



# Rendezvous

Spring 2009–Winter 2010

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# Welcome To Voyageurs National Park

## A Letter from the Superintendent



As the new Superintendent of Voyageurs National Park I would like to welcome you to the many acres of fantastic opportunities we offer here. One of the most unique things about Voyageurs is that so many people find reasons to visit here to pursue multiple interests. During the winter, snowshoeing, ice fishing, cross-country skiing, or traveling through the park enjoying a winter wonderland by snow machine. Spring, summer, and fall offer an enormous palette of colors, hiking, fishing, backpacking, and camping while traveling around

the lake via paddle, sail, or motor. Whatever your means of transportation or the time of the year, the common reason to celebrate Voyageurs is the spectacular natural setting.

Along with the incredible scenery you can travel back in time while visiting Kettle

Falls Hotel. Eat a fine meal, sleep in a traditional or newer room, and visit on the veranda of this historic inn preserved by the park and operated by concessionaire. Over time we hope to utilize funding to launch several visitor destination sites. These sites will offer a historical perspective of the many people who lived in the area, the trades and economic impact of logging and mining, and of course, the history of the voyageurs. Our intent is to offer self-guided or naturalist guided tours of these historic sites.

We have a huge responsibility as a Federal agency to protect the lands, wildlife, and waters within Voyageurs National Park and to ensure future generations will have the same opportunity to enjoy the park you are enjoying today. Imagine your grandchildren getting to visit and create their own wonderful memories of Voyageurs. I invite you to make the most of your visit and to help us in our mission to preserve this unique natural resource. I hope that this publication assists you in planning your trip or enhancing an existing visit. Please utilize park staff for any questions, concerns, or even passing along suggestions on how we may better serve you. As you can see in the Rendezvous there are many resorts, commercial services, and amenities close to the park that help us offer spectacular visitor experiences. Many companies have generations of experience in and out of the park and offer great visitor destinations within Voyageurs National Park.

Thank you for your interest in our special park.

Michael M. Ward

## A SPECIAL PLACE

Voyageurs National Park was authorized by an Act of Congress on January 8, 1971 (84 Stat. 1971) "to preserve, for the inspiration and enjoyment of present and future generations, the outstanding scenery, geological conditions and waterway system which constituted a part of the historic route of the voyageurs who contributed significantly to the opening of the Northwestern United States." The park was established on April 8, 1975.

## THE PARK'S MISSION

Voyageurs National Park preserves the landscapes and scenic waterways that shaped the route of the North American fur traders and defined the border between the United States and Canada. The park and its diverse resources provide outstanding opportunities for outdoor recreations, scientific study, sport fishing, education, and appreciation of the northwoods lakecounty setting.



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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### How many acres are in Voyageurs?

218,054 acres

### How many acres of land are in Voyageurs?

134,000 acres

### How many acres of water are in Voyageurs?

84,000 acres

Water dominates the landscape with 4 major lakes and 26 interior lakes

### How much shoreline is in Voyageurs?

655 miles

### How many islands are there in Voyageurs?

Over 500

### What is the best way to see Voyageurs?

Once visitors arrive at one of the park's four entry points (boat launches), most leave their cars behind and set out by water, much as the voyageurs did centuries ago. Visitors can take a regularly scheduled boat tour, North Canoe Voyage or canoe program (see page 4) or bring their own watercraft.

### Where can I drive in the park?

Visitors can drive to the 3 visitor centers and then must hike, take a boat tour, canoe program or launch their own boat. There is a 7 mile Rainy Lake Ice Road that is plowed for visitors during the winter months.

### Where can I see wildlife?

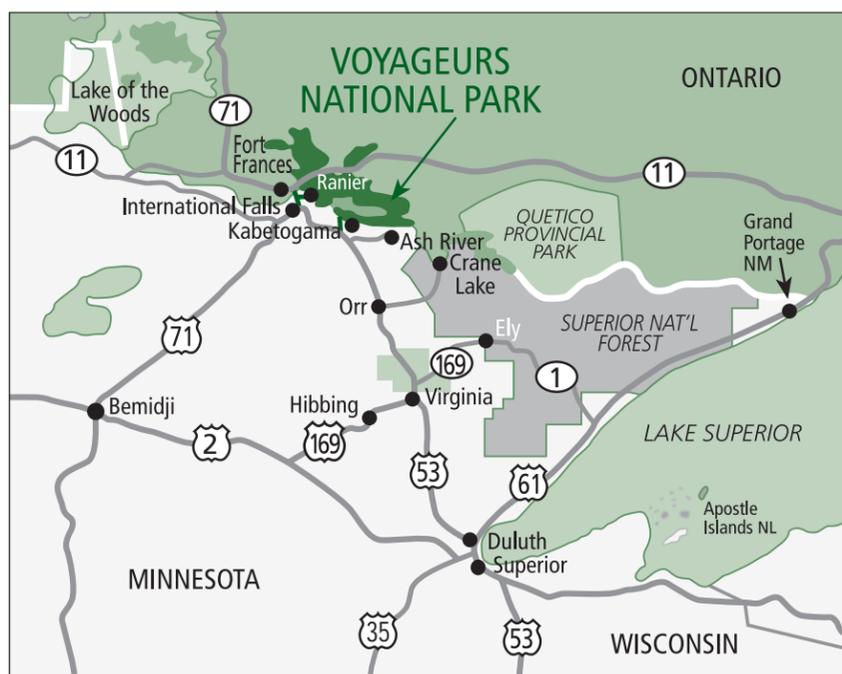
Visitors have the best opportunity to view the park's large wildlife on the Kabetogama peninsula on a back country hike. Visitors have the opportunity to see bald eagles, white-tailed deer, black bear and many of the park's smaller animals by watercraft.

