation?

Reservations can be made online at www.recreation.gov or by phone at (877) 444-6777.

National Call Centers hours:

- March 1 - October 31
10:00 am to 12:00 am (EST)
- November 1 - February 28
10:00 am to 10:00 pm (EST)

No One Has Reserved The Site For Today. Can I Reserve It?

A visitor may walk into any of the park's 3 visitor centers or headquarters to check site availability for the current day at a self-help kiosk.

- If the site is not reserved, a visitor can reserve it for that night only.
- There is no fee for one-night walk-in use between May 15 - September 15, 2014.
- Additional nights must be reserved online or by phone.

Can I Cancel Or Change My Reservation?

- Yes. Permit holders may cancel their reservation at any time. Fee applies.
- Cancellations must be made by phone, (877) 444-6777.
- You cannot call a park office for a cancellation or change.

Where Do I Get A Permit?

- Once a reservation is made online or by phone, a confirmation email will be sent to the permit holder.
- 14 days prior to your arrival another email will be sent explaining how to print your permit.
- Permits cannot be printed once you reach the park.
- Permits must be brought to the park and placed in the provided water-proof box located on the bear-proof food locker at your site.
- If a permit does not accompany you to your site, your reservation is void. No refunds will be given.
- Permits are non transferable.

What If I Get Delayed And Cannot Check-in By 3:00 pm?

- Permit holders will have 24 hours from 3:00 pm the date of arrival to get to their reserved site.
- If permit holder fails to arrive within 24 hours, the permit is void. No refunds will be given, and the site will be available for others to reserve.
- Permits are non transferable.

Can I Stay At A Non Reservable Site?

- Yes. Between May 15 - September 15, 2014, non reservable sites are first-come, first-served, no reservation required.
- Free overnight permits are required and available at all park boat launch ramps and inside park visitor centers.

How Will I Know If A Site Is Reservable?

- In 2014, signs will be posted at reservable sites.
- All sites are listed on www.nps.gov/voya and www.recreation.gov.
- For exact campsite locations, purchase a National Geographic Map at a park visitor center or go online at www.shop.jnpsa.com.

What If I Need To Leave The Site Earlier Than Planned?

Permit holders may leave their site before the end of their reserved time. However, no refunds will be given.

How Much Does It Cost?

Site	Reservation Fee	Amenity Fee
Small Campsite no tent pads	\$10 one time per reservation call	\$16 per night
Small Campsite 1 tent pad	\$10 one time per reservation call	\$18 per night
Small Campsite 2 tent pads	\$10 one time per reservation call	\$20 per night
Large Campsite	\$10 one time per reservation call	\$24 per night
Group Campsite	\$10 one time per reservation call	\$35 per night
Rental Canoe or Rowboat (day use)	\$10 one time per reservation call	\$12 per day
Rental Canoe or Rowboat (overnight)	\$10 one time per reservation call	\$12 per night
Houseboat Site	\$10 one time per reservation call	\$10 per night
Backcountry Campsite	\$10 one time per reservation call	\$16 per night

For more info, pick up a brochure or go online at www.nps.gov/voya



Day Use



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Day Use Questions

Where Can I Picnic?

Visitors may stop and enjoy day use sites throughout the park. Visitors may not stay overnight at a day use site.

These sites are marked with a picnic table icon on National Geographic Maps. Amenities at these sites include:

- Picnic table, fire ring, privy

Is Day Use Allowed At Reservable Sites?

May 15 - September 15, 2014:
No. However, day use is allowed at non reservable sites.

Sept. 16, 2014 and beyond:
Any site not posted as reserved can be used for day use between 12:00 noon and 3:00 pm.

Backcountry Canoe & Rowboat Rentals

The park provides rental canoes and rowboats on several Backcountry lakes for day and overnight use located on the Kabetogama Peninsula.

Reservations are required. Visitors may go online at www.recreation.gov or call (877) 444-6777.

The Kabetogama Peninsula can only be accessed by water, so you will need to use your own boat or reserve a water taxi service (page 16) to access

the trails that lead to the park's interior lakes and boats.

There are no rental canoes or rowboats at the visitor centers.

Reservations for that day only may be made at park visitor centers at a self-help kiosk if space is available.

All boats are locked and chained, and require a key that must be picked up at a visitor center prior to entry into the backcountry.

General Park Regulations

No Collecting

Do not destroy or collect natural or cultural resources in the park. For example, do not collect, damage, or destroy any plants, animals, rocks, artifacts, historic objects, driftwood, flowers, or pine cones. You may harvest up to one gallon of berries for personal consumption.

Pets

Pets are allowed on a leash in developed areas (around visitor centers, boat launch ramps, picnic areas, campsites, and houseboat sites), on the four main lakes, and along park entrance roads. Pets are NOT allowed on park trails (except the Oberholtzer Trail) or in the backcountry. This rule is in place to protect park wildlife and your pet.

Wildlife

Do not harass or feed wildlife. Observe wildlife quietly from a distance. Animals need adequate space. Do not disturb wildlife, especially breeding or nesting birds, or adult animals with young.

Closed Areas

Respect public use closures. Check at visitor centers and boat launch ramp bulletin boards for areas that have been closed to protect visitors, wildlife, and other sensitive resources. Closed areas are posted with signs. When in doubt, ask a park ranger.

Hunting

Hunting is not allowed in Voyageurs National Park.

Crossing the Border

Know Canadian and US Customs and fishing regulations before you cross the border. Canadian customs (807) 274-3655, United States customs (218) 283-0769.

Quiet Hours

10:00 pm to 6:00 am

Campfires and Firewood

Use a campstove or build campfires in established fire rings only. Never leave a fire unattended. Drown and stir all campfires with water. If ashes are still warm to the touch, they may still start a fire. Collecting wood for campfires is allowed only if the wood is DEAD and DOWNED.

Do not cut down any tree in the park, living or dead, for firewood. Chainsaws are prohibited except when being used to cut ice fishing holes.

Do not bring firewood unless purchased from an approved MN DNR vendor to prevent Emerald Ash Borer infestations.



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Hike to Health



Hike to Health Program



Voyageurs National Park is proud to partner with the Rainy Lake Medical Center in International Falls to bring you the Hike to Health: Trails Passport Program.

This program promotes a healthy lifestyle by encouraging people to get active and outside.

To get started, visit any of the three park visitor centers to pick up a Trails Passport and trail map. Then head out to any



An example of a trail rubbing

of the park's 19 trails. Locate the trail rubbing posted along each trail, and etch it into your passport. Bring along a crayon or pencil for the etching.

Pets are not allowed on park trails with the exception of the Oberholtzer Trail.

Once you have completed 5, 10, and all trails, bring your passport filled with rubbings back to a visitor center to receive special recognition.

Land Access Trails

Trail/Destination	Difficulty	Distance	Hiking Time	Winter
Rainy Lake area				
Ethno-botanical Garden Trail	Easy	0.25 mile	20 minutes	
Oberholtzer Trail	Easy	1.7 miles	45 minutes	
Rainy Lake Recreation Trail	Easy (coming soon)	0.85 mile one-way	1.5 hours	
Tilson Connector Ski Trail	Easy	1 mile, one-way	20 minutes	
Kabetogama Lake area				
Echo Bay Trail	Easy to Moderate	2.5 miles, loop	2 hours	
Kab-Ash Trail	Moderate to Strenuous	27.9 miles	Days	
Ash River area				
Beaver Pond Overlook	Moderate	0.2 mile, one way	30 minutes	
Blind Ash Bay Trail	Moderate	2.8 miles, loop	2.5 hours	
Kab-Ash Trail	Moderate to Strenuous	27.9 miles	Days	
Kabetogama Lake Overlook	Easy	0.2 mile, one way	20 minutes	
Sullivan Bay Trail	Easy	1.5 miles	2 hours	
Voyageurs Forest Overlook	Easy to Moderate	0.5 mile, loop	30 minutes	

Water Access Trails

Rainy Lake area				
Anderson Bay Overlook Trail	Moderate	1.75 miles, loop	2 hours	
Black Bay Beaver Pond Trail	Moderate	1.2 miles, round trip	1 hour	
Black Bay Ski Trail System	Moderate	1 to 5 mile loops	30 minutes to 2 hours	
Little American Island Trail	Easy	0.25 mile, loop	20 minutes	
Kabetogama Lake area				
Cruiser Lake Trail System	Moderate to Strenuous	9.5 miles, one way	6 - 8 hours	
Locator Lake Trail	Moderate to Strenuous	2 miles, one way	2 hours	
Ash River area				
Beast Lake Trail	Moderate	0.25 mile to Beast Lake and 2.5 miles, one-way to Brown Lake	3 to 4 hours	

