

Your Guide to
Voyageurs National Park

Rendezvous

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Rock Sculpture and Lilies, Ellsworth Rock Gardens, NPS

Voyageurs National Park
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Welcome to Voyageurs



Voyageur Tour Boat



Casareto Cabin Visitor Destination



Ash River Visitor Center



Locator Lake Trail



Rainy Lake Ice Road



Kettle Falls Dam Overlook

What do you want to do with your special time in Voyageurs? The possibilities are endless. Whether you want to motorboat, fish, hike, canoe, camp, sail, kayak, ski,

snowshoe, snowmobile, become a Junior Ranger, attend a ranger-led program, or just read a book, Voyageurs National Park has a place for you.

Camp Overnight

Stay at more than one of the 280 sites throughout the park. Reminder - all sites are only accessible by watercraft.

National Park Week & Open House

Celebrate spring with us during National Park Week. Kids are invited to enter the annual Youth Art Contest. Visit the park's website for dates and times.

Night Explorer Series

The NPS's Night Skies Astro Volunteer Program is coming to Voyageurs! Join Bill Nigg as he assists visitors in exploring the night sky using high powered telescopes. Scan the code for more information or visit the park's website.



Calling all Junior Rangers! Stop by a visitor center to pick up copies of the park's Junior Ranger booklets.

First Lady's - Let's Move Outside Campaign for a Healthy America!

Kids of all ages can dress as a voyageur at any of the three visitor centers. Try on leggings, sashes, and colorful chamois. If you want to do more, participate in a North Canoe Voyage (see page 5).

Ranier Days

August. Join the community of Ranier for its annual Ranier Days celebrations.

Boat Tours

Explore the park by tour boat with a park ranger (see page 5 for details).

Check out a Discovery Pack

Kids and their families can discover Voyageurs on their own and in-depth by checking out any one of the seven different Discovery Packs.

Check out an iPod

Visitors can discover four different Visitor Destinations via iPod. Historic Kettle Falls, Hoist Bay, Ellsworth Rock Gardens, and Little American Island can all be visited without going on the water. Stop by a visitor center for details.

Hike a Park Trail

Voyageurs has 15 designated trails with difficulty levels ranging from easy to strenuous. See page 4 for hiking information. Trail maps are available at visitor centers.

Picnic in the Park

Picnic near a park visitor center or stop by watercraft at one of the many Day Use Sites (see page 10) in the park.

Ladyslipper Arts and Crafts Festival

June. Join the Kabetogama Lake community for their annual festival. For inquiries call (800) 524-9085.

Stop by a Visitor Center

There are three visitor centers and one contact ranger station within Voyageurs National Park.

Rainy Lake Visitor Center Open year round with reduced hours in the winter (see back page). The center offers boat tours, North Canoe Voyages, exhibits, a bookstore, Ethno-botanical Garden, a bike trail, and hiking trail.

Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center Open in the summer months (see back page). The center offers state-of-the-art interactive exhibits, boat tours, North Canoe Voyages, a bookstore, and a trail within a 2-mile drive.

Ash River Visitor Center Open in the summer months (see back page). The center is an historic structure also known as Meadwood Lodge. It offers views of Kabetogama Lake, displays, a bookstore, and hiking trails.

Crane Lake Ranger Station Open when a ranger is on duty. There is an information kiosk at the boat launch and a United States Forest Service hiking trail close by.

Voyageur Days

September. Join the community of Crane Lake for its annual Voyageur Days. For inquiries call (800) 362-7405.

Explore the Ethno-botanical Garden

Stroll through the garden at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. Join a park ranger on a tour or take the self guided walk. The garden introduces you to an Ojibwe Indian camp exhibit and the native plant diversity of the park.



Check out a Visitor Destination

The park has designated several sites within park boundaries as Visitor Destinations: Little American Island, Hoist Bay, Kettle Falls, Harry Oveson Fish Camp, Ellsworth Rock Gardens, and the Casareto Cabin are all sites near completion that the public can visit. For more information check at a visitor center or go on-line.

Winter in Voyageurs

Winter offers visitors a chance to see the park in a different light. Visitors can: drive on an ice road, ice-fish, snowmobile, ski, snowshoe, or attend a ranger-led program. Check at a visitor center for details or go on-line at www.nps.gov/voya.

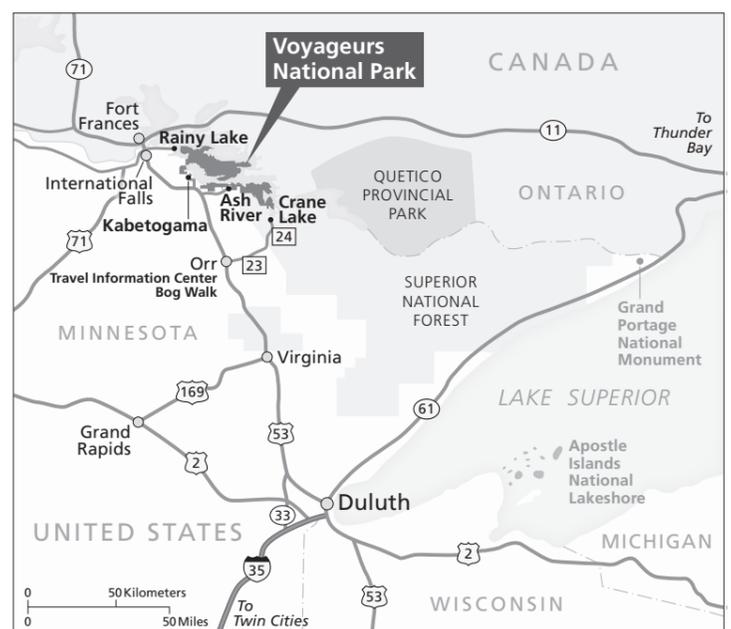
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Getting to the Park

Roads approach the park from four points along U.S. 53 between Duluth and International Falls. There is scheduled airline service to International Falls and Hibbing, Minnesota and Fort Frances, Ontario, Canada.

Car rentals are available at airports. Transportation and lodging are also available at the park's gateway communities.



History and Nature



Kabetogama Lake, Ray Klass © 2006

A Demand for Hats

The waterways of Voyageurs National Park include one of the most important segments 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. When beaver could no longer be found in Europe, the demand shifted to North America.

As the fur trade expanded westward, it relied on the voyageurs, or French-Canadian canoemen, to muscle trade goods and furs between Montreal and the Canadian northwest. The voyageurs depended on native peoples for furs, guide services, clothing, food, and medicine.

The lakes of Voyageurs National Park became a strategic relay and supply point along the fur trade route. The route of the voyageurs shaped the international boundary and the legacy of the voyageurs inspired the naming of this national park.