### Where can I stay in the park?

Summer lodging is available at the historic Kettle Falls Hotel. Voyageurs provides boat camping opportunities throughout the park. The gateway communities of International Falls, Crane Lake, Ranier, Ash River and Kabetogama have accommodations available. Car camping is available at the Woodenfrog State Forest Campground and Ash River State Forest Campground (see map on page 8-9).

### Where can I find the watercraft launches?

Launch ramps are located near the park's Rainy Lake, Kabetogama Lake, and Ash River Visitor Centers and Crane Lake Ranger Station. A designated canoe and kayak launch area is located near the Ash River Visitor Center. Sandy beaches suitable for launching canoes and kayaks in the park are also located near the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center boat launch.



## 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.



## 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.

# Special Events and Special Places

## HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU HAVE?

### Free Activities in 1 Hour or Less



15  
minutes

- Watch the award-winning park film at any visitor center
- Stamp your park passport at any visitor center
- Take a photo of the beautiful scenery



45  
minutes

- Explore interactive exhibits at Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center
- Browse through the Rainy Lake Visitor Center exhibits



30  
minutes

- Talk to a park ranger
- Shop in a bookstore at any visitor center
- Watch the Life of a Voyageur video at any park visitor center
- Walk around the grounds at any visitor center to view the park's scenic landscape



60  
minutes

- Picnic in the park
- Attend a Voyageurs Adventures for Kids program
- Hike the Oberholtzer trail near the Rainy Lake Visitor Center
- Hike the Echo Bay trail near Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center
- Hike the Forest Overlook and the Kabetogama Lake Overlook near the Ash River Visitor Center

*Do you have more than 1 hour? See information below and program schedule on page 4.*



## SPECIAL EVENTS

**National Park Week – April, 2009 & 2010**

Celebrate spring with us during National Park Week. Kids are invited to enter the annual Youth Art Contest. The entire family will enjoy special activities at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. Visit the park's website for updates.

**Special Speaker Series – Mid-June through mid-August, 2009**

Join us at the Historic Woodenfrog State Forest Refectory for a special presentation about the park. Call (218) 875-2111 for a schedule.

### Rainy Lake

Join the community of Rainier for its annual **Ranier Days** celebrations on August 15. Special North Canoe trips by the park will be offered during this event.

### Kabetogama Lake

Join the Kabetogama Lake community for the 2009 **Land of the Ladyslipper Arts and Crafts Festival** – July 10 - 12. Special programs will be offered during this event.

### Crane Lake

Join the Crane Lake community for the its annual **Voyageur Days** – September 4 – 6. Special programs will be offered during this event. For inquiries call (800) 362-7405.



### Kettle Falls Hotel and Dam

Built in the early 1900s, the historic Kettle Falls Hotel attracted a transient community of people, including lumberjacks, fish buyers, prospectors, bootleggers 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 Voyageurs National Park and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Kettle Falls Hotel and restaurant continue to welcome visitors each summer.

This popular destination is managed by a private concessionaire. Call (218) 240-1726 during the summer and (218) 875-2070 during the winter for more information. You may also visit Kettle Falls on-line at [www.kettlefallshotel.com](http://www.kettlefallshotel.com).

Naturalist-guided boat tours to Kettle Falls depart from the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center during the summer months (see program schedule on page 4).

### Ellsworth Rock Gardens

Jack Ellsworth constructed a unique sculpture garden on his vacation property on Kabetogama Lake from 1944 to 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.

The Ellsworth Rock Gardens are accessible only by water. Picnic facilities and a bathroom are located at this popular visitor destination. Naturalist-guided boat tours depart from the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center to bring people out to the gardens throughout the summer (see program schedule on page 4). Stop by a park visitor center to pick up a brochure if exploring this visitor destination on your own.

### Little American Gold Mine Island

Discover the past on Little American Gold Mine Island while you explore the remains of mining activities from the 1890s Rainy Lake gold rush. Naturalist-guided boat tours to Little American Island depart from the Rainy Lake Visitor Center during the summer months (see program schedule on page 4).

Stop by a park visitor center to pick up a brochure if exploring this visitor destination on your own.

## VISITOR DESTINATIONS

Voyageurs' General Management Plan provides for the development of 15-20 destinations that visitors could boat to and learn more about the park and its significance. The park has identified 15 locations that will eventually be provided with picnic facilities and interpretive exhibits. Many destinations are historic structures that are being preserved by the National Park Service.

Development of picnic facilities and interpretive exhibits at Visitor Destinations is in various stages and work on historic structures is ongoing. For more information, pick up a Visitor Destination brochure at a park visitor center.