Ranger-led Boat Tours and Programs



Rainy Lake Visitor Center	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	ADULT	CHILD
Grand Tour (June 17 – September 5, except July 4 & August 30) (2.5 hours, 4-passenger minimum) Board the <i>Voyageur</i> Tour Boat and navigate Rainy Lake in search of active eagle nests, view a commercial fishing camp from the boat, and watch for abundant wildlife. A short stop at Little American Island (1/4 mile accessible walk) explores the 1890's Rainy Lake gold rush.			1 pm	1 pm		1 pm	1 pm	\$30	\$15
Gold Mine Tour (June 15 – August 21) (1.5 hours, 4-passenger minimum) Discover the 1890's Rainy Lake gold rush. View the remains of the Bushyhead mine entrance from the boat, then stretch your legs with a ranger for a short walk (accessible 1/4 mile) around Little American Island.	2 pm				2 pm			\$20	\$15
Kettle Falls Cruise (August 30 and September 6) (6.5 hours, 22-passenger minimum) Voyage to the historic Kettle Falls Hotel. Spend 2 hours on land to dine at the hotel, enjoy a picnic lunch, or explore the hotel and nearby dam. Tour fees do not include meals.							2 days only 10 am	\$50	\$25
North Canoe Voyage (June 17 – August 23) <i>First Lady's - Let's Move Outdoors Campaign!</i> (1.5 hours) Paddle back in history aboard a 26-foot North Canoe. Learn the voyageur paddle salute and explore the life of a voyageur. Minimum age is 5. We recommend participants know how to swim. Weather dependent. Reservations recommended. Call the visitor center at (218) 286-5258.			10 am	10 am		10 am	10 am	Free	Free
Family Canoe Trip (June 16 - August 18) (2 hours) Enjoy a tranquil canoe trip while keeping an eye out for wildlife. Minimum age is 5. We recommend participants know how to swim. Weather dependent. Reservations recommended. Call (218) 286-5258.		2 pm						Free	Free
Ethno-botanical Garden Tour (June 17 - September 5, except: August 28, 30, & Sept. 4) (30-45 minutes) Join park staff and walk through Voyageurs' diverse ecosystem. An Ojibwe Indian camp awaits at the heart of the native plant garden (accessible 1/4 mile walk).			12 pm	12 pm	12 pm	12 pm	12 pm	Free	Free
Patio Talk (June 17- September 5, except: August 28, 30, & September 4) (30-45 minutes) Join a ranger on the visitor center patio to explore more about your park.			3:30 pm	3:30 pm	3:30 pm	3:30 pm	3:30 pm	Free	Free
Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	ADULT	CHILD
Kettle Falls Cruise (June 15 – August 22) (August 25, 27, September 3 - 24) (5.5 hours, 6-passenger minimum) Voyage to the historic Kettle Falls Hotel. Spend 2 hours on land to dine at the hotel, enjoy a picnic lunch, or explore the hotel and nearby dam. Tour fees do not include meals.	10 am	10 am	10 am	10 am	10 am	10 am		\$40	\$25
Ellsworth Rock Garden Tour and Eagle Watch (June 18 - August 20) (2 hours, 4-passenger minimum) Board the tour boat (accessible) and search for active eagle nests. At the gardens, join a ranger for a tour (1/4 mile not accessible) of the unique rock sculptures and building remnants.				2 pm				\$25	\$15
Hoist Bay Tour & Eagle Watch (June 16 – August 18) (2.5 hours, 4-passenger minimum) Board the tour boat (accessible) and cruise to historic Hoist Bay while searching for active eagle nests and other wildlife. Walk with a ranger (1/4 mile not accessible) through the remnants of an old logging camp and historic resort.		2 pm						\$30	\$15
North Canoe Voyage (June 16 – August 22) <i>First Lady's - Let's Move Outdoors Campaign!</i> (1.5 hours) See description above. Reservations recommended. Call the visitor center at (218) 875-2111.		10:30 am		2:30 pm				Free	Free
Family Canoe Trip (June 18 - August 20) (2 hours) See description above. Reservations recommended. Call the visitor center at (218) 875-2111.				10:30 am				Free	Free
Ash River Visitor Center	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	ADULT	CHILD
Bluffs and Bays Hike (June 17 - August 22) (2.5 hours) Join park staff and hike (up to 3 miles) along the park's popular Blind Ash Bay Trail. Meet at the Ash River Visitor Center. For more information, call the visitor center at (218) 374-3221.			2 pm			2 pm		Free	Free
North Canoe Voyage (June 18 - August 20) <i>First Lady's - Let's Move Outdoors Campaign!</i> (2 hours) See description above. Reservations recommended. Call the visitor center at (218) 374-3221.			10:30 am			10:30 am		Free	Free
Kettle Falls	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	ADULT	CHILD
Kettle Falls Dam Tour (June 15 - August 22) (August 25, 27, September 3 - 24) (30 minutes) Meet out front of the Kettle Falls Hotel. A ranger will guide you through the history of the area and walk to the dam overlook (1/4 mile walk, not accessible). For more information, call the visitor center at (218) 875-2111.	1:10 pm	1:10 pm	1:10 pm	1:10 pm	1:10 pm	1:10 pm		Free	Free

Make Your Boat Tour Reservation for the Summer (877) 444-6777, www.recreation.gov
 Discounts are available for those with valid Federal Senior and Access passes and must be purchased prior to reservation.
 For all boat tours, please check in at the correct visitor center 30 minutes prior to a scheduled departure.

Experience Nature



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This is Voyageurs...

Imagine walking through a forest mixed with golden colored tamarack or under a canopy of aspens and maples displaying an array of red, gold, and yellow leaves.

This is Voyageurs.

Imagine following the smell of pine scents as you walk along rock covered ridges.

This is Voyageurs.

Imagine seeing a fox scurrying by while hearing the call of a loon or the howl of a wolf.

This is Voyageurs National Park.

The park lies in a transition zone between the boreal forests to the north and deciduous forests to the south.

Nearly 700 species of plants have been identified within the park. Boreal forest species are most abundant, occupying about

seventy percent of the park. Quaking aspen dominates the forest with other species including birch, pine, spruce, and balsam fir.

Within this abundant diversity of the northern forest, wildlife abounds.

Many animals characteristic of the North Woods are found here, including moose, white-tailed deer, gray wolves,

foxes, coyotes, lynx, bobcats, beavers, black bears, eagles, ravens, and common loons.

Voyageurs also hosts more than 240 neotropical bird species who either live in or migrate through the park.

Pick up a *Plant and Animal Checklist* at any park visitor center to record your discoveries.

Come and experience nature.

Rocks, Ridges, and Gold

Voyageurs National Park is one of the few places in North America where you can see and touch rocks half the age of the Earth. The exposed rock you see all around you is the southern edge of the volcanic bedrock that forms the core of the continent.

This bedrock is from the birth of North America. Massive, explosive volcanoes deposited layer after layer of ash and lava.

Subsequent uplifting, folding, tremendous

pressure, and superheating created igneous and metamorphic rock.



Eons of erosion wore down the volcanic mountain range. The ice ages brought glaciers, moving rivers of ice that scoured away the younger rock layers. This action exposed the roots of the ancient mountains - granite, migmatite, and biotite schist you see today.

As the glaciers receded, torrents of melt water filled low-lying areas creating the lakes and bogs of today's landscape.

The oldest rock in the park tells a recent human story. Fault zones in exposed 2.8-billion-year-old greenstone revealed gold embedded in quartz veins.

The discovery sparked a short-lived mining rush in the 1890s. To accommodate the gold miners on Little American Island, Rainy Lake City sprung up on the shores of Black Bay. No one got rich, and the boomtown was abandoned by 1901. Many of the newcomers stayed for good, and their descendents live in the region today.

Black Bears in the Park

Black bears are a normal part of park life. Today, there are approximately 250 black bears in Voyageurs National Park.

Visitors are often surprised to discover bears will swim from place to place. While black bears are found throughout the park, by nature, they do not seek out people.

Always remember to keep your distance when encountering a bear. Here's how you can help have a safe and enjoyable visit:

- ➔ All food, garbage, scented items, and equipment used to cook needs to be stored in a vehicle, metal bear-proof food locker, or hung 10-foot high and 4-foot out from a pole or tree.

➔ Coolers will not protect food from black bears. Bears are strong, and placing a rock or other heavy item atop your cooler will not keep them out.

➔ Improperly stored food has drawn black bears to campsites, resulting in property damage and an increased risk to human safety.