From supporting the life and culture of American Indians to supplying resources for the fur trade, commercial fishing, gold mining, and timber and tourism industries, the interconnected waterway system of Voyageurs National Park has influenced the movement of people for thousands of years.

Amazing Flora and Fauna

Have you ever walked through a forest mixed with golden colored tamarack or under a canopy of aspens and maples displaying an amazing array of red, gold, and yellow leaves? Have you ever followed the smell of pine scents as you walk along rock covered ridges, all while a fox scurries by and you spot signs of wolves along a trail? That is just some of what lies within 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 70% of the park. Quaking aspen dominates the forest with other species including birch, pines, spruces, 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, fox, coyotes, lynx, bobcats, black bears, ravens, and common loons. A host of other animals can be found such as bald eagles, beavers, river otters, red squirrels, and small rodents. Voyageurs also hosts more than 240 bird species who either live in or migrate through the park.

What's happening this year?

Check out the park's newsletter, The Voyageur Messenger, at any one of the park's three visitor centers or on-line at www.nps.gov/voya.

Talking Rocks

The rocks of Voyageurs National Park tell amazing stories that stretch across time. The rocks tell of continent building and movement, mountain rising, ice ages, and soil formation. One of the reasons Voyageurs National Park was established was because of the amazing geological features.

In 1975, Voyageurs National Park was established "to preserve, for the inspiration and enjoyment of future generations, the outstanding scenery, geological conditions, and the waterway system which constituted part of the historic route of the voyageurs who contributed significantly to the opening of the northwestern United States."

The rocks of Voyageurs National Park are dated to be about half as old as the planet. Nowhere else in North American parks can you see and touch extensive exposures of rocks this old. The rocks of Voyageurs were created in the Precambrian Era, and are part of the Canadian Shield. They are older than the schist at the bottom of the Grand Canyon.

Visit Voyageurs National Park to see the story of gold and mica mining and hear the story of volcanoes erupting and the shifting of fault lines. We think you will also be amazed at the small amount of soil that supports the vast amount of life in this national park.

Fisheries in Voyageurs

There are 54 fish species known to exist in park lakes with yellow perch and northern pike being the most widely spread. Walleye and northern pike are the species most frequently sought after by anglers on the park's four large lakes. Other predatory fish include smallmouth and largemouth bass, crappie, sauger, lake trout, muskellunge, and burbot.

Not all of these fish are native to the park. Largemouth bass and rainbow smelt are not native in these lakes. There is conflicting evidence as to whether smallmouth bass, black crappie, bluegill, and green sunfish are native in these lakes. Additionally, some of these species may be native in the four large lakes of the park but not native to the interior lakes where they exist due to stocking. With the exception of rainbow smelt, all of the non-native fish listed were introduced to these lakes for sport fishing before the park was established.

Pick up a free copy of Voyageurs National Park's Plant and Animal Checklist.

Voyageurs' Watershed

Voyageurs National Park lies in the 14,900-square-mile Rainy Lake basin. About 70% of the basin lies within Ontario and 30% in Minnesota. The general direction of 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 largest lakes are controlled by a dam crossing the international border at Fort Frances and International Falls, as well as by dams at Kettle Falls and Squirrel Falls on Namakan Lake. Rainy Lake is controlled separately from the Namakan Reservoir, which is composed of Kabetogama, Namakan, Sand Point, Crane, and Little Vermilion Lakes. The Namakan River, which enters Namakan Lake from the east, is the largest source of flow into the park.

Places to Go

Explore a Visitor Destination. The park has identified 14 locations that visitors can boat to and learn more about the park and its significance. These sites will eventually be developed with picnic facilities and interpretive exhibits. Sites listed below are open to the public.

Experience the Interior of the Park

Experience the solitude of a remote interior lake on the Kabetogama Peninsula without having to portage.

The National Park Service provides rental canoes and/or rowboats on several interior lakes.

Reservations are required and may be made up to one week in advance. Call (218) 875-2111 for reservations for the following lakes: Locator, Quill, Ek, Cruiser, Little Shoepack, and Shoepack. Call (218) 286-5258 for reservations for the following lakes: Peary and Brown.

The Kabetogama Peninsula can only be accessed by water, so you will need to use your own boat or reserve a water taxi service (see pages 14 - 15) to access the trails that lead to the park's interior lakes.

There are no canoe or rowboat rentals at the visitor centers.

Several local businesses also rent canoes and kayaks for the park's large lakes (see pages 14-15).

Little American Island

Discover the past while you explore the remains of the mining activities from the 1890s Rainy Lake gold rush. Boat tours to Little American Island depart from the Rainy Lake Visitor Center during the summer months (see page 5). Stop by a park visitor center to pick up a brochure if exploring this Visitor Destination on your own.



Kettle Falls Hotel and Dam

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

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

The Kettle Falls Hotel is in the park and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Casareto Cabin

The summer cabin is a historic site that represents recreational history of the 1930s. The cabin is located on a beautiful sand beach.

Hoist Bay

Two major periods of history are represented at Hoist Bay - logging and recreation. Landscape features, such as the piers of the former railroad trestle, exist from the logging period, and several buildings represent the resort era. Tours depart from the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center (see page 5).

Ellsworth Rock Gardens

Jack Ellsworth constructed a unique sculpture garden on his vacation property on Kabetogama Lake from 1944 - 1965. Mr. Ellsworth designed terraces containing 32 varieties of flowers atop a 60-foot granite outcrop. Over 13,000 lilies bloomed during the garden's peak.

See map on pages 8 - 9 for site locations or pick up a brochure for more information.



Hike a park trail. There are 14 designated trails to explore and view the spectacular scenery and wildlife the park has to offer. Stop by a

visitor center for a detailed map and description of each trail. Pets are NOT allowed on park trails with the exception of the Oberholtzer Trail.