### Rainy Lake

- Harry Oveson Fish Camp \*
- Camp Marston \*\*
- Surveyor's Island \*\*
- Anderson Bay \*

### Kabetogama Lake

- Hacksaw Pass \*
- Ellsworth Rock Gardens \*

### Namakan Lake

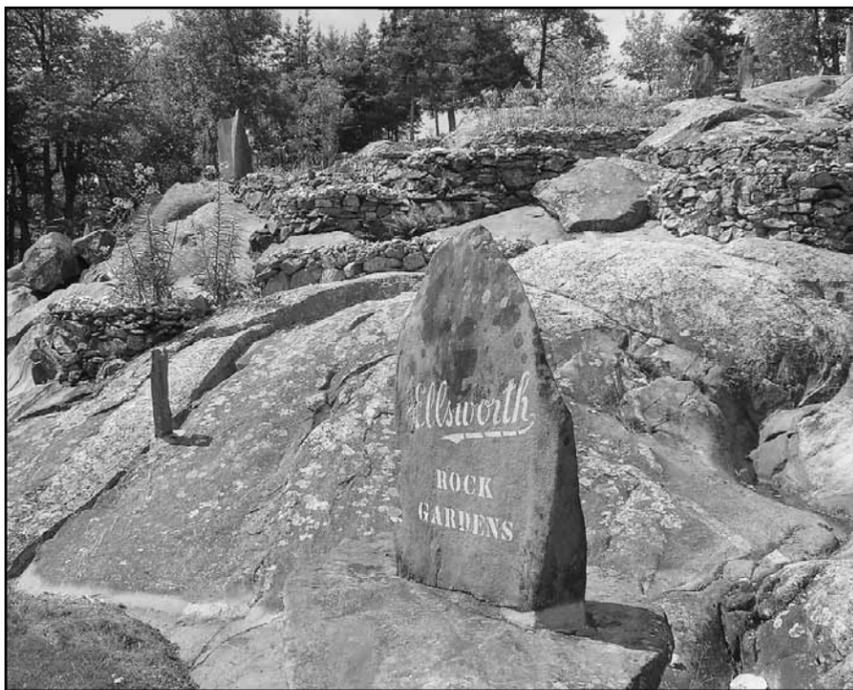
- I.W. Stevens Pine Cove Resort \*
- Hoist Bay \*
- Moose River Indian Village \*\*

### Sand Point/Crane Lakes

- Grassy Bay \*\*
- Ingersoll Island \*\*
- Casareto Cabin \*

\* Limited Development to Date: Some Day Use facilities exist such as a privy, picnic tables, and fire ring

\*\* No development to date



# 2009 Tour Boat and Naturalist Programs

## Rainy Lake (The Borealis) = Tour Boat Cruise *All tours are subject to change, please call ahead for schedule changes. A minimum of 4- passengers are required for all tours.*

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Adult	Child
<b>Gold Mine Tour – June 17 – August 12</b>  This tour takes you to Little American Island where you depart from the tour boat with a park naturalist for a 1/4 mile walk (handicap accessible) through the remains of the mining activities.				1-2:30			1-2:30	\$17	\$12
<b>Discovery Cruise – June 17 – August 15</b>  Discover the wonders and beauty of Voyageurs National Park. The captain will navigate Rainy Lake in search of abandoned gold mines, abundant wildlife and eventually to an historic commercial fishing camp.				3-5		3-5	3-5	\$17	\$12
<b>Grand Tour</b>  <b>June 14 – August 13</b> <b>August 16 – August 30</b> This tour is a combination of the Discovery and Gold Mine Tour.	1-3:30 1-3:30		1-3:30	1-3:30	1-3:30			\$23 \$23	\$17 \$17
<b>Bald Eagle Watch – June 16 – August 7</b>  This tour takes you to active bald eagle nests. Visitors have the opportunity to view eagles and their young on this tour. Bring your camera!			11-12:30		11-12:30	1-2:30		\$17	\$12
<b>North Canoe Voyage – June 19 – August 14</b> 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.						9:30-11 & 12-1:30	9:30-11 & 12-1:30	\$4	\$2
<b>Explore by Canoe – June 16 – August 13</b> Enjoy a tranquil canoe trip while keeping an eye out for wildlife. We provide lessons, paddles, canoes and life jackets. Minimum age is 5. We recommend participants know how to swim. Weather dependent. Reservations recommended.			2-4		2-4			Free	Free
<b>Evening Campfire – June 18 – August 13</b> Join a park naturalist for a special program about Voyageurs National Park around a campfire. In case of inclement weather, the program will be held inside the visitor center around the fireplace.					7-8 pm			Free	Free