Winter Activities



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Crosscountry Ski Trails

Voyageurs National Park offers 3 different groomed crosscountry ski trail systems, Black Bay, Echo Bay, and Tilson Connector Ski Trails. For a more rugged and solitary experience, the ungroomed Kab-Ash Ski Trail is also available. The trails range from easy to moderate (page 6).

Ski rentals are available at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center during regular hours.

Snowshoe Trails

When snow covers the landscape, four designated trails in the park become a snowshoer's winter wonderland, the Black Bay Beaver Pond, Blind Ash Bay, Oberholtzer, and Sullivan Bay Trails. The trails range from easy to moderate (page 6).

A free snowshoe check-out program is available at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center during regular hours.

Ice Roads

Rainy Lake Ice Road

This road extends from the boat launch ramp at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center and goes to either the mouth of Cranberry Bay or around Dryweed Island depending on ice conditions.

Kab - Ash Ice Road

This 9.3 mile road starts at the boat launch ramp at the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center and connects to the boat launch ramp at the Ash River Visitor Center.

Snowmobiling in a National Park?

Voyageurs National Park is the nation's only national park that provides groomed snowmobile trails, in the heart of a park, without the use of a road system.

This effort is supported through the cooperative assistance of the International Voyageurs, Crane Lake Voyageurs, and the Ash River-Kabetogama Snowdrifters Snowmobile Clubs.

With over 110 miles of staked and groomed snowmobile trails on frozen surfaces, this unique experience provides wonderful opportunities to observe wildlife, including wolves, and the scenic splendor offered through the geologically diverse rock formations.

Come enjoy this unique and wonderful experience while taking in the comfort of area resorts (pages 14 - 15).

Check at the visitor center for up-to-date information. The speed limit is 30 MPH.

When heavy snow, slush, or thin ice exists, ice roads may be closed or shortened. Travel beyond the plowed section is unsafe.

Snowmobiling Regulations and Safety

Snowmobiling is allowed on frozen lake surfaces and designated safety portages.

All land areas, including rock faces, are closed to snowmobiles with the exception of designated safety portages.

Hill climbing is prohibited. Obey all closure signs. Areas are closed to protect your safety and to protect sensitive resources. Use of snowmobiles off the frozen lake surfaces and staked trails is prohibited and causes irreversible scarring of rock surfaces by the carbide skids and studded tracks.

Safety Reminders

- Dress for the weather
- Carry a trail map
- Keep to the right on trails
- Leave a route plan with someone

Watch For Two Important Safety Issues

1. Pressure Ridges change the surface of the lake. Always stop and inspect ridge areas before crossing. Pressure ridges are marked with two crossed orange caution stakes.
2. Slush and Open Water are dangerous. Avoid these conditions by staying on staked and groomed trails.

Trail Conditions

Voyageurs National Park's winter trails are marked with stakes approximately every 0.10 mile for easy identification. Signs are posted to direct you to area resorts and additional trails. Conditions are updated weekly at <http://www.nps.gov/voya/planyourvisit/winter-trail-updates.htm>.

Ice Fishing

Placement of equipment or any type of structure must be greater than 50 feet off the edge of all ice roads and 50 feet off the centerline of all snowmobile trails. Check ice conditions before going out. A MN State fishing license and a shelter (fish house) registration are required.

Snowmobile Trail Speed Limits

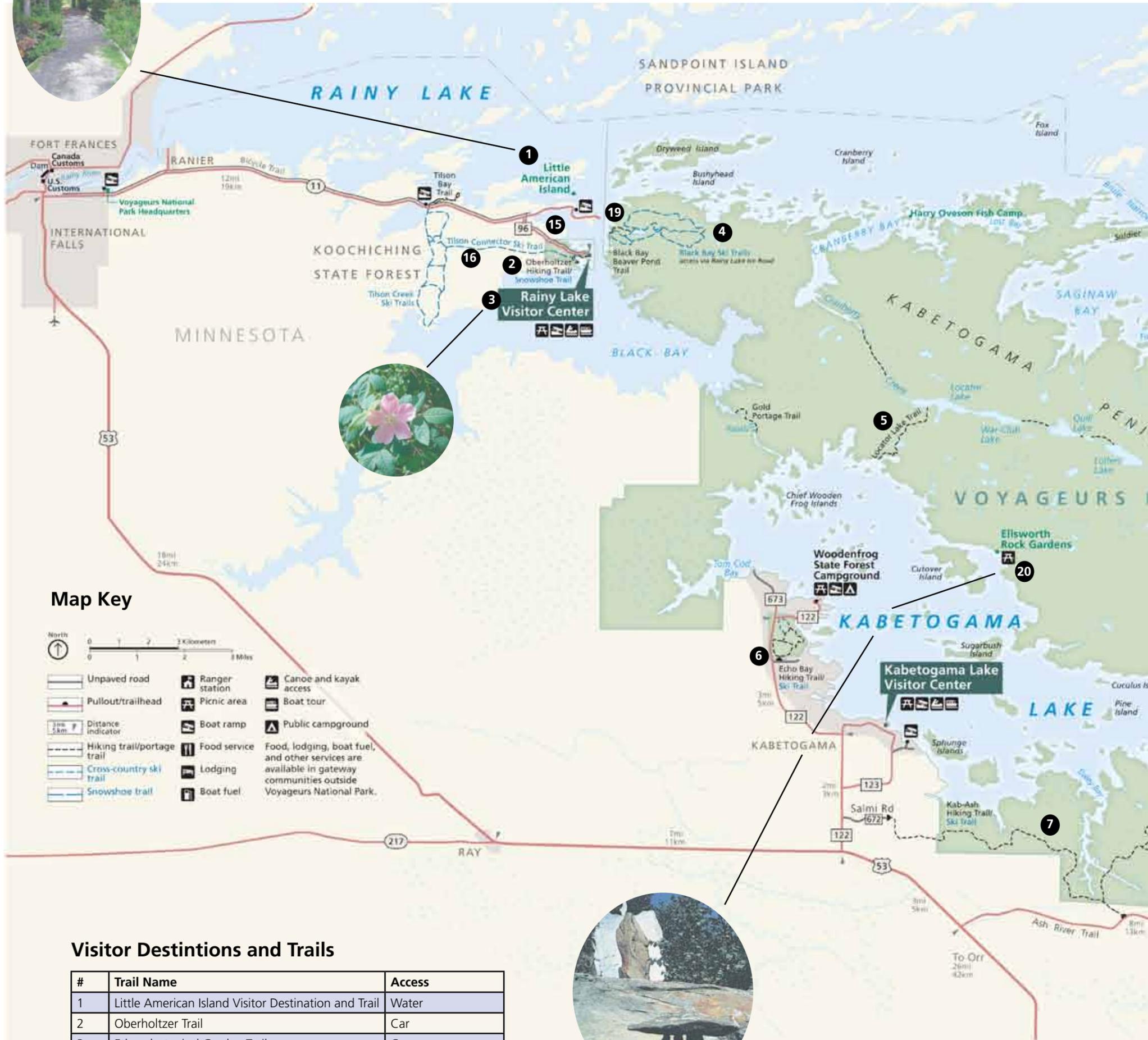
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Land Portages

Lake Surfaces

Drinking and snowmobiling don't mix. It is illegal to operate a snowmobile while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

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Map Key

		Food, lodging, boat fuel, and other services are available in gateway communities outside Voyageurs National Park.

Visitor Destintions and Trails

#	Trail Name	Access
1	Little American Island Visitor Destination and Trail	Water
2	Oberholtzer Trail	Car
3	Ethno-botanical Garden Trail	Car
4	Black Bay Ski Trail System	Frozen Lake Surface
5	Locator Lake Trail	Water
6	Echo Bay Trail	Car
7	Kab-Ash Trail (West Section)	Car
8	Blind Ash Bay Trail	Car
9	Kabetogama Lake Overlook Trail	Car
10	Beaver Pond Overlook Trail	Car
11	Voyageurs Forest Overlook Trail	Car
12	Anderson Bay Overlook Trail	Water
13	Beast Lake Trail	Water
14	Cruiser Lake Trail System	Water
15	Rainy Lake Recreation Trail (Coming Soon)	Car
16	Tilson Connector Ski Trail	Car
17	Kab-Ash Trail (East Section)	Car
18	Sullivan Bay Trail	Car
19	Black Bay Beaver Pond Trail	Water
20	Ellsworth Rock Gardens Visitor Destination	Water
21	Hoist Bay Visitor Destination	Water
22	Casareto Cabin Visitor Destination	Water
23	Kettle Falls Visitor Destination	Water

Distance Around the Park by Boat

From	To	Distance by Boat
Ash River Visitor Center	Kettle Falls	13 miles
Brule Narrows	Kettle Falls	20 miles
Crane Lake Ranger Station	Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center	39 miles
Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center	Ash River Visitor Center	8 miles
Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center	Kettle Falls	21 miles
Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center	Gold Portage	7 miles
Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center	Ellsworth Rock Gardens	5 miles
Rainy Lake Visitor Center	Kettle Falls	34 miles
Rainy Lake Visitor Center	Brule Narrows	14 miles
Rainy Lake Visitor Center	Anderson Bay	26 miles

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Distance Around the Park by Car

From	To	Distance by Car
Ash River Visitor Center	Crane Lake Ranger Station	72 miles
Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center	Ash River Visitor Center	17 miles
Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center	Crane Lake Ranger Station	67 miles
Rainy Lake Visitor Center	Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center	36 miles
Rainy Lake Visitor Center	Ash River Visitor Center	49 miles
Rainy Lake Visitor Center	Crane Lake Ranger Station	103 miles

Protect the Park



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Exotic Species Alert

Exotic species are plants, animals, or diseases that are not native to the local ecosystem. They are likely to cause harm to the economy, environment, or

human health. The park's forests, lakes, and native plant communities are at risk from several species of aquatic exotics, invasive plants, and forest pests.