Land Access Trails

Trail/Destination	Difficulty	Distance	Hiking Time (round trip)
Rainy Lake Visitor Center			
Oberholtzer Trail 	Easy	1.7 miles	45 minutes
Ethno-botanical Garden Trail 	Easy	0.25 mile	20 minutes
Rainy Lake Bike Trail 	Easy	1.7 miles	45 minutes
Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center			
Echo Bay Trail	Easy to Moderate	2.5 miles, loop	2 hours
Kab-Ash Trail	Moderate to Strenuous	27.9 miles	Days
Ash River Visitor Center			
Kab-Ash Trail	Moderate to Strenuous	27.9 miles	Days
Blind Ash Bay Trail	Moderate	2.8 miles, loop	2.5 hours

Water Access Trails

Rainy Lake Visitor Center			
Black Bay Beaver Pond Trail	Moderate	1.2 miles, round trip	1 hour
Anderson Bay Overlook Trail	Moderate	1.75 miles, loop	2 hours
Little American Island 	Easy	0.25 mile, loop	20 minutes
Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center			
Cruiser Lake Trail	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 Visitor Center			
Beast Lake Trail	Moderate	0.25 mile to Beast Lake and 2.8 miles, loop to Brown Lake	45 minutes

Land Access Overlooks

Ash River Visitor Center			
Beaver Pond Overlook 	Moderate	0.2 mile, one way	30 minutes
Voyageurs Forest Overlook 	Easy	0.5 mile, loop	30 minutes
Kabetogama Lake Overlook 	Easy	0.2 mile, one way	20 minutes

Ranger-led Programs and Boat Tours

Rainy Lake *(Voyageur)*

**Additional programs may be offered throughout the summer.
Go on-line or check at a visitor center for each week's schedule.

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	ADULT	CHILD
Kettle Falls Cruise (September 1 & 15)  (6.5-hours, 22-passenger minimum) Voyage to the historic Kettle Falls Hotel. Spend 2 hours on land to dine at the hotel or enjoy a picnic lunch, and to explore the hotel and nearby dam. Tour fees do not include meals.	10 am							\$50	\$25
Discovery Cruise (June 19 – August 23)  (2-hours, 4-passenger minimum) The captain will navigate Rainy Lake in search of active eagle nests, view a commercial fishing camp from the boat, and look for abundant wildlife.				1 pm		1 pm		\$25	\$15
Grand Tour (June 16 – September 8)  (2.5-hours, 4-passenger minimum) This tour is the Discovery Cruise with a stop at Little American Island (1/4 mile accessible walk) where gold was discovered in the 1890s.	1 pm		1 pm		1 pm		1 pm	\$30	\$15
North Canoe Voyage (June 14 – August 24) First Lady's - Let's Move Outdoors Campaign! (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 (218) 286-5258.						10 am	10 am	Free	Free
Family Canoe Trip (June 25 - August 21) (2-hours) Enjoy a tranquil canoe trip while keeping an eye out for wildlife. We provide equipment. Minimum age is 5. We recommend participants know how to swim. Weather dependent. Reservations recommended. Call (218) 286-5258.			2 pm	2 pm				Free	Free
Ethno-botanical Garden Tour (June 19 - September 8)  (45-minutes) Join park staff and walk through Voyageurs' diverse ecosystem. An Ojibwe Indian camp lays at the heart of the native plant garden (accessible 1/4 mile walk).	12 pm				12 pm	12 pm	12 pm	Free	Free
Solar Viewing (June 16- September 8)  (30 to 45-minutes) Join a park ranger and explore the closest star in the sky - our sun.	3:45 pm						3:45 pm	Free	Free
Night Explorer Series (May - September)  Join a park ranger for an evening viewing the Night Sky. Beginning to advanced programs available. Weather dependent. Call ahead for program determinations, dates, and times at (218) 286-5258 or scan the code for more information.								Free	Free



Kabetogama Lake *(Borealis)*

Kettle Falls Cruise (June 16 – August 30)  (September 4 - 20) (5.5-hours, 6-passenger minimum) Voyage to the historic Kettle Falls Hotel. Spend 2 hours on land to dine at the hotel or enjoy a picnic lunch, and to explore the hotel and nearby dam. Tour fees do not include meals.	11 am		11 am		11 am	11 am		\$40	\$25
Hoist Bay Tour and Eagle Watch (June 17 - August 26)  (2.5-hours, 4-passenger minimum) Board the tour boat (accessible) and cruise to historic Hoist Bay in Namakan Lake while searching for active bald eagle nests and other wildlife. Join a park naturalist for a 1/4 mile walk (not accessible) through the remains of an old logging camp and resort.		2 pm						\$30	\$15
Ellsworth Rock Garden Tour and Eagle Watch (June 19 - August 21)  (2-hours, 4-passenger minimum) Board the tour boat (accessible) and cruise Kabetogama Lake in search of active eagle nests and other wildlife. At the gardens, join a park ranger for a tour (not accessible) of the unique rock sculptures, building remnants, and winding paths.				2 pm				\$25	\$15
North Canoe Voyage (June 17 – August 1) First Lady's - Let's Move Outdoor's Campaign! (August 5 - 22) (1.5-hours) See description above. Call (218) 875-2111.	10 am 10 am			10 am	2:30 pm 2:30 pm			Free	Free
Family Canoe Trip (June 17 - August 2) (August 8 & 16) (2-hours) See description above. Call (218) 875-2111.		2:30 pm	10 am		10 am	2:30 pm 2:30 pm		Free	Free
Twilight Hike (June 19 - August 28)  (1.5-hours) Meet at the historic Woodenfrog Refectory. Join a park ranger for a hike to explore how the park changes after sunset. Bug spray recommended. Flashlights provided, no personal ones please. Part of the Night Explorer Series.				8:30 pm				Free	Free

How To Make Tour Boat Reservations

All tours are subject to change, please call ahead for schedule changes. A minimum of 4-passengers are required for all tours with the exception of the Kettle Falls Tours which require a minimum of 6 passengers aboard the Borealis and 22-passengers aboard the Voyageur.

How do I make a reservation for a tour on the Borealis or Voyageur tour boats?

Reservations for all tours are now made by going online at www.recreation.gov or by calling the National Call Center at (877) 444-6777. Advance reservations are available for a tour until midnight the night before a tour departs. The National Call Center hours are:

Mar. 1 - Oct. 31, 10 a.m. - 12 a.m. (EST) Nov. 1 - Feb. 28, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. (EST)

Can I walk into a visitor center and make a reservation?

Rainy Lake Visitor Center and Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center

Yes. Walk-ons may inquire, make a walk-on reservation, and pay, with a credit card only, for a tour at the Rainy Lake and Kabetogama Lake Visitor Centers if space is available. Visitors may do this between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prior to departure of a tour. All ticket sales will stop 30 minutes prior to departure of a tour. If all seats have been paid for with advanced reservations through www.recreation.gov, then no walk-on passengers will be accepted.

Ash River Visitor Center

No. Currently, there are no walk-on tickets available or tours available at this site.

Payment Method

Credit cards are required to make all reservations. No cash, checks, or travelers checks are accepted.

How do I know what an adult, child, or toddler fee is?

Adult fees cover ages 17 and up, child fees cover ages 3-16, toddler fees are 2 and under. Go to www.recreation.gov for specific fee information.

Cancellation Policy

Visitors must call the National Call Center to cancel a tour, not a visitor center. If a visitor calls for any reason to cancel a tour they must call at least 24 hours prior to departure. A \$3.00 service fee applies for all cancellations made by the visitor. No refunds will be issued if less than 24 hours notice is given.