## Kabetogama Lake (The Otter) = Tour Boat Cruise *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.*

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Adult	Child
<b>Kettle Falls Cruise</b>  <b>June 14 – August 14</b> <b>August 19 – September 19</b> 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 (6 passenger minimum).	11-4:30		11-4:30	11-4:30	11-4:30	11-4:30	11-4:30	\$41 \$41	\$23 \$23
<b>Ellsworth Rock Gardens Tour</b>  <b>June 15 – August 10</b> <b>August 20 – August 27</b> Board the Otter and cruise a short distance to Ellsworth Rock Gardens. Join a park naturalist on a tour of the historic site by viewing unique rock sculptures, building remnants and exploring the winding paths.		11-12:30 & 1-2:30			11-12:30 & 1-2:30			\$17 \$17	\$12 \$12
<b>North Canoe Voyage – June 15 – August 11</b> See description above. Meet at Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center.		9:30-11 & 12-1:30	9:30-11 & 12-1:30					\$4	\$2
<b>Explore by Canoe – June 19 – August 8</b> See description above. Meet at Woodenfrog boat launch ramp.					9:30-11:30 & 2-4		9:30-11:30 & 2-4	Free	Free
<b>Voyageurs Adventure for Kids – June 23 – August 11</b> Kids meet at the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center to explore the word of Voyageurs National Park with a park naturalist.			2-3					Free	Free
<b>Special Speaker Series – June 19 – August 14</b> Join us at the Historic Woodenfrog Refectory for a special program about the park.						7-8 pm		Free	Free

## Ash River Visitor Center = Tour Boat Cruise *All tours are subject to change, please call ahead for schedule changes. A minimum of 4- passengers are required for all tours.*

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Adult	Child
<b>Discover Namakan Cruise – June 24 – August 12</b>  Discover the wonder and beauty of Voyageurs National Park. The captain will navigate Namakan Lake in search of abundant wildlife, historic properties, and eventually to an historic logging camp.				3-5				\$17	\$12
<b>North Canoe Voyage – June 24 – August 12</b> See description above. Meet at the Ash River Visitor Center.				9:30-11 & 12-1:30				\$4	\$2
<b>Evening Campfire – June 25 – August 13</b> See description above. Meet at the Ash River Visitor Center.					7-8			Free	Free
<b>Lacrosse – June 25 – August 13</b> Learn how the Ojibwe played a family-friendly game of Lacrosse. Participants will use sticks to get a ball from one opponent's goal to another. Wear running shoes.					2-3			Free	Free

### TOUR BOAT AND NORTH CANOE RESERVATIONS

#### How to make a reservation from May 30 – August 31, 2009

*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.*



Call (888) 381-2873 to make a reservation for scheduled tour boat, Explore by Canoe and North Canoe trips. The reservation line is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Adult fees cover ages 17 and up, child fees cover ages 3-16, infants 2 and under are free.

A credit card is required to make reservations in advance. If you do not make

advance reservations you may pay at the boat if space is available. If all seats have been paid for in advance, then no walk-on passengers will be accepted. Refunds will be issued ONLY if advance reservations are canceled at least 24 hours before the scheduled tour departs. No refunds will be issued if less than 24 hours notice is given.

FEDERAL SENIOR PASS and ACCESS PASS holders are eligible for a discount on park-operated tour boat and North Canoe fees. To receive the discounted rate you

must provide the number on your Federal Senior Pass or Federal Access Pass when making an advance reservation over the phone.

If paying at the boat you must have a Federal Senior Pass or Access Pass in your possession to receive the discount. No discount will be applied if you do not present your Senior Pass or Access Pass when paying. No discounts can be applied once the tour has started.

If paying by personal check you are required to provide your social security number if the amount due is over \$50. If you do not wish to provide your social security number you may pay with cash or credit card. Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, and Diners Club are accepted for payment.

#### How to make reservations for tours departing after September 1, 2009

This information applies to those individuals who make reservations for tours after September 1.

Call the respective visitor center where your tour departs. To reach Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center call (218) 875-2111. To reach Rainy Lake Visitor Center call (888) 381-2873 or (218) 286-5258.

Credit cards are NOT accepted after August 31. Cash or check only (correct change is appreciated). All Federal Senior Pass and Federal Access Pass and refund information continues to apply at this time.

# Hiking Trails in the Park

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## WATER ACCESS TRAILHEADS (accessible only by boat)