Four species that you should be aware of are:

- Spiny Water Flea
- Emerald Ash Borer
- Rusty Crayfish
- Eurasian Watermilfoil

What Can You Do?

Best Management Practices for Preventing the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species and Fish Diseases

- Inspect your boat, trailer, and equipment and remove visible aquatic plants, animals, and mud before leaving the water access.
- Drain water from your boat, motor, bilge, live wells, and bait containers before leaving the water access.
- Dispose of unwanted bait and other aquatic plants and animals in the trash.
- Spray or rinse boats and equipment with water at least 140 degrees F for at least one minute, or dry boats and equipment for five days before moving them to another body of water.

Spiny Water Flea

This tiny (1/4-5/8") species of zooplankton is native to Eurasia and was introduced into the Great Lakes from the ballast water of ships.

They threaten the park's aquatic ecosystems and fishing by competing with native fish for food and by fouling fishing gear.

Spiny water fleas are spread when either live adult water

fleas or viable resting eggs are transferred to a new body of water. Spiny water fleas can be transported on bait buckets, anchor ropes, fishing line, boats, waders, nets, or any gear that contacts infested waters.

Spiny water fleas were first found in Rainy and Namakan Lakes in 2006. The main lakes in the park have been declared

infested waters. This designation requires that specific actions be taken to prevent the unintended spread of this species to uninfested waters (see right).



Emerald Ash Borer

The emerald ash borer has decimated ash trees in Michigan and is spreading westward, currently to the Twin Cities area.

These insects, and other forest pests, can be transported to the park in

contaminated firewood. Do not bring firewood into the park unless purchased from a MN DNR approved firewood vendor.

You may collect dead and downed wood near your campsite.

Eurasian Watermilfoil

This invasive aquatic plant is moving northward in Minnesota and may reach park waters soon.

This plant has been found to interfere with boating, fishing, swimming, and can also crowd out native water plants.



Rinse boats and trailers to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species, © Jonathan Alexander

Rusty Crayfish

Rusty crayfish were discovered in the park in 2006, are more aggressive than native crayfish, and

can disrupt aquatic plant and animal communities by eliminating aquatic plants in infested areas.



Never release any pet or aquarium species of crayfish into lakes. Remember that using live crayfish for bait is prohibited in all park waters.

Remember to:

- Clean
- Drain
- Dry

Regulations to Protect Interior Lakes from Aquatic Invasive Species and Fish Diseases

- Use artificial bait only (on all interior lakes only).
- No privately-owned watercraft allowed in interior lakes (the park will continue to provide canoes and row boats for rent through the Boats on Interior Lakes program and Commercial Use Authorizations on Mukooda Lake).
- No float plane landings on interior lakes.

Best Management Practices for Using Interior Lakes

- Bring a separate set of gear that is likely to contact lake water (including fishing gear) to use on the interior lakes, or before using any gear on an interior lake, make sure that all gear has been thoroughly dried for at least 5 days or washed with hot water (>140 degrees F) for at least one minute.
- When leaving any lake, remove aquatic plants and animals, including gelatinous or cotton batting – like material from equipment, including fishing line.

Protect Yourself



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Safe Boating and Fishing

Always Wear Your Life Jacket

Minnesota state law requires all watercraft (including canoes and kayaks) to have one wearable United States Coast Guard (USCG) approved personal flotation device (PFD) on board and accessible for each person.

The State of Minnesota requires all children under 10 years of age to wear a life jacket when in a recreational boat.

Swimming & Boating

When swimming around or behind boats, always make certain engines and generators are turned off to prevent toxic gas exposure.

A Minnesota fishing license is required to fish in the park

Know the slot (size limit) for the lakes where you will be fishing. Park rangers enforce Minnesota State fishing regulations.

Boating Checklist

- ✓ A wearable life preserver readily accessible per person
- ✓ Type IV throwable cushion
- ✓ Navigation maps
- ✓ Navigation lights at night
- ✓ Whistle or horn
- ✓ Anchor, paddles or oars
- ✓ Spare propeller
- ✓ Flashlight and first aid kit

Stay Seated in Watercraft

When moving, passengers should be seated. Riding on the bow or gunwale is prohibited.

Filleted Fish

When fishing in or traveling on Kabetogama, Namakan, Sand Point, and Rainy Lakes, you cannot possess filleted fish because these lakes are classified as experimental waters.

Minnesota fishing regulations state “when on or fishing experimental, special, border, or other waters with size restrictions different from the statewide regulations, all fish for which that regulation applies must have their heads, tails, fins, and skin intact.”

Watch the Weather

The weather can change rapidly and severely. Make sure to seek protection behind islands and within safe harbors during thunderstorms.

Avoid prolonged exposure to wind and cold as conditions for hypothermia are present year round.

The average high temperature in July is 79 F, the low is 54 F. The average low temperature in February is -1 F, the high is 22 F.



If you are camping in the park and want to bring fish home, the fish must stay measurable until you reach the boat landing. There are two ways to do this: 1) gut and gill the fish to keep them measurable, or 2) bring a live box to keep your fish alive until you plan to leave. Live fish can be transported, and when you get off the water, they can be filleted at that time.

Emergencies

- ➔ Call 911
- ➔ Cellular phones may not work in the park.
- ➔ Phones are located near all visitor centers.
- ➔ Park rangers monitor marine band 16 for emergencies during business hours.

Quiet Hours

10:00 pm to 6:00 am

Firearms

As of February 22, 2010, federal law allows people who can legally possess firearms under federal, Minnesota, and local laws - with a valid state permit to carry - to possess firearms in Voyageurs National Park.

It is the visitor’s responsibility to understand and comply with all applicable state, local, and federal firearms laws.

The firearms laws of Minnesota prohibit the possession of rifles, shotguns or BB guns in public places such as Voyageurs National Park; this federal law does not alter the existing regulatory restrictions on the use and possession of these firearms within the park.

In addition, federal law prohibits possession of firearms on tour boats and certain facilities in this park; those places are posted with signs at public entrances.

If you have questions, please contact the Chief Ranger at (218) 283-6600.

Local Accommodations

Rainy Lake, Ranier & International Falls

International Falls Area Convention & Visitors Bureau
301 2nd Avenue
International Falls, MN 56649
(800) 325-5766, (218) 283-9400
www.rainylake.org