Refunds will be issued ONLY if advance reservations are canceled at least 24 hours before the scheduled tour departs. Refunds are given only by www.recreation.gov.

Minimum Number of Passengers

A minimum of 4-paying passengers are required for all tours, with the exception of the Kettle Falls Tours which require a minimum of 6-paying passengers on the Borealis and a minimum of 22-paying passengers on the Voyageur.

What if the park cancels a tour?

The park reserves the right to cancel a tour for any reason. If a tour is canceled by the park a full refund will be given to the visitor by recreation.gov. Some reasons the park may cancel a tour are: if there are U.S.C.G. weather restrictions or not enough paying passengers. Call the respective visitor centers prior to departure to find out if your tour is going. Keep in mind the following: tour boat captains do not make a determination on the weather until 1 hour prior to departure and the park will not know if a tour meets the minimum number of passengers until 1/2 hour prior to departure. To inquire about a cancellation, call Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center (218) 875-2111, or Rainy Lake Visitor Center (218) 286-5258.

Must I check in at a visitor center before boarding the boat?

Yes. All visitors MUST check in at their respective visitor centers before boarding the tour boat. This allows park staff to make sure all reserved passengers have boarded, check for Senior or Access passes, and inform you of any necessary information.

Federal Senior Pass and Access Pass Discounts

Pass holders are eligible for a discount on park-operated tour boats. To receive the discounted rate you must provide the number on your Federal Senior Pass or Federal Access Pass when making a reservation. Pass holders MUST bring their pass and identification to receive the discount when boarding the boat. If the pass holder does not bring their pass and identification the discount will not apply and the pass holder will be required to pay in full upon check-in. No discounts can be applied once the tour has started. If you are a walk-on, you MUST have a Senior Pass or Access Pass in your possession, when making the reservation, to receive the discount. No discount will be applied if you do not present your Senior Pass or Access Pass.

Protect Yourself



Boating Safety Tips

Always wear your life jacket – Minnesota State law requires all watercraft (including canoes and kayaks) to have one wearable U.S.C.G. approved personal flotation device (PFD) on board and accessible for each person in the watercraft. The State of Minnesota requires all children under 10 years of age to wear a life preserver when in a recreational boat.

All passengers should stay seated within the boat while the boat is moving. Riding on the bow or gunwale is prohibited!

Boating Checklist

- A wearable life preserver readily accessible for each person
- Type IV throwable cushion or ring
- Navigational maps
- Navigation lights at night – use them!
- Whistle or horn
- Anchor, paddles or oars, and lines
- Spare propeller
- Flashlight and first aid kit

Navigation You Need To Know

The Coast Guard 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.

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.

Remember red buoys to your right while traveling up-lake (red right return). Scan the image for more information.



General Regulations. National Park Rangers enforce a wide spectrum of Federal laws and regulations and a variety of state statutes. Familiarize yourself with park rules.

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.

Firewood restrictions require visitors to purchase firewood from an approved Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR) firewood vendor. Firewood may not be brought in from unapproved vendors. Dead and downed wood may be collected within the park. This is to protect forest health and prevent the spread of invasive pests. For more information log onto www.dnr.state.mn.us.

Chainsaws are prohibited except when being used to cut ice fishing holes.

Store food properly when not at your site or when asleep. Voyageurs is bear country. You are required to store all smelly items such as toothpaste, sunscreen, food, pet food, and deodorant in bear proof food storage lockers or hang from a bear pole or tree.

Interior lakes regulations are in place to prevent the spread of invasive aquatic exotics. Use artificial bait only, no privately-owned watercraft, and no float plane landings are allowed.

Pets are allowed on a leash in developed areas (around visitor centers, boat 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.

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

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

Hunting is not allowed in Voyageurs National Park.

Private floatplanes are prohibited on all waters in the park except the four major lakes: Rainy, Sand Point, Kabetogama, and Namakan Lakes. This is to help prevent the spread of the Spiny water flea, an aquatic exotic invasive species.

Be fire safe! Extinguish all campfires when unattended. Make sure the fire is out and the ashes are cold before leaving.

A Minnesota fishing license is required to fish in the park. If you plan to fish in the park get a copy of the Minnesota fishing regulations at area businesses or visitor centers. Know the slot limit (size limit) for the lakes where you will be fishing. Park

rangers enforce MN State fishing regulations.

Know Canadian and U.S. fishing and customs regulations before you cross the border. For Canadian customs call (807) 274-3655 and for United States customs call (218) 283-0769.

Quiet Time – Parkwide 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Firearms

As of February 22, 2010, a new 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, so this new federal law does not alter the existing regulatory restrictions on the use and possession of these firearms at Voyageurs National 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.

To find out more about Voyageurs National Park regulations visit www.nps.gov/voya. You can also find a copy of the Superintendent's Compendium on this site.



Emergencies - Call 911

Cellular phones may not work in the park.

Payphones are near all visitor centers.

Park rangers monitor marine band 16 for emergencies during business hours.

Protect Voyageurs



Rainy Lake, Ray Klass © 2006

Voyageurs National Park was established for its amazing scenery and wildlife, the voyageurs who traveled these waterways, and the unique geologic formations one can get up close to and touch. While you are enjoying your visit, be attentive to the special regulations in place to protect these park resources and those designed for your safety.

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.

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.

Watch the Weather

The weather can change rapidly and severely at any time of the year—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. and the low is 54 F. The average low temperature in February is -1 F. and the high is 22 F.

Invasive Species Alert
Invasive species are plants, animals, or diseases that are not native to the local ecosystem and that are likely to cause harm to the economy, to the environment, or to 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
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 large 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 the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR) fishing regulations, the best management practices described to the right, or stop by a park visitor center for more information.

Rusty Crayfish
Rusty crayfish were discovered in the park in 2006. Rusty crayfish are more aggressive than native crayfish and can disrupt aquatic plant and animal communities by eliminating aquatic plants in infested areas.

Help slow the spread by following the best management practices for stopping the spread of aquatic exotics described to the right. Never release any pet or aquarium species of crayfish into lakes, and remember that using live crayfish for bait is prohibited in park waters.

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, and swimming and can also crowd out native water plants.

Thinking of Drinking Lake Water?
Always treat lake water before using it for drinking or cooking. Consider bringing drinking water with you when camping in the park. 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 that looks like pea soup should be avoided.