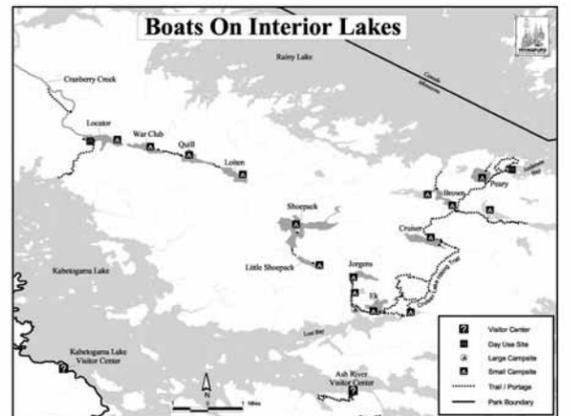
*Pets are NOT allowed on park trails.*

Trail Description	Difficulty	Hiking Distance	Hiking Time (round trip)
<b>RAINY LAKE</b>			
<b>1</b> <b>Black Bay Beaver Pond Trail</b> This trailhead is located across Black Bay, north of the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. This trail takes you through northern pine country to a scenic and active beaver pond.	Moderate	1.18 miles, roundtrip	1 hour
<b>2</b> <b>Anderson Bay Trail</b> The trailhead is located on the east end of Rainy Lake just past the Kempton channel. This trail takes you up a rocky cliff to a spectacular view of Rainy Lake.	Moderate	1.75 mile loop	2 hours
<b>3</b> <b>Little American Island</b> Discover the past on Little American Gold Mine Island while you explore the history of gold mining activities. Today mine shafts, tailings, & machinery remain from the 1890s gold rush. Experience this as a Naturalist-led program or on your own with self-guided wayside exhibits and brochures.	Easy	.25 loop	20 minutes
<b>KABETOGAMA LAKE</b>			
<b>4</b> <b>Cruiser Lake Trail</b> This trailhead is accessible from either the Rainy or Kabetogama Lake side of the park. This trail crosses over the peninsula, up rocky cliffs and down into remote wetland areas. If you are hoping to spot some of the park's larger wildlife, hiking this trail will increase your chances of spotting a moose or hearing the howl of a wolf.	Strenuous	9.5 miles, one way	6 to 8 hours
<b>5</b> <b>Locator Lake Trail</b> The trailhead is located across Kabetogama Lake north from the visitor center. This trail takes you up and down a variety of hills and through forests and wetlands.	Strenuous	2 miles, one way	2 hours
<b>NAMAKAN LAKE</b>			
<b>6</b> <b>Beast Lake Trail</b> This trail climbs the majority of the way along a ridge top. A steep climb at the beginning and at the end awaits the adventurous.	Moderate	.25 miles, one way	45 minutes



## LAND ACCESS TRAILHEADS (accessible by car)

Trail Description	Difficulty	Hiking Distance	Hiking Time (round trip)
<b>7</b> <b>Oberholtzer Trail</b> Travel from just outside the Rainy Lake Visitor Center to two overlooks to see the diversity of forest and wetland types in Voyageurs National park. This trail is wheelchair accessible for the first 1/4 mile. This trail is tracked for snowshoeing during the winter.	Easy	1.7 miles	45 minutes
<b>8</b> <b>Echo Bay Trail</b> This park trail is located 3 miles from the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center off County Road 122. A wide path takes you from aspens to pines as you pass through lowlands and rocky outcrops. Birding is great there with a great blue heron rookery and sightings from warblers to woodpeckers. Bring your binoculars, bug spray, and a sense of adventure. Sections of this trail are groomed for skiing in the winter months.	Easy	2.5 mile loop	2 hours
<b>9</b> <b>Kab-Ash Trail</b> This trail connects the Kabetogama and Ash River communities. Travel through backcountry forests and wetlands on this extensive system of interconnected trails. Four trailheads make it possible to hike sections of this trail or the whole trail for an in depth view of the park.	Strenuous	27.87 mile system	Days
<b>10</b> <b>Blind Ash Bay Trail</b> Park at the Kabetogama Lake Overlook near the Ash River Visitor Center to access the trailhead. Travel a narrow, winding rocky trail to experience the wonders of the boreal forest and to view spectacular scenery.	Moderate	2.8 mile loop	2.5 hours
<b>Overlooks</b>			
<b>11</b> <b>Beaver Pond Overlook</b> This is the second trailhead on your right as you leave the Ash River Visitor Center. A short uphill hike leads to a rocky terrace high above a beaver pond. Although beavers are no longer active at this pond, this trail provides great birding opportunities, and the possibility of spotting large wildlife.	Moderate	0.2 mile, one way	30 minutes
<b>12</b> <b>Voyageurs Forest Overlook</b> The entrance to this short trail is furthest from the Ash River Visitor Center, and is located on the left side of the park road just before reaching County Road 129. A picnic table and restroom are located at the trailhead, making this a good spot to get out of your car and stretch your legs.	Easy	0.5 mile loop	30 minutes
<b>13</b> <b>Kabetogama Lake Overlook</b> This is the third pullout on your left as you are driving to the Ash River Visitor Center. This short walk is handicap accessible and will take you to a wayside that looks west towards Kabetogama Lake.	Easy	0.2 mile one way	20 minutes



## NEED A SHUTTLE TO LOCATOR LAKE TRAILHEAD?

June 15-August 10, Monday

Voyageurs National Park is offering a regularly scheduled shuttle service to Locator Lake trailhead. Hike 2 miles, one way to the interior lakes. Once there, canoes are available for use ONLY if reserved in advance. Reservations are required for the shuttle. Call (888) 381-2873 for departure times to reserve your spot. A minimum of 4 passengers is required for the shuttle to go. Adults/Child \$20 (roundtrip). A reservation for a shuttle service does not guarantee you a reservation for a canoe rental. To request a reservation for a canoe rental, call the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center (218) 875-2111 and see the information on watercraft rentals above.



## ROCK CAIRNS

Many of the trails in the park are marked with rock cairns. If you see a rock cairn, please respect that it is a trail marker for visitors to find their way and do not destroy.

## WANT TO RENT A WATERCRAFT?

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

The National Park Service provides canoes and/or rowboats on several interior lakes for a fee of \$10 per boat, per day.

