



Miles of colorful sandstone cliffs from 50-200 feet high rise from Lake Superior's rugged shoreline and long stretches of white sand beach invite kayakers to explore the beautiful Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore.

Camping Via Kayak

All kayakers camping in the backcountry must obtain a permit before beginning your trip. Backcountry camping permits are available at the Pictured Rocks / Hiawatha National Forest Visitor Center in Munising (906-387-3700) or the Grand Sable Visitor Center in Grand Marais (906-494-2660 - summer only). There is a fee for backcountry camping. Reservations are recommended to ensure your trip has a reasonable itinerary for kayak accessible sites.

Permits may be obtained in person only within one day of your trip. Camping on the beach is not permitted. Camp only in designated sites that are accessible from the water. Up to six people and two tents are allowed at regular campsites. Groups of 7-20 must stay at designated group sites. See Backcountry Camping Planner for reservation information.

Lake Superior shoreline backcountry sites accessible from the water (Mosquito River, Mosquito River group, Chapel Creek, Coves, Beaver Creek, Pine Bluff, Sevenmile Creek, Sevenmile Creek group, Benchmark, and Au Sable East, Au Sable East group) are marked with white-capped posts visible from the water. Please refer to the Backcountry Camping Planner for additional backcountry rules, regulations and fees.

Front country or vehicle accessible campgrounds also accessible by kayak from Lake Superior are Twelvemile Beach and lower Hurricane River.

These drive-in campgrounds are separate from your backcountry permit; there are no reservations. Drive-in campground fees must be paid at the campground. Specific fees and regulations apply to drive-in campgrounds.

Lakeshore kayak put-in points are Sand Point, Miners Beach, Twelvemile Beach and Hurricane River. Additional Munising put-in points include Grand Island Landing, Munising city marina, Munising/Browns Addition boat ramp, and Anna River. In Grand Marais, launch at the Grand Marais harbor beach and marina.

GPS Coordinates Horizontal Datum: Geographic NAD83

	Latitude	Longitude
Mosquito River Gr	46 31 29.32	86 29 36.28
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Chapel Beach	46 32 46.07	86 26 30.06
Coves	46 34 04.40	86 22 20.52
Beaver Creek	46 34 37.19	86 21 00.16
Pine Bluff	46 35 10.40	86 19 43.46
Sevenmile Creek	46 37 09.14	86 15 32.67
Sevenmile Creek Gr	46 37 13.53	86 15 26.62
Benchmark	46 38 49.31	86 12 03.02
Au Sable East Gr	46 40 15.93	86 08 11.90
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Weather and Safety

Lake Superior is unpredictable! Kayakers must be prepared for cold temperatures, high winds, fog and rough seas at any time. You should be ready for changing conditions. Consult the current marine forecast before starting any trip (NOAA 906-475-5212 or Marine Band Radio Channel 16).

Hypothermia occurs when your body's core temperature is reduced below normal levels. Cold water conducts heat away from your body 25 times faster than cold air. Uncontrollable shaking, slurred speech, or difficulty moving are all warning signs that you must be warmed immediately. If submerged in Lake Superior, it is important to conserve body heat to increase your chances for survival. Wear your floatation device, huddle with others or pull legs together and up to your chest to help conserve heat. Do not attempt to swim long distances.

Sea kayaks ride low in the water and are difficult for other boaters to see. It is best to paddle brightly colored kayaks in red, orange, or yellow.

Fifteen miles of Pictured Rocks cliffs including sheer walls all the way to the water line offer no escape if wind and waves increase.

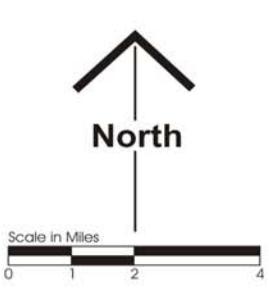
Be aware of tour boats that leave Munising on a regular basis during the summer months; they run fairly close to the shoreline with turnaround points at Chapel Beach and Spray Falls.

Most storms come from the northwest, exposing you to Lake Superior winds when paddling. There are no protected anchorages at any backcountry or front country campgrounds.

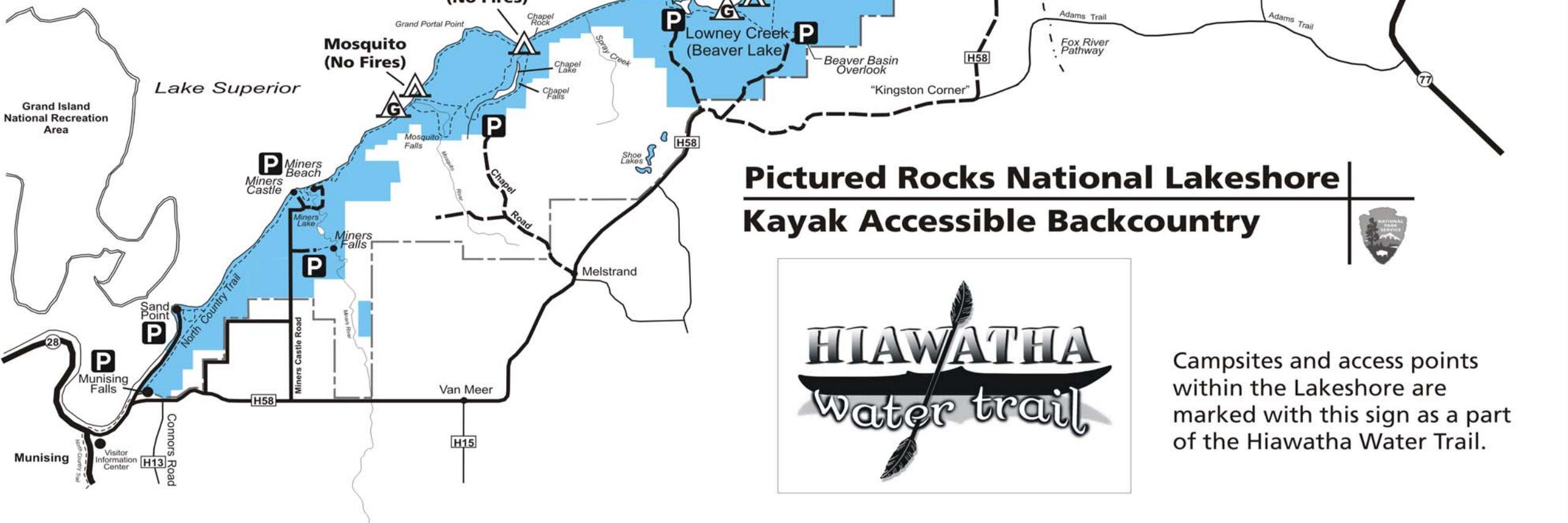
It is recommended that kayakers wear wet or dry suits due to Lake Superior's cold water. U.S. Coast Guard approved Personal Floatation Devices (PFD) are required for each person.

Be prepared with provisions for at least one extra day. In your gear, include a first aid kit, emergency signal device, self-contained stove, an extra paddle, compass, maps, insect repellent, tow line, rain gear, waterproof matches, and dry storage containers.

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- Backcountry Campground (1-6 people)**
- Group Backcountry Campground (7-20 people)**
- Drive-In Campground**
- Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore**
- Improved Gravel Road**
- Paved Road**
- Unimproved Gravel Road**
- North Country Trail**
- Trailhead / Parking**



Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore Kayak Accessible Backcountry



Campsites and access points within the Lakeshore are marked with this sign as a part of the Hiawatha Water Trail.