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

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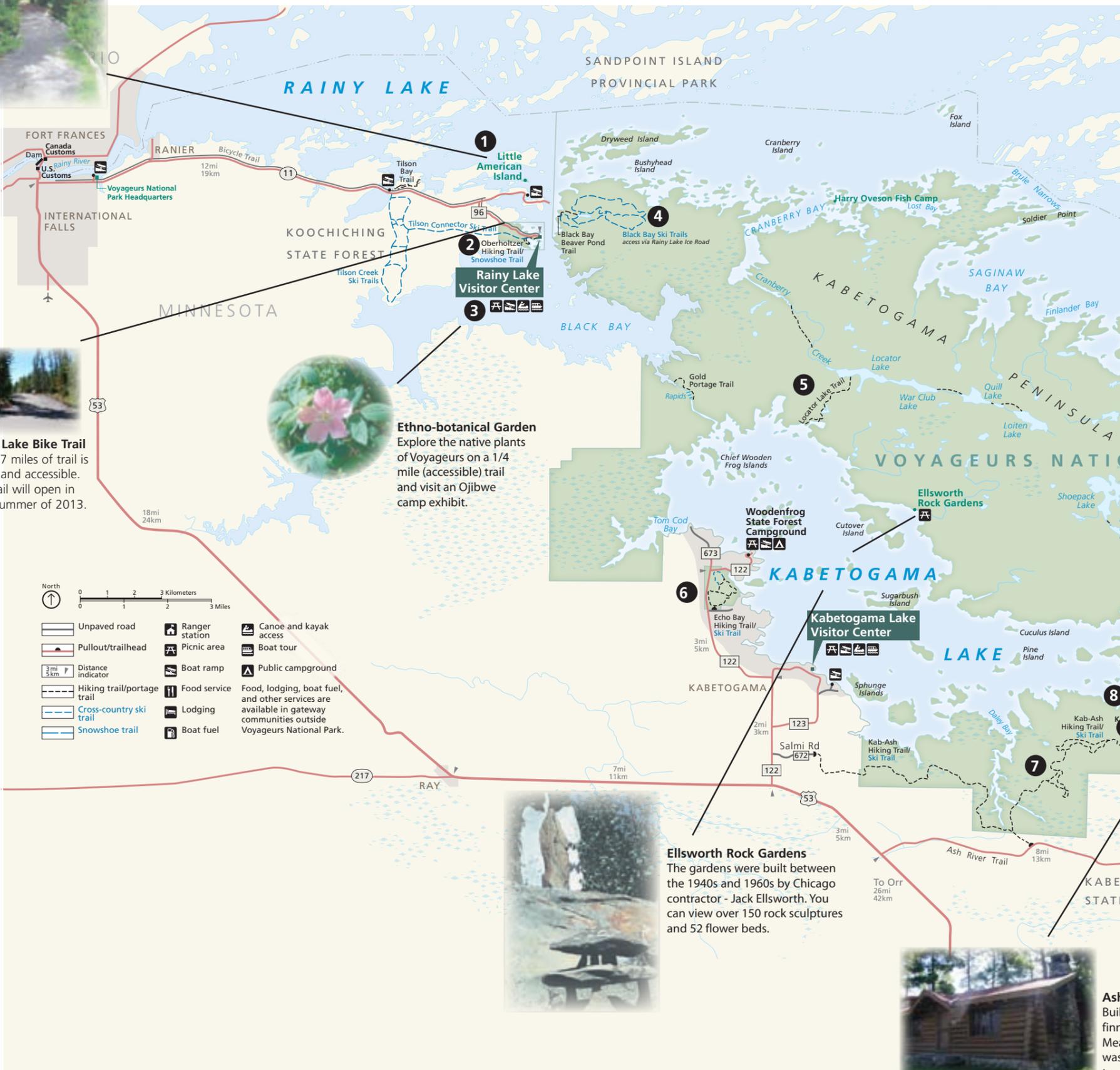
Little American Island
A 1/4 mile accessible loop with waysides tells the story of the Rainy Lake gold rush of 1893.



Rainy Lake Bike Trail
This 1.7 miles of trail is paved and accessible. The trail will open in early summer of 2013.



Ethno-botanical Garden
Explore the native plants of Voyageurs on a 1/4 mile (accessible) trail and visit an Ojibwe camp exhibit.



Ellsworth Rock Gardens
The gardens were built between the 1940s and 1960s by Chicago contractor - Jack Ellsworth. You can view over 150 rock sculptures and 52 flower beds.



Ash River Trail
Built in 1900, this fine wooden cabin was used by the park's first rangers.

Hiking Trails — No pets allowed, except the Oberholtzer Trail

#	Trail Name	Length	Access
1	Little American Island	0.5 mile (loop)	Water
2	Oberholtzer Trail	1.7 miles (round trip)	Car
3	Ethno-botanical Garden Trail	0.25 mile (one way)	Car
4	Black Bay Beaver Pond Trail	1.2 miles (round trip)	Water
5	Locator Lake Trail	2 miles (one way)	Water
6	Echo Bay Trail	2.5 miles (loop)	Car
7	Kab-Ash Trail	27.9 miles	Car
8	Blind Ash Bay Trail	2.8 miles (loop)	Car
9	Kabetogama Forest Overlook	0.2 mile (one way)	Car
10	Beaver Pond Overlook	0.2 mile (one way)	Car
11	Voyageurs Forest Overlook	0.5 mile (loop)	Car
12	Anderson Bay Overlook Trail	1.75 miles (loop)	Water
13	Beast Lake Trail	2.5 miles (one way)	Water
14	Cruiser Lake Trail	9.5 miles (one way)	Water
15	Rainy Lake Bike Trail	1.7 miles (one way)	Car

Distances by boat between destinations:

ARVC to Kettle Falls	~ 13 miles
Brule Narrows to Kettle Falls	~ 20 miles
CLRS to KLVC	~ 39 miles
CLRS to Kettle Falls	~ 30 miles
KLVC to ARVC	~ 8 miles
KLVC to Kettle Falls	~ 21 miles
KLVC to Gold Portage	~ 7 miles
KLVC to Ellsworth Rock Gardens	~ 5 miles
RLVC to Kettle Falls	~ 34 miles
RLVC to Brule Narrows	~ 14 miles
RLVC to Cranberry Bay	~ 7 miles
RLVC to Anderson Bay	~ 26 miles

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Kettle Falls Hotel & Dam
Built around 1910, this National Register site was at one time a transient community of over 200 people including lumberjacks, fish buyers, prospectors, bootleggers and tourists. Today the tradition of hospitality continues.

Grassy Bay Cliffs
The cliffs are an impressive sight of pink to light gray Lac La Croix granite.