			Housekeeping Cabins & Rooms	Minimum night stay required	Dining: A-American Plan, P-Public Dining, L-Lounge/Bar, (FGO) For Guests Only	Services: B-Bait, D-Dump Station, I-Ice, L-Fishing License, WF-WIFI, P-Parking Lot, R-Groceries, S-Shower, G-Gas, F-Firewood, (FGO) For Guests Only	Campsites & Services: W-Water, E-Electricity, S-Sewer, D-Dump Station, B-Bathroom, T-Tent Sites, RV-RV sites	Boat Rentals: F-Fishing, R-Runabout, C-Canoe, P-Paddleboat, Po-Pontoon, K-Kayak, S-Sailboat, Rb-Rowboat, D-Deckage, N-Snowmobile, (FGO) For Guests Only	Swimming: B-Beach, P-Pool	R-Recreation Room, P-Playground	Season of Operation: (All year may include shut-down periods)	
America's Best Value Inn & Suites		(888) 800-8801, (218) 283-8811	50	1	(FGO)	IP(FGO)WF					All Year	
Arnold's Campground & RV Park	arnoldscampground.com	(218) 285-9100		1		FDS	WESDB24TRV				April-Oct.	
Bear Ridge Guest House	bearridgeguesthouse.net	(218) 286-5710				WF		F(FGO)			All Year	
Birch Point		(218) 286-3541	3	3		DSF(FGO)	EBWTD15RV		D	B	May -Sept.	
Knights Inn	budgethostinn.net	(800) 880-2577, (218) 283-2577	28	1		IPWF		(FGO)			All Year	
Casa Loma Vacation Home	rainylakevacationhomes.com	(800) 554-9188	1	7					FD		All Year	
City Beach Campground	www.ci.international-falls.mn.us	218-283-9484		1		PSF	6BT			B	June-Aug.	
Days Inn Motel	daysinn.com	(800) 329-7466, (218) 283-9441	58	1		IP(FGO)WF				R	All Year	
Falls Motel	fallsmotel.org	(800) 328-8435, (218) 283-8434	24	1		IPWF		Canoe Rentals			All Year	
Hilltop Motel & Cabins	hilltop53@frontier.com	(800) 322-6671, (218) 283-2505	16	1		IP(FGO)WF					May-Oct.	
AmericInn		(218) 283-8000	126	1	PL	IPWF				P	R	All Year
Island View Lodge & Cabins	gotorainylake.com	(800) 777-7856, (218) 286-3511	23	1R-3C	APL	BIGLPEF		PKC(FGO)FDPo		B	P	Summer Only
The Lakeview, Cabins & RV Park		(800) 888-5737, (218) 286-5737	5	3		D	WESD4RV	D(FGO)		B		May-Oct.
Northern Houseboats of Rainy Lake	northernhouseboats.com	(800) 854-7958, (218) 286-5221										May-Sept.
Northern Lights Motel	northernlightsifalls.com	(800) 889-6009, (218) 283-2508	22	1		IPWF		(FGO)				All Year
Rainy Lake Houseboats	rainylakehouseboats.com	(800) 554-9188, (218) 286-5391										May-Sept.
River Mist Retreat Vacation Home	rivermistretreat.com	(866) 961-1711	1	3								All Year
Tara's Rainy Lake Inn & Suites	rainylakeinn.com	(877) Rainylk, (218) 286-5699	4	1		Ice Cream,SWF	Bike Rentals	FPCDR				All Year
Sha-Sha Resort	shashaonrainylake.com	(800) 685-2776, (218) 286-3241	9	3	PL	IGWF		FCD				May-Sept.
Tee Pee Motel	teepeemotelifalls.com	(800) 850-1518, (218) 283-8494	40	1		IWF(FGO)						All Year
Thunderbird Lodge	info@thunderbirdrainylake.com	(800) 351-5133, (218) 286-3151	25	1R,3C	PL	GIPWF		FRCPPoD		B	P	All Year
Voyageur Motel	voyageurmotel.net	(877) 283-9424, (218) 283-9424	20	1		IWF(FGO)				R		All Year
WoodsPort Cottages	woodsport.com	(218) 286-4034	3	3		P(FGO)		D(FGO)				All Year
Woody's Rainy Lake Resort	fairlyreliable.com	(866) 410-5001, (218) 286-5001			L	IPGWF		FRPoD		B		All Year

Kabetogama Lake

Kabetogama Tourism Bureau, Kabetogama, MN, 56669. (218) 875-2621 or (800) 524-9085, www.kabetogama.com

Arrowhead Lodge & Resort	arrowheadlodgeresort.com	(218) 875-2141	16	1	ALP	BDISG	3WESDRV	FCPoDK		B	P	All Year
Birch Grove Resort	birchgroveresort.com	(877) 878-4502, (218) 875-2172	6	1		BIPRG	4WEBTRV	FCPrbDK		B		May-Oct.
Birchwood Resort	birchwoodonkab.com	(218) 875-2007	5	3		WFP		FD(FGO)		B		May-Oct.
Carlson's Harmony Beach Resort	harmonybeachresort.com	(218) 875-2811	17	3		BIPGWF	4WEBTRV	PD(FGO)FPo		B	P	All Year
Driftwood Resort	driftwoodlodgeresort.com	(218) 875-3841	20	1		BIGWF			C		P	May-Oct.
Eagle Wing Resort	eaglewingresort.com	(218) 875-3111	4			BIG		F(FGO)		B	P	May-Sept.
Grand View Resort/Tall Timber	grandviewtalltimber.com	(218) 875-2171	5	3		BIGWF		CP(FGO)FPo		B		May-Sept.
Herseth's Tomahawk Resort	hersethstomawkresort.com	(888) 834-7899, (218) 875-2352	9	2		BIGWF		FCP(FGO)		B	P	May-Oct.
Kec's Kove	kecskove.com	(800) 777-8405, (218) 875-2841	9	1	APL	BIGWF						All Year
Voyageur's Sunrise Resort	lakeviewkabetogama.com	(877) 422-2471, (218) 875- 2471	12	1		BIGRWF	10RVWEBS	KFPDPo		B	RP	May-Oct.
Moosehorn Resort	moosehornresort.com	(800) 777-7968, (218) 875- 3491	9	3		BIPGWF	1WERV	FR(FGO)PoRbD		B	P	All Year
North Star Resort		(218) 875-2175	6	3		BGWF		F(FGO)				May-Sept.
Northern Lights Resort	niro.com	(800) 318-7023, (218) 875-2591	12	3		BIPGWF		FCKPoP		B	RP	May-Sept.
Park Point Resort	parkpoint.com	(800) 272-4533	7	3		BIWF		F(FGO)				May-Sept.
Pine Aire Resort	pineaire.com	(877) 875-2161, (218) 875-2161	20	1	L	BILPWF	3WEBTRV	PoFCK(FGO)		B	RP	All Year
Pine Tree Cove	pinetreecoveresort.com	(218) 875-2088	5	2		IGWF		CDKRbD				May-Oct.
Pines of Kabetogama	thepineskab.com	(218) 875-2000	5	3		BDIWFG(FGO)	WESD12RV	CPPoD(FGO)		B	P	All Year
Sandy Point Lodge & Outfitters	sandypointlodge.com	(800) 777-8595, (218) 875-2615	16	1	APL	BIPGWF		KFCPo		B	P	All Year
Snyder's Idlewild Resort	idlewildresort.com	(218) 875-3831	11	3		BIGWF	4WEBRV	FP(FGO)		P	RP	May-Sept.
State Forest Campground Woodenfrog	dnr.state.mn.us	(218) 365-7229					63WTRV			B		May-Sept.
Voyageur Park Lodge	voyageurparklodge.com	(800) 331-5694, (218) 875-2131	14	3		BIGWF		FCPPo		B	RP	May-Sept.

Ash River

Ash River Information Center, Orr, MN 55771, (800) 950-2061, www.ashriver.com

Ash-Ka-Nam Resort	ashkanam.com	(800) 950-1081, (218) 374-3181	13	1	APL	GFWF(FGO)	18WSEDRV	FRCPoKD			RP	May-Oct.
Ash Riveriera	ashriveriera.com	(218) 374-3411	6	3			9WTRV					All Year
Ash Trail Lodge	ashtrailodge.com	(800) 777-4513, (218) 374-3131	17	1	APL	BILPWF	4WESRV	FPoRbD			R	All Year
Ebel's Voyageur Houseboats	ebels.com	(800) 253-5475, (218) 374-3571						FR				May-Sept.
Frontier Resort	frontierresort.net	(866) 950-2986, (218) 374-3311	1	3	PL	BIPRGWF	6WEDRV	FPo			P	May-Sept.
Kettle Falls Hotel	kettlefallshotel.com	W-(218) 875-2070, S-(218) 240-1724	20	1	PL	BRSGIL		FCKP				May-Sept.
Sunset Resort Campground	sunset-resort.com	(800) 232-3161, (218) 374-3161	12	1		BIRGSFWF	3WESBRV	FPoKC		B	P	All Year
North Country Inn	northcountryinn.com	(218) 757-3778	12	1	IP							All Year
Norman's Motel	normanonestopandmotel.com	(218) 757-3272	14	1		BILPRGF						All Year
SF Campground Ash River	dnr.state.mn.us	(218) 365-7229					9WTRV					May-Sept.