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

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

Interior Lake canoes and/or rowboats are located on the following lakes: (see map insert)

1) Locator, 2) Quill, 3) Ek, 4) Cruiser, 5) Little Shoepack, 6) Shoepack, 7) Cranberry Creek, 8) Brown, 9) Peary

Reservations are required and may be made up to one week in advance. Call (218) 875-2111 to request a reservation for lakes # 1-6, and call (218) 286-5258 or (888) 381-2873 for # 7-9. Walk-in reservations are accepted at the Rainy Lake and Kabetogama Lake Visitor Centers when space is available.

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

Please note, to prevent the spread of spiny waterfleas and other invasives, park regulations do not allow you to bring your own watercraft into interior park lakes.



## Kid's Corner

### Become a Junior Ranger

Stop by a visitor center to pick up a free copy of the park's Junior Ranger booklet.

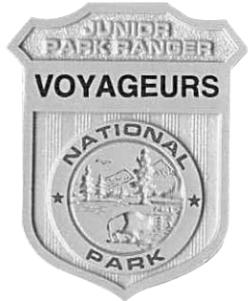


Kids 9 and up can become a member of the Junior Ranger Bear Club, kids 6 to 8 years old can become a member of the Junior Ranger Wolf Club and kids 5 and under can become a member of the Junior Ranger Beaver Club. Each child will earn a badge, certificate, and patch to take home.

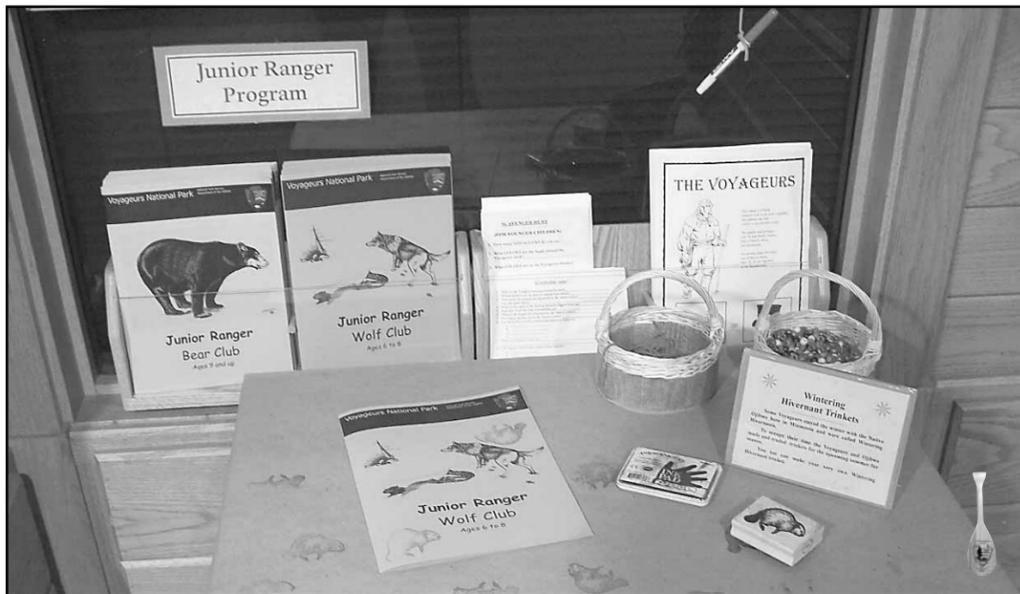
These booklets were made possible by the generous support of Voyageurs National Park Association, the Friends of Voyageurs National Park, Lake States Interpretive Association, the National Park Foundation, Unilever and Ocean Spray.

### Children's Tables

Check it out! There are children's tables at each visitor center with kid friendly activities about the park. Make a voyageur souvenir, color a picture, or stamp an animal track.



The tables and activities are made possible by the generous support of the Friends of Voyageurs National Park.



### Become a Voyageur

Step back in time by dressing as a voyageur. Kids of all ages can dress as a voyageur at any of the three visitor centers. Try on the leggings, sashes, and colorful chamois of the voyageurs. If you want to do more participate in a North Canoe Voyage (see page 4).

### Discovery Packs

Kids and their families can discover Voyageurs National Park on their own and in depth by checking out any one of the three different Discovery Packs the park has to offer.

The Discovery Packs explore Voyageurs National Park's Geology, Scenery, and Winter in detail and offer activities for all ages. The packs may be checked out for an hour or all day. An Adult must check them out with his/her driver's license at any visitor center.

How many canoe paddles can you find throughout this newspaper?

## Trails Outside the Park – Yet Close Enough to Check Out

Remove this section of the paper for a hiking guide of trails near Voyageurs National Park.