Distances by car between park visitor centers:

ARVC to CLRS	72 miles
KLVC to ARVC	~ 17 miles
KLVC to CLRS	~ 67 miles
RLVC to KLVC	~ 36 miles
RLVC to ARVC	~ 49 miles
RLVC to CLRS	~ 103 miles

ARVC = Ash River Visitor Center
CLRS = Crane Lake Ranger Station
KLVC = Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center
RLVC = Rainy Lake Visitor Center

Camping, Houseboating, and Day Use

Voyageurs National Park offers a combined total of 244 campsites, houseboat sites, and day use sites throughout the park. All sites are first-come, first-served except the group and accessible campsites. You need a boat to camp in the park.

General Information

All campsites are accessible only by water. Car camping is available at the nearby Woodenfrog and Ash River State forest campgrounds and at private campgrounds.

All individual campsites in the park are free. There is a \$35 per night fee for group campsites.

Between May 15 and September 15, tent and houseboat camping within the park is limited to 14 days at a specific site, and 30 days in a calendar year.

Know where you can go! Campers and houseboaters may not stay overnight:

- At day-use sites
- Within 200 yards of a designated tent, houseboat, or day use site
- On private or leased land
- Within 1/4 mile of any park developed area (e.g. visitor center)
- Within 1/4 mile of any structure

Tent campers use tent sites. Tent campers may not stay overnight in houseboat sites or day use sites. Day use is allowed at unoccupied tent sites until 2:00 p.m.

Houseboaters use houseboat sites. Houseboaters may not stay in tent sites or day use sites. Day use is not allowed at houseboat sites because there are no toilets.

Overnight docking is permitted at Kettle Falls, but there is no overnight docking at park visitor centers.

It is illegal to leave unattended property at a campsite overnight.

Developed campsites have tent pads available. No digging, trenching, or leveling is allowed in the park.

Obey all site closure signs. Closures are established to protect sensitive areas and for visitor safety.

Maximum group sizes are designed to provide enjoyable conditions for visitors and to prevent campsites from being degraded.

Small tent sites – 9 people
Large tent sites – 18 people
Houseboat site – 2 houseboats
Group tent sites – 30 people

Camping Permits

A free permit is required for all overnight stays in the park.

Permits are not required for day use.

Permits are available at park visitor centers and adjacent to all park boat launch ramps. Permits are also available at the Woodenfrog State Forest and Crane Lake public boat launch ramps.

Only one permit for each party (individual or group) per stay is required.

Your permit must be displayed at your campsite – on your tent, food locker, or on each houseboat.

Park rangers may visit your site and ask to see your overnight permit. Failure to possess and display a valid overnight permit may result in a citation.

Permits are not a reservation for a campsite! All campsites are first-come, first-served with the exception of the group campsites and the accessible campsites.

Day Use Sites

Visitors looking for a place for picnics or day time activities may stop and enjoy Day Use Sites throughout the park.

These sites are marked with a picnic table icon on the National Geographic Maps that can be purchased at any of the park's three visitor centers. Amenities at these sites include a picnic table, fire ring, and privy. Visitors may not stay overnight at a Day Use Site.

Reservable Sites within the Park

Group Campsites

Do you need a campsite for 14 to 30 people? If you said yes, then we have two group campsites that are just what you need!

One site is on Rainy Lake near the west entrance to the Brule Narrows. The other site is on Kabetogama Lake just east of Cuculus Island. The group campsites have a wheelchair-accessible core area.

Fee: \$35 per night, maximum group size is 30 people.

How to Make a Reservation

Reservations are required from mid-May - mid-September. The sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis during the rest of the year. Reservations may be made on-line at www.recreation.gov or by calling (877) 444-6777.

Need more details? Stop by a visitor center for more information or visit our website at www.nps.gov/voya

Accessible Campsites

N41 at Voyageurs Narrows on Namakan Lake is an accessible campsite available by reservation only. Call (218) 875-2111 for a reservation.

R26 on Rainy Lake is an accessible campsite available by reservation only. Call (218) 286-5258 for a reservation.

State Forest Camping

Are you looking for a place to car camp while visiting the park?

Two Minnesota State forest campgrounds are located near the park. For more information, call (218) 365-7229 or visit www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_forests/index.html.

Campfires

Use a camp stove or build campfires in established fire rings.

Never leave a fire unattended.

Drown and stir all campfires with water to be sure they are out cold. 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.



Day Use Site, Rainy Lake

Do not cut down any tree in the park, living or dead, for firewood.

Gypsy moths, emerald ash borer, and other pests that endanger forest health may be hiding in unapproved firewood. Please help us protect the park's forest health.

Filleted Fish

When fishing in or travelling on Kabetogama, Namakan, Sand Point and Rainy Lakes you cannot possess filleted fish because these lakes are all 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."

Refer to Minnesota fishing regulation book for the complete regulation.

What this means is that if you are camping in the park and want to bring fish home they have to stay measureable until you reach the landing. There are two ways to do this: either gut and gill the fish to keep them measureable or bring a live box to put your fish in to keep them alive until you plan to leave.

Live fish can be transported and filleted when you get off the water.



Lake Trout, Martin Schoewe

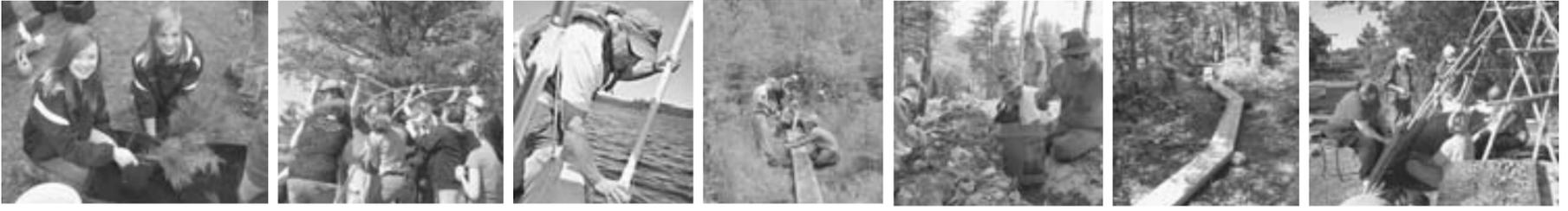
Bear Country

Store all food, garbage, scented items, and equipment used to cook and store food in a vehicle, metal food storage locker, or hung 10 feet high and 10 feet out from a pole or tree. This regulation applies throughout the park.

Stop by a park visitor center for more information on how to store food properly in bear country to discourage bears from making your meal their own.

Coolers will not protect food from bears. Black bears are strong, and placing a rock or other heavy item on top of your cooler will not keep them out. Improperly stored food has drawn black bears to campsites on several occasions, often resulting in property damage and an increased risk to human safety.