Local Accommodations

Crane Lake

Crane Lake Visitor and Tourism Bureau
7238 Handberg Rd. • Crane Lake, MN 55725
(800) 362-7405 • www.visitcranelake.com

			Housekeeping Cabins & Rooms	Minimum night stay required	Dining: A-American Plan, P-Public Dining, L-Lounge/Bar, (FGO) For Guests Only	Services: B-Bait, D-Dump Station, I-Ice, L-Fishing License, WF-WIFI, P-Parking Lot, R-Groceries, S-Shower, G-Gas, F-Firewood, (FGO) For Guests Only	Campsites & Services: W-Water, E-Electricity, S-Sewer, D-Dump Station, B-Bathroom, T-Tent Sites, RV-RV sites	Boat Rentals: F-Fishing, R-Runabout, C-Canoe, P-Paddleboat, Po-Pontoon, K-Kayak, S-Sailboat, Rb-Rowboat, D-Dockage, N-Snowmobile, (FGO) For Guests Only	Swimming: B-Beach, P-Pool	R-Recreation Room, P-Playground	Season of Operation: (All year may include shut-down periods)
Anderson Outfitters	anderson-outfitters.com	(218) 993-2287				BILPRSG			C		May-Oct.
Bayside Retreat	visitcranelake.com/waterfront_home	(218)993-2600	7			WF					May-Oct.
Dave's Guide Service	davesguideservice.biz	(218) 993-2453	1	3							All Year
Gateway Resort Outfitters		(218) 993-2415	4	1		P			FC		All Year
Handberg's Marine	handbergs.com	(218) 993-2214				BIPRGLWF	2RVTWES		FRD	P	All Year
Lakeview Motel	lkvmotel.com	(218) 993-2311	3	1		IGBLPWF		FRPPoRbDCK			May-Oct.
Nelson's Resort	nelsonsresort.com	(218) 993-2295	27	1	APL	BIFLPRSGWF			FPo	B RP	May-Sept.
Norway Lodge	norwaylodge.com	(218) 993-2226	3	7		IPWF					May-Nov.
Pine Point Lodge & Resort	pinepointlodge.com	(218) 993-2311	12	1	L	BILPRGWF		FCPRPoRbD	B	RP	May-Oct.
Pine Ridge Motel	pineridgemotel.com	(218) 993-2265	4	1		P					All Year
Sand Point Lodge	sandpointlodge.net	(218) 290-6854	6	1	P	BILRGWF			FC	B	May-Oct.
Scott's Peaceful Valley Resort	scottspeacefulvalley.com	(218) 993-2330	5	2		SGGWF	4RVESW		F	B RP	May-Sept.
Scott's Resort & Seaplane Base	scottsoncranelake.com	(218) 993-2341	3	1	PL	BILPGWF	IORV	FPPoSD	B	P	All Year
Trail's End Resort	trails-end-resort.com	(218) 993-2257	11	1	PL	BIGSWF	6RVEWST	FPo	B		All Year
Voyagaire Lodge & Houseboats	houseboatvacation.com	(218) 993-2266		1	APL	BDILPSGWF	D(for boats only)	FCR	B	P	Jan. - Oct.
						14 hotel rooms, 34 houseboats	B	PPoKN			
Voyageurs Landing Resort	voyageurslanding.com	(218) 993-2401	5	1		P					All Year
Wildwood Escape-Deluxe Privacy	wildwoodescape.com	(952) 334-0135	2	3		WF					All Year

Orr

Orr Pelican Lake Resort Association, PO Box 144, Orr, MN 55771, (800) 777-4690, www.orrpelicanlake.com

Aspen Resort	aspenresortvacation.com	(888) -802-7736	10	3		BIWFPSGF (FGO)	21RVWESBT	FRCPPoKD(FGO)	BP	RP	May-Oct
Birch Forest Lodge		(218) 757-3479									
Cabin O' Pines	cabinopines.com	(800) 757-3122	9	2		BDIWFSGFD	WRVESDBT	FCPPoKD	B	RP	May-Sept
Deer Lodge Resort		(888) 592-7051									
Grey Wolf Lodge	greywolflodge.com	(800) 840-9653	11	1		I	RV	FPo	B	R	May-Oct
Hundred Acre Wood B&B	voyageurcountry.com/HundredAcreWoods	(218) 757-0070	2	3		IWFPSF(FGO)		Rb			All Year
Island View Resort	islandviewresort.com	(800) 777-7235	13	3		BDIWFPGF		FPoCD	B	RP	May-Sept
Norman's One Stop & Motel		(218) 757-3291									
North Country Inn		(218) 757-3778									
Northland Lodge	northlandlodgeorr.com	(218) 757-3445	10	2	APL	BIWF		FPoD		P	May-Sept
Norway Point Resort		(800) 314-3432									
Oveson's Pelican Lake Resort and Inn	ovesonpelicanlakeresortandinn.com	(800) 860-3613	48	1	PL		FCDN			P	All Year
Pine Acres Resort	pineacres.com	(800) 777-7231	13	2		BIDWFPRSGF	RVWESDBT	FRCPPoKD	B	P	May-Sept
Pine Grove Resort		(218) 757-3308									
Richardson's Shangri-La Resort	Rs-1.com	(218) 757-3380	9	7		WF		FRCK	B	P	May-Sept

Community Events

May 10, 2014

Minnesota Fishing Opener

June 28-29, 2014

Lady Slipper Festival
Kabetogama, MN

July 2, 4, 5, 2014

International Tug of War
Independence Day Celebration
Riverfest Concert
International Falls, MN

August 2, 2014

Rainy Lake Triathlon
International Falls, MN

August 8, 2014

Ranier Summer Festival
Ranier, MN

August 21 - 23, 2014

Bass Championship
Internatioanl Falls, MN

August 30 - Sept. 1, 2014

Voyageur Days
Crane Lake, MN

Sept. 11-12 & 18-19, 2014

Ghosts of Voyageurs
Rainy Lake Visitor Center
Voyageurs National Park, MN

Sept. 12-13, 2014

Fall Volunteer Rendezvous
Voyageurs National Park, MN

January 14-15, 2015

Icebox Days
International Falls, MN



Commercial Services

Businesses listed are authorized to provide services within Voyageurs National Park				Barging / Hauling	Boat Charter	Camping Guide	Fishing Guide	Houseboat Support Services	Kayak / Canoe Guide	Marine Repair / Towing	Mukooda Boat Rentals	Resort Related Tour Boat Services	Water Taxi	Winter Guide	Ice Fishing Guide / Shelter Rental	Other
Rainy Lake																
Billy's Guide Service	(218) 286-5422		Rainy Lake				X					X	X			
Border Country Outfitters	(218) 324-0668	bcoaonline.com	Rainy Lake				X									
Christenson's Guide Service	(218) 285-3435		Rainy Lake				X									
Erickson's Guide Service	(218) 285-9598	guiderainylake.com	Rainy Lake				X									
Gator Charters	(800) 351-5133, (807) 274-2112	gatorscharter.com	Rainy Lake									X				
Mike Williams Boat Captain & Fishing Guide	(218) 286-3591		Rainy Lake				X		X			X	X			
Norman Wood's Guide Service	(218) 324-2055		Rainy Lake				X									
Northern Memories Guide Service	(218) 875-2091		Rainy Lake				X									
Northern Houseboats	(218) 286-5221	northernhouseboats.com	Rainy Lake					X								
One Doggie's Guide Service	(218) 875-2412		Rainy Lake				X									
Pat Arnold's Charter Fishing	(218) 285-9100	arnoldsfishing.com	Rainy Lake				X						X			
Paradise Outfitters Inc.	(218) 286-8488	paradiseoutfittersinc.com	Rainy Lake									X				
Rainydaze Guide Service	(218) 286-3159, (218) 290-6102	rainydazeoutdoors.com	Rainy Lake				X							X		
Rainy Lake Houseboats	(218) 286-5391	rainylakeshouseboats.com	Rainy Lake				X	X		X			X	X		
Robert Heiss	(218) 324-1251		Rainy Lake				X									
Scott's Rainy Lake Guide Service	(218) 290-1607, (218) 757-3715	scottsrainylakeguideservice.com	Rainy Lake			X	X	X		X			X	X		
Voyage North Guide Service	(612) 805-3967		Rainy Lake				X					X	X			
Voyageurs Outfitters Inc.	(218) 244-6506	voyageursoutfitters.com	Rainy Lake													X
Wizard Charters	(763) 233-1957		Rainy Lake				X									
Woody's Fairly Reliable Guide Service	(218) 286-5001, (866) 410-5001	fairlyreliable.com	Rainy Lake			X	X	X				X		X	X	
Kabetogama Lake & Ash River																
Arrowhead Lodge & Resort	(218) 875-2141	arrowheadlodgeresort.com	Kabetogama Lake		X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	
Border Guide Service	(218) 324-2430	borderguideservice.com	Kabetogama Lake	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Carlson's Harmony Beach	(218) 875-2811	harmonybeachresort.com	Kabetogama Lake				X									
Chuck's Guide Service	(218) 875-2025		Kabetogama Lake				X			X			X			
Driftwood Lodge Resort	(218) 875-3841	driftwoodlodgeresort.com	Kabetogama Lake				X									
Ebel's Voyageur Houseboats	(218) 374-3571	ebelshouseboats.com	Ash River					X								
End of the Trail Guide Service	(218) 374-3131	ashtrailodge.com	Ash River		X	X	X			X		X	X	X		
Frank House Guide Service	(218) 875-3051		Kabetogama Lake				X									
Granger Guide Service	(218) 875-3062	fishingkabetogama.com	Kabetogama Lake				X									
Idlewild Resort	(218) 875-3831	idelwildresort.com	Kabetogama Lake				X					X	X			
Northern Limits Guide Service	(320) 266-4514, (218) 374-3131	northernlimitsguiding.com	Ash River				X			X			X			
Nev's Guide Service	(218) 875-3961		Kabetogama Lake				X	X		X			X			
Kabetogama Angling Adventure	(218) 875-2075	kabetogamaangling.com	Kabetogama Lake				X					X	X			
Pine Tree Cove	(218) 875-2121	pinetreecoversort.com	Kabetogama Lake		X	X	X						X			
Sandy Point Lodge	(218) 875-2615	sandypointlodge.com	Kabetogama Lake													X
Tomahawk Resort	(218) 875-2352	hersethtomahawkresort.com	Kabetogama Lake				X					X	X			
Wayne's Guide Service	(651) 247-7912		Kabetogama Lake			X	X					X	X			
Crane Lake																
Butch Eggen Guide Service	(218) 993-2909		Crane Lake		X	X	X	X	X				X	X		
Dave's Guide Service	(218) 993-2453	davesguideservice.biz	Crane Lake		X		X						X	X		
Handberg's Marine	(218) 993-2214	handbergs.com	Crane Lake	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X		
Jerry Pohlman Guide Service	(218) 993-2295		Crane Lake				X									
Lawrence Jacobson	(218) 254-2594		Crane Lake				X									
Marshall Pernat	(218) 969-6565		Crane Lake				X									
Norway Lodge	(218) 993-2226	norwaylodge.com	Crane Lake								X					
Ostberg Guiding	(218) 993-2314		Crane Lake				X									
Peaceful Valley Resort	(218) 993-2330	scottspeacefulvalley.com	Crane Lake								X					
Point Pine Resort	(218) 993-2311		Crane Lake							X	X					
Russell Sikkila	(218) 254-4568		Crane Lake				X									
Sunset Guide Service	(218) 750-7122		Crane Lake				X									
T&T Barging	(218) 290-6854		Crane Lake	X												
Troy Chittum	(218) 365-3233		Crane Lake				X									
Voyagaire Lodge & Houseboats	(800) 882-6287, (218) 993-2266	houseboatvacations.com	Crane Lake				X				X					