### LAND ACCESS TRAILHEADS (accessible by car)

Trail Description	Difficulty	Hiking Distance	Hiking Time (round trip)
<b>NEAR RAINY LAKE</b>			
<b>1</b> Tilsen Bay Hiking Trail This scenic trail is located just outside the park on Highway 11. Parking is available across the street from the trailhead and Tilsen Bay boat launch ramp. Leashed dogs are permitted on this trail.	Moderate	2 mile loop	1.5 hour
<b>NEAR CRANE LAKE</b>			
<b>2</b> Orr Bog Walk Located behind the Orr Travel Information Center on Highway 53, this short loop trail provides access through a variety of forest and wetland types on a well-maintained boardwalk.	Easy	.25 mile loop	20 minutes
<b>3</b> Vermilion Falls A walk on a well-maintained interpretive trail brings you to Vermilion Falls, a cascading torrent of water forced through a 10-foot wide opening in the granite. Two miles before reaching Crane Lake, turn left on U.S.F.S. Road 491. Travel four miles to the trailhead. Leashed pets are allowed on this trail.	Moderate	.25 mile, one way	20 minutes
<b>4</b> Vermilion Gorge Trail The trail passes over rugged landscape of sheer granite cliffs and rock outcrops while paralleling the Vermilion Gorge. Interpretive signs along the trail describe the history of this area. The trailhead is located 0.1 mile north of the ranger station on the west side of the road in Crane Lake. Leashed pets are allowed on this trail.	Moderate	3 miles, round trip	1.5 hours

### Stamp Your Passport!

- Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center (summer only)
- Ash River Visitor Center (summer only)
- Crane Lake Ranger Station (when available)
- Kettle Falls Hotel (summer only)
- Park Headquarters (all year)
- Rainy Lake Visitor Center (all year)



Throughout the park there are six locations where you can stamp your park passport. Forgot your passport book? No problem, you can purchase a new one at any of the three visitor centers.



# The Many People Who Make a Difference — Park Partners



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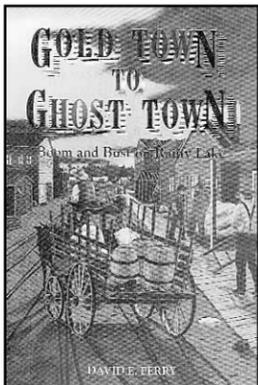
## Lake States Interpretive Association

*The mission of the Lake States Interpretive Association is to provide funding for our partner agencies who provide interpretive services to the public.*



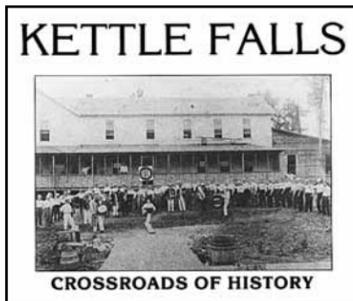
### Voyageurs National Park Book

This book is an overall look that gives a glimpse into the beauty of Voyageurs National Park.



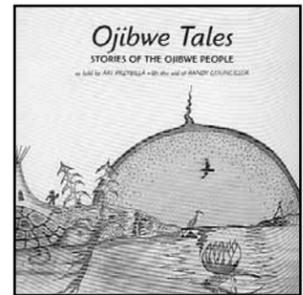
### Gold Town to Ghost Town

The Rainy Lake Gold Rush had a profound impact on the settlement of northern Minnesota. Gold seekers, eager to find glittering wealth, found instead a land blessed with bountiful forests, rich soils and abundant water. This short account of the Rainy Lake gold rush drama relies, as much as possible, on original narratives and other first hand person accounts.



### Kettle Falls

The “jewel in the forest” is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is part of the Kettle Falls Historic District; the Kettle Falls Hotel has been preserved for future generations.



### Ojibwe Tales

The Ojibwe are storytellers and through their stories and legends knowledge is passed down to their children. There are three types of Ojibwe stories: Creation and migration stories; stories told for amusement; and life lessons told through stories of Nanabohzo. This is a book of life lessons from the Ojibwe.

*Join the Lake States Interpretive Association!*

Members receive the following benefits:

- 10% discount at Lake States sales outlets (except maps).
- Discounts at other cooperating associations.
- Special gifts for first time members.



## Voyageurs National Park Association

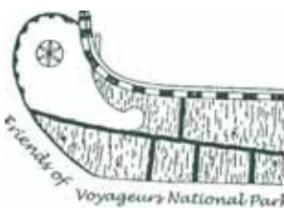
What brings you to Voyageurs National Park? Perhaps it is the chance to experience seemingly endless blue lakes and quiet forests. Or to see bald eagles soar and hear timber wolves howl.

You can enjoy Voyageurs National Park today because past generations worked hard to protect this extraordinary place. You can help ensure that the park is just as beautiful for future generations by joining Voyageurs National Park Association today.

Voyageurs National Park Association (VNPA) was founded in 1965 to help create Voyageurs National Park. VNPA continues today to protect and support the park. For example, we preserve the park from new development by helping the National Park Service buy private properties inside the boundaries of the park from willing sellers. Each year, we organize volunteers to help meet the park’s conservation and maintenance needs by restoring native plants to shoreline sites and by monitoring and clearing trails. We provide funding for park projects, such as training for volunteer crews to restore the historic Ellsworth Rock Gardens. We also work to protect the park’s remarkable resources by educating decision makers and the public about threats that face the park, such as inadequate budgets, air pollution, and invasive species.



Voyageurs National Park Association relies on members and donors to achieve our mission. With your tax-deductible support, we can do even more. For more information, to become a volunteer, or to join us today, visit [www.voyageurs.org](http://www.voyageurs.org), email us at [vnpa@voyageurs.org](mailto:vnpa@voyageurs.org) or call (612) 333-5424.