Supporting Your Park



Voyageurs is pleased to partner with the outstanding organizations listed below. These organizations help fund special events, construct trails in the park, supply the children's tables at visitor centers, help with

maintaining grounds at Visitor Destinations, and much, much more. You too can become a member and support Voyageurs National Park.

Voyageurs National Park Association



VNPA helped establish Voyageurs National Park in 1975 and today is the nonprofit

conservation and program partner of the park, supporting several initiatives:

Kids to the Park

We are focused on expanding projects that engage youth in the park, from our classroom travel grants to 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. We also advocate on behalf Voyageur's historic and environmental assets, ensuring that the park remains wild and pristine for future generations.

Volunteers

VNPA sponsors an annual Volunteer Rendezvous. Join us September 27-28, 2013 to help your park. More info at www.voyageurs.org/volunteer-rendezvous.

Science and Education

Last year, we provided funding for the park's first Night Explorer Series, an astronomy program for all ages.

VNPA helps you and each new generation explore, protect, and enhance Voyageurs National Park. Visit www.voyageurs.org to learn more, join us as a volunteer or make a donation.

VNPA members receive our Park Paddler

E-newsletter, annual print newsletter, event invitations, and the satisfaction of becoming a national park steward.

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Jefferson National Parks Association



Providing quality educational products and related services that enrich public understanding and

appreciation of America's national parks, public lands, and historic places.

Jefferson National Parks Association (JNPA) is honored to be one of the non-profit partners to Voyageurs National Park. Since 1961 JNPA has operated visitor center stores and provided educational programs for the benefit of the public and our park partners. Visit our stores at Rainy Lake, Kabetogama Lake, and Ash River Visitor Centers.

Share your park experiences with us and others!

 www.twitter.com/jnpa

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Partner of the Parks Membership Members receive a free gift, 15% discounts in our stores as well as 10-15% discount in park stores across the country and more! Join on-line at membership.jnpa.com or call (314) 678-1522.

Shop on-line at shop.jnpa.com.



Friends of Voyageurs National Park



The mission of the Friends of Voyageurs National Park is to sponsor outreach that supports

natural, historical, and educational activities available at Voyageurs National Park.

Have you noticed the action around the children's activity tables at the park visitor centers? Have you borrowed a pair of snowshoes or kids' skis in wintertime at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center?

Have you explored the new Ethnobotanical garden with an Ojibwe waaginigaan and interpretive panels by the Rainy Lake Visitor Center?

The Friends of Voyageurs National Park have provided funding for all of these projects and many others.

How do they do it? With help from people like you! The Friends are a non-profit organization sustained by your tax-deductible donations.

For more information on how to join the Friends of Voyageurs National Park visit www.nps.gov/voya/supportyourpark.

Destination Voyageurs National Park

The mission of Destination Voyageurs National Park (DVNP) is to connect 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. www.destinationvoyageursnationalpark.com.



Volunteers-In-Parks are Very Important People



In 2012, the park benefited from the generous donation of time and talent of 82 people who volunteered over 9,500

hours in support of park activities.

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 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.

Heart of the Continent Partnership



(HOCP) is a Canadian/American coalition

of land managers and local stakeholders working together on cross-border projects that promote the economic, cultural and natural health of the lakes, forests and communities on the Minnesota/Ontario border. The Heart of the Continent consists of public lands and waters that span the international border from Rainy Lake in northeastern Minnesota to the western shores of Lake Superior in Ontario and Minnesota. www.heartofthecontinent.org

Winter in Voyageurs

What is there to do in Winter?

View the Aurora Borealis
The Northern Lights occur when charged particles from the sun interact with a magnetic field 50 to 100 miles above the Earth's surface. The best time to watch is from 10:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Watch for Wildlife

Some creatures are dormant in the winter but many remain active. Watch for tracks in the snow. Moose, wolves, and deer can be seen crossing over the frozen lake surface. If you do see wildlife within the park, please respect them by staying at least 100 feet away.

Get Outside and Go

The Rainy Lake Visitor Center offers skis, snowshoes, binoculars, iPods, and a variety of Discovery Packs for visitors to use. Small fees apply for adult ski rentals. The park also offers over 110 miles of groomed snowmobile trails.

Snowshoe Hikes

Each winter park rangers offer full moon and snowshoe hikes on the Oberholtzer Trail. Snowshoes provided. Check the park's website for current programs at www.nps.gov/voya or call the Rainy Lake Visitor Center at (218) 286-5258.

Winter Environmental Education Field Trips

Each winter from mid-January through March students come to the Rainy Lake Visitor Center to learn about the history of snowshoes, animal tracking techniques, and to cross-country ski.

If you and your school would like to come, please contact the park at (218) 286-5258, Wednesday through Sunday, for more information or to schedule a field trip today.



Oberholtzer Trail, Matt Holly



Black Bay Beaver Pond



Kabetogama Lake, Ray Klass © 2006



Kettle Falls Dam Overlook, Namakan Lake

Winter visitors enjoy the beauty of Voyageurs by snowmobile, on cross-country skis, in an auto on the ice road, on snowshoes, or in ice-fishing houses. Voyageurs invites visitors to come to the park and enjoy the solitude of the winter North Woods.

Cross-Country Skiing

Black Bay Ski Trail

Located one mile north of the Rainy Lake Visitor Center via the Rainy Lake Ice Road; 6 miles of trail.

Voyageurs' Tilson Connector Trail

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR) manages this ten mile network of interconnected ski trails. Several routes are possible, ranging from short loops to longer excursions.

You can access this system from the Rainy Lake Visitor Center area on the park's Tilson Connector Trail.

Echo Bay Trail

This 3.5 mile loop trail is located a few miles from the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center (closed winter). Follow County Road 122 north toward the Woodenfrog State Forest campground to access the trailhead.

Kab-Ash Trail

This challenging backcountry trail system is 27.9 miles of ungroomed trail and is for the experienced skier.

Bring a map and be prepared for winter travel in a remote area.

Snowshoeing

Blind Ash Bay Trail

The trailhead is at the Kabetogama Lake Overlook parking lot along the road to the Ash River Visitor Center (2.8 miles round trip).



Sullivan Bay Trail

Follow signs to the Ash River Visitor Center. The trailhead is just past the Beaver Pond Overlook on the north side of Sullivan Bay (1.5 miles round trip).

Oberholtzer Trail

The trailhead is just outside the Rainy Lake Visitor Center (1.7 miles round trip).

Ice Roads

The Rainy Lake Ice 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 the ice conditions.

The Kabetogama Lake/Ash River Ice Road starts at the boat launch ramp at Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center and extends at the boat launch ramp at Ash River Visitor Center. This ice road is 9.3 miles.

Check at the visitor center for up-to-date information.

The speed limit is 30 MPH.