Supporting Organizations



Voyageurs National Park Association (VNPA)

VNPA helped establish Voyageurs National Park in 1975 and today, as the park's charitable partner, supports Voyageurs through several key initiatives:

Landmark Grant

As Congress continues to cut National Park Service funding, VNPA has committed a grant of \$150,000 to the park. This Landmark Grant will support projects and programs related to land preservation, research, education, and visitor destination sites.

Kids to the Park

We are focused on engaging the next generation of park stewards through programs like the first-ever National Park Teen Ambassador program.

Protection and Stewardship

We manage a Land Preservation Initiative to help willing sellers transfer private property to park ownership.

Volunteer Rendezvous

VNPA sponsors an annual fall volunteer blitz in the park. Join

us September 12-13, 2014 to help plant trees along the Rainy Lake Recreation Trail. More info at www.voyageurs.org/volunteer-rendezvous.

VNPA helps you and each new generation explore, protect, and enhance Voyageurs National Park.

Join us as a volunteer or become a member with a donation. VNPA members receive our Voyageurs Messenger e-newsletter, annual print newsletter, event

invitations, and the satisfaction of becoming a national park steward.

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Heart of the Continent Partnership (HOCP)

HOCP is a coalition of land managers and diverse local stakeholders working together on cross-border projects.

These projects promote the natural, cultural, and economic health of the lakes, forests and communities on the Minnesota - Ontario border.

Our mission is to sustain and celebrate the health, beauty, diversity, and productivity of the

natural and cultural resources of the border lakes region.

Along with support for public lands and the development of a common regional identity, HOCP works to create and sustain economic stability for the communities that surround these public lands.

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www.heartofthecontinent.org

Destination Voyageurs National Park (DVNP)

DVNP connects people to Voyageurs National Park via implementation of an ongoing, comprehensive marketing and public relations campaign that will effectively encourage awareness and result in increased visitation and economic growth.

360 Highway 11 East
International Falls, MN 56649
www.destinationvoyageursnationalpark.com

Friends of Voyageurs National Park (FVNP)

The mission of FVNP is to sponsor outreach that supports natural, historical, and educational activities available at Voyageurs National Park. Past funding has included children's activity tables, kid's snowshoes and skis, and more.

360 Highway 11 East
International Falls, MN 56649
www.nps.gov/voya/supportyourpark

Jefferson National Parks Association (JNPA)

Jefferson National Parks Association (JNPA) is honored to be a non-profit partner and operates several retail stores at the park – Rainy Lake, Kabetogama Lake, and Ash River Visitor Centers.

We offer unique educational products and park memorabilia for all ages. From replica 19th century accessories worn by

voyageurs of the North Woods, to books, toys, and collectibles. Visitors are sure to find special items at our stores. Shop online: www.shop.jnpa.com.

JNPA is proud to help spread awareness about the park and its events. The proceeds from the sales of our products support a wide variety of educational programs, exhibits,

and events at Voyageurs. JNPA has operated visitor center stores and provided educational programs for national parks, historic sites, and public lands across the country since 1961.

We invite you to share your park experiences with us and others!

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Volunteering



Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers assist with education programs, help maintain park trails, assist with park research and monitoring, and staff park visitor centers. Opportunities to volunteer at the park range from one day projects for a few hours to multi-month assignments.

If you are interested in learning more about volunteering in the park, contact the park's volunteer coordinator at (218) 283-6636, or visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/voya/supportyourpark/volunteer.

Opportunities

Ethno-botanical Garden

This volunteer assists with maintaining an Ethno-botanical Garden. Learn the botany of the area and help educate the public on invasive species and native plants. If you like working outdoors and talking with people, consider this opportunity. For local volunteers, hours are flexible in the summer, usually a few hours a week. Long term summer opportunities also exist, and RV hookups may be available.



Headquarters Assistant

Volunteer at the park headquarters in International Falls. Assist with different projects from data entry, to information requests, to brochures. Hours are flexible, generally one day a week for a few hours or as needed.

Visitor Center Volunteer

If you enjoy meeting new people and providing information to park visitors, this may be the position for you. For local volunteers, hours are flexible, filling in at a visitor center when needed. Volunteers are needed year round for the Rainy Lake Visitor Center and during the summer for the Kabetogama and Ash River Visitor Centers. Long term summer opportunities also exist and park housing or RV hookups may be available.

Tour Boat Deckhand

Volunteer on the *Voyageur*, a USCS approved tour boat vessel. Prepare the boat for tours, secure lines during docking and undocking, and train on boat safety procedures. Tours leave from the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. Hours depend on tour boat schedule.

Website Assistant

Assist with updating web information, layout design, and page development. Hours are flexible, generally one day a week for a few hours at park headquarters in International Falls. Training is available.

2013 Volunteer Accomplishments

Volunteers-In-Parks (VIPs) are Very Important People

In 2013, the park benefited from the generous donation of 92 people who volunteered nearly 10,000 hours in support of park activities. Together, we improve the facilities, the water, and the wildlife for all to enjoy.

2013 Accomplishments

Visitor center assistants who volunteer for several months over the summer donated an amazing 3,500 hours.

The Fall Rendezvous, an annual two day event drawing volunteers from all across the state, assisted with trail maintenance on the Black Bay and Echo Bay Trails. Over two days, 36 volunteers donated 210 hours to the projects.

A new position, the Ethno-botanical Garden volunteers



helped maintain a native plant garden over the course of the summer, donating 869 hours.