## Friends of Voyageurs National Park

Have you noticed the action around the children’s activity tables at the park visitor centers? Have you hiked the Echo Bay trail, listened to the nickelodeon play at the Kettle Falls Hotel, or attended an evening program at Woodenfrog? Have you borrowed a pair of snowshoes or kids’ skis in wintertime at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center? And behind the scenes, the Friends of Voyageurs National Park (FVNP) have helped fishermen “Get the Lead Out” by swapping their lead sinkers for non-toxic ones.

They have also provided funds to collect and analyze eaglet blood samples, checking for contaminants such as pesticides. 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. 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.

For more information on how to join the Friends of Voyageurs National Park visit [www.nps.gov/voya/supportyourpark](http://www.nps.gov/voya/supportyourpark)



## Volunteers-In-Parks are Very Important People

In 2008 the park benefited from the generous donation of time and talent of 92 people who volunteered over 6,400 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 218-283-6600, or visit the park’s website at [www.nps.gov/voya](http://www.nps.gov/voya).



## 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. For more information, call 218-283-6600 or visit [www.destinationvoyageursnationalpark.com](http://www.destinationvoyageursnationalpark.com)

Little American Island's quarter mile loop with exhibits tells the story of the Gold Rush of 1893.



Oveson Fish Camp  
A glimpse of the area's rich commercial fishing tradition.



# Map —



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

## PARK HIKING TRAILS — No Pets Allowed

#	Trail Name	Length	Access
1	Black Bay Beaver Pond Trail	1.18 mile (round trip)	Water
2	Oberholtzer Trail 	1.7 mile (round trip)	Car
3	Locator Lake Trail	2 miles (one way)	Water
4	Echo Bay Trail	2.5 miles (loop)	Car
5	Blind Ash Bay Trail	2.5 miles (loop)	Car
6	Kabetogama Lake Overlook 	0.2 mile (one way)	Car
7	Beaver Pond Overlook 	0.2 mile (one way)	Car
8	Cruiser Lake Trail	9.5 miles (one way)	Water
9	Beast Lake Trail	2.5 miles (one way)	Water
10	Anderson Bay Overlook	1.75 miles (loop)	Water
11	Kab-Ash Trail System	24 miles hiking (combination of 1-way & loops) 22 miles skiing (combination of 1-way & loops)	Car
12	Voyageurs Forest Overlook	0.5 mile (loop)	Car
13	Little American Island 	.25 mile (loop)	Water

# Destinations and Trails

## Fur Trade Canoe Route

Ojibwe Indians & voyageurs paddled birchbark canoes along what is now the boundary between the U.S. and Canada.

-  Unpaved road
-  Cross-country ski trail
-  Ranger station
-  Boat launch
-  Pullout/Trailhead
-  Hiking trail/portage
-  Lodging
-  Picnic area
-  Resort area (gas, lodging, meals)
-  Hiking & ski trail
-  Food service
-  Campground
-  Gas station
-  Beach



## Kettle Falls Hotel

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.



Historic damtender's cabin

## Grassy Bay Cliffs

are an impressive sight of pink to light gray Lac La Croix granite.



## Ash River Visitor Center



Constructed in 1935, historic Meadwood Lodge is now the Ash River Visitor Center. The lodge's superior craftsmanship illustrates the rustic style vacation retreats of the 1930s.

### Distances by boat between park 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

### 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



# What You Need to Know

## 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, flowers, or pine cones. You may harvest up to one gallon of berries for personal consumption.

**Keep the Shade!** Cutting live or dead standing trees is prohibited. Collect only dead AND downed wood.

**Firearms, air spring powered guns, archery equipment, and fireworks are prohibited.**

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

**Pets must be leashed and attended at all times.** Pets are allowed 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 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.

**Store food properly.** Voyageurs is bear country. Make sure you 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.

**DO NOT drink and drive.** Operating an automobile, boat or snowmobile while under the influence of alcohol or drugs is prohibited.

**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.

**Protect Water Quality.** Use comfort stations where facilities are available. Otherwise dispose of human waste by digging a hole at least six inches deep, and at least 100 feet away from shoreline.

**Keep Voyageurs National Park beautiful.** Do not litter. Do not leave trash in the park. If you pack something in, please pack it out. Do not burn garbage at campsites.

**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 waterflea, an aquatic exotic invasive species.

**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 Minnesota 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.

**Swimming, diving, and bathing are prohibited at docks** in developed areas (visitor centers & Kettle Falls). Diving from other park docks is discouraged. Water skiing is prohibited in navigation channels.

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

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

**Firewood restrictions** require visitors to purchase firewood from an approved Minnesota DNR firewood vendor. Firewood may not be brought in from unapproved vendors. This is to protect forest health and prevent the spread of invasive pests. For more information log onto [www.dnr.state.mn.us](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us)

**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.

## BOATING SAFETY TIPS

Always wear your life jacket –Minnesota state law requires all watercraft (including canoes and kayaks) to have one wearable U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD) on board and accessible for each person in the watercraft. The Coast Guard 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!

Know where you can re-fuel your boat.

Don't drink & drive. County Sheriff, U.S. Coast Guard