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

Ice Fishing

Ghostly winter quiet, rugged piney shorelines, and outstanding angling make Voyageurs National Park an ice angler's dream.

Place icehouses at least 50 feet from the center of snowmobile trails and the ice road. Check ice conditions before going out. Fishing license and fishhouse registration is required.



Rainy Lake Visitor Center

Rainy Lake Visitor Center

Fall and Winter Hours of Operation

October 1 - December 31, 2013

Wednesday - Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

January 2 - mid-May, 2014

Wednesday - Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Amenities:

- Trail and Ice Condition updates
- Hot cocoa
- A children's activity area
- Maps of ski, snowshoe, and snowmobile trails
- JNPA Bookstore
- Life-size bull moose
- Exhibits and films
- Ski rentals & snowshoe loan program

Offers Great Activities



Kabetogama Lake,
Ray Klass © 2006

Prepare for Winter Weather

Voyageurs National Park offers excellent opportunities for exploration and adventure in the wintertime. To make sure you have a safe and fun adventure, follow the guidelines below.

Dress Warm and Stay Dry

Cold temperatures, wet snow, and wind can easily rob you of body heat. To avoid hypothermia and frostbite, dress warm and stay dry.

Wear layers of wool or synthetics, like pile and polypropylene, under a waterproof shell. Avoid exposure to wind, drink a lot of water, and take warm-up breaks.

Be Aware

Pay attention to the weather. It's easy to get lost or fall when the weather turns bad. The trails can quickly cover with snow and blanket your route whether on foot, skis, or snowmobile. You need to know where you are and how to get to safety.

Prepare & Take Care

When hiking, snowshoeing or skiing tell someone your travel plans, bring the "10 Essentials" and know how to use them.

1. Map of the area
2. Compass
3. Extra food and water
4. Extra clothing
5. Emergency shelter
6. First aid kit
7. Flashlight or headlamp
8. Sunglasses or sunscreen
9. Pocketknife
10. Waterproof matches

Voyageurs National Park is the nation's only national park that provides groomed 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 Voyageur, 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 in your travels (see pages 14 - 15 for more information).

You Should Know...

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.

Be Safe!

- Carry a trail map with you.
- Keep to the right on trails.
- Leave a route plan with someone.

Watch For...

Pressure ridges
They change the surface of the lake. Always stop and inspect ridge areas before crossing. Pressure ridges are marked with two crossed orange caution stakes on each side.

Slush and open water

Avoid them by staying on staked and groomed trails.

Trail Conditions

Voyageurs National Park trail conditions are posted weekly at www.nps.gov/voya. Click on "news" or "winter trail report" for detailed information.

Visitors can also find trail information at the following phone numbers:

- International Falls, (800) FALLS MN
- Kabetogama Lake, (800) 524-9085
- Ash River, (800) 950-2061
- Crane Lake, (877) 466-7669, (466-SNOW)

Speed Limits

The Speed limit is 45 miles per hour (mph) on lake surfaces and 25 mph on land portages.

The 45 mph speed limit includes the lake surfaces of Kabetogama, Namakan, Sand Point, and Rainy Lakes within the park's boundaries.

Speed limits are enforced. Ride within limits and watch for hazards.

Trail Markings

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. Hazards are generally identified with orange stakes, however ice conditions change daily and require vigilance by all operators.

Speed and the use of alcohol are the primary cause of accidents and deaths within the park. 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.

Drinking and Snowmobiling Don't Mix!

It is illegal to operate a snowmobile while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.



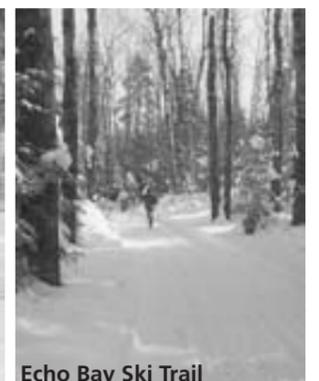
Grassy Bay Cliffs, Sand Point Lake



Park Ranger assisting with research



Black Bay, Rainy Lake



Echo Bay Ski Trail

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-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)
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.com	(218) 286-5710	2					FCS(FGO)			All Year
Birch Point Camp		(218) 286-3541	3	3		DSF(FGO)	EBWTD15RV		D	B	May -Sept.
Budget Host Inn	budgethostinn.net	(800) 880-2577, (218) 283-2577	28	1		IPWF					All Year
Casa Loma Vacation Home	rainylakevacationhomes.com	(800) 554-9188	1	3					FD		All Year
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	hilltopmotelifalls.com	(800) 322-6671, (218) 283-2505	16	1		IP(FGO)WF					All Year
Americinn		(800) 331-4443, (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				16 houseboats					May-Sept.
Northern Lights Motel	northernlightsifalls.com	(800) 889-6009, (218) 283-2508	22	1		IPWF					All Year
Rainy Lake Houseboats	rainylakehouseboats.com	(800) 554-9188, (218) 286-5391				29 houseboats					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,SKWF	Bike Rentals	FPCDR			All Year
Sha-Sha Resort	shashaonrainylake.com	(800) 685-2776, (218) 286-3241	9	3	PL	IGWF		FCD			May-Oct.
Tee Pee Motel	teepeemotelifalls.com	(800) 850-1518, (218) 283-8494	40	1		IWF(FGO)WF					All Year
Thunderbird Lodge	thunderbirdrainylake.com	(800) 351-5133, (218) 286-3151	25	1-3	PL	GIPWF		FRCPPD	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
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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	FCPRBD	B		May-Oct.
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Pine Aire Resort	pineaire.com	(877) 875-2161, (218) 875-2161	20	1	L	BILPWF	3WEBTRV	POFCK(FGO)	B	RP	All Year
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Red Pine Lodge & Resort	redpinelodgeandresort.com	(218) 875-2441	16	3	APL	BIPGSWF	12WESBTRV	F		R	All Year
Sandy Point Lodge & Outfitters	sandypointlodge.com	(800) 777-8595, (218) 875-2615	16	1	APL	BIPGWF	2WEBRV	KFCPO	B	P	All Year
Snyder's Idlewild Resort	idlewildresort.com	(218) 875-3831	11	3		BIGWF	4WEBRV	FP(FGO)	P	RP	May-Sept.
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Voyageur Park Lodge	voyageurparklodge.com	(800) 331-5694, (218) 875-2131	14	3		BIGWF		FCPPO	B	RP	May-Sept.

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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
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Billy Albrecht Guide Service	(218) 286-5422
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Border Country Outdoor Adventures bcoonline.com	(218) 324-0668 (218) 324-0474
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Paradise Outfitters Inc. Paradiseoutfittersinc.com	(218) 226-8488
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