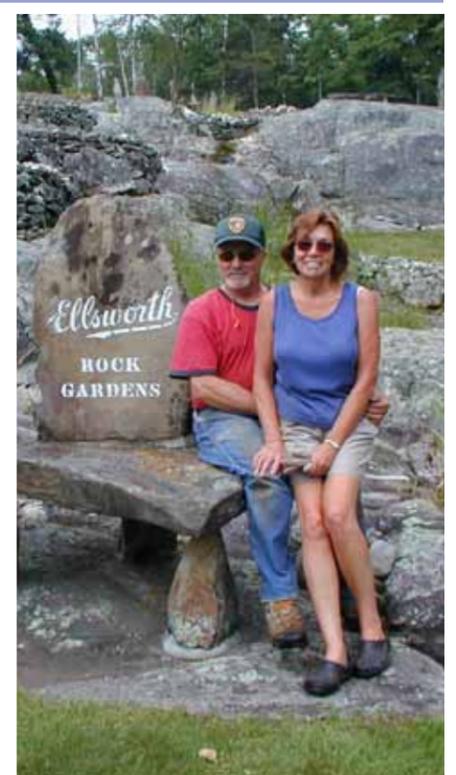
Volunteers assisting with cultural resources such as park archives and historic landscape maintenance donated over 1,000 hours.

Dedicated people like you help make Voyageurs an incredible place to recreate, relax, and enjoy the outdoors. Thank you.

Volunteer Spotlight

Since 2005, John Gersich and Carol Marlow have volunteered at Voyageurs. May through September, almost every week, they have worked as the Ellsworth Rock Gardens Groundskeepers. Tasks include mowing, pruning, watering, and any landscape needs. They have also discovered missing stones from sculptures, helping to return the gardens to their historical image.

Together they have donated over 2,500 hours. Their passion and dedication make a visit to Ellsworth Rock Gardens a memorable and enjoyable experience. John and Carol, thank you for your service.



Kettle Falls



Official Concessionaire

The Kettle Falls Hotel is the only official concessionaire within the boundaries of Voyageurs National Park.

The historic Kettle Falls hotel and landscape are owned by the park, but operated by the concessionaire. For more information about what the concessionaire has to offer, go online www.kettlefallshotel.com or call (218) 240-1726 (summer).

Visitor Destination

Built in the early 1900s, the historic Kettle Falls Hotel attracted a transient community of people, including lumberjacks, fish buyers, prospectors, and tourists.

Before the hotel and dam, Ojibwe Indians and voyageurs portaged birch bark canoes and trade goods on this narrow strip of land between Rainy and Namakan Lakes.

In 1918, Bob Williams purchased the hotel, and over the next seventy years, his family helped create a lasting icon that Voyageurs National Park now oversees and preserves.

The Kettle Falls Hotel is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. No visitor should miss out. Boat tours visit this destination (page 7).

Enjoy the Area

1. Grab a bite at the restaurant.
2. Hike to the dam overlook or attend a dam tour (page 7).
3. Enjoy a cold drink at the bar.
4. Play the nickelodeon.
5. Walk the historic Portage Rd.
6. Check out the Trading Post.
7. Toss some horseshoes on the front lawn.
8. Fish the waters and have the restaurant serve up your freshly caught walleye.

Before the Dam

The Kettle Falls area was more a series of descending rapids than a typical plummeting waterfall. The Voyageurs named the falls, on the United States side, Chaudière Falls, which means to boil or bubble. During high water, they portaged canoes and trade goods overland around the impassable falls. In low water, the rapids were actually navigable by canoe.

To the right, the picture depicts how the Kettle Falls area looked before the construction of the dam, which raised Namakan and Kabetogama Lakes an estimated four feet.



Below the falls on the US side prior to Kettle Falls Dam construction



AREA MAP
KETTLE FALLS VISITOR DESTINATION, VOYAGEURS NATIONAL PARK

Things To Do



Casareto Cabin Beach



Hoist Bay Root Cellar



Kettle Falls Hotel, © David Driapsa

Places To Go

Ethno-botanical Garden

This garden shares the history of the local Ojibwe Indians and the plants on which they relied. It reminds us of the significance of native plants. Self-guided brochures are available at the trailheads. Guided walks are available (page 7).

Little American Island

Explore the remains of the mining activities from the 1890s Rainy Lake gold rush. Discover mining history, water-filled shafts, and just how much gold this island had to offer.

Self-guided brochures are available at the trailhead and visitor centers. Boat tours visit this historic site (page 7).

Casareto Cabin

In the summer of 1933, Jake Casareto fell in love with Crane Lake. He bought this property and built his own family cabin. Today, this historic site represents the recreational history of the 1930s. Located on a beautiful sand beach, this site is great for swimming.

Ellsworth Rock Gardens

Jack Ellsworth constructed a unique sculpture garden containing 32 varieties of flowers atop a 60-foot granite outcrop on his vacation property from 1944 - 1965.

Self-guided brochures are available at the site and visitor centers. Boat tours visit this historic site (page 7).

Hoist Bay

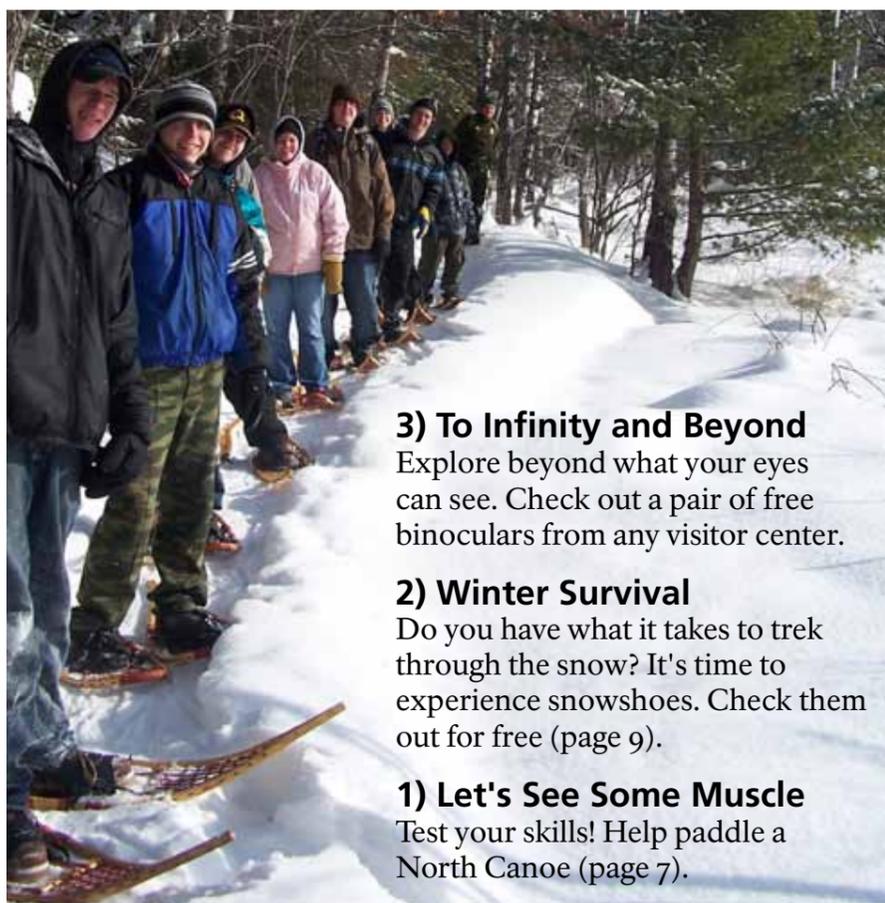
Two distinct historical time periods are represented at Hoist Bay. View logging era remnants such as the former railroad trestle pier. Visit the interior of the old resort buildings such as cabins, the kitchen, and icehouse. Boat tours visit this historic site (page 7).

Harry Oveson Fish Camp

Located on Rainy Lake, the Harry Oveson Fish Camp represents the region's history of commercial fishing. Built in 1959, the site preserves an ice house, fish house, Harry's dock and, his two-room home. Boat tours view this location from the water (page 7).



Things We Didn't Know We Could Do



3) To Infinity and Beyond

Explore beyond what your eyes can see. Check out a pair of free binoculars from any visitor center.

2) Winter Survival

Do you have what it takes to trek through the snow? It's time to experience snowshoes. Check them out for free (page 9).

1) Let's See Some Muscle

Test your skills! Help paddle a North Canoe (page 7).

Junior Ranger Activities

Become a Junior Ranger

Find out what it takes to become a Junior Ranger. Complete the booklet, check it out with a ranger, and earn a badge, patch, and pencil. The park has 4 different booklets:

- Bear Club
- Beaver Club
- Wolf Club
- Night Sky

Inquire at any visitor center.



Discovery Packs

Explore Voyageurs on your own by checking out one of the seven different backpacks filled with activities.

- Water
- Scenery
- People
- Plants & Animals
- Winter
- Geology
- Voyageurs

Inquire at any visitor center. Come back each year and try a new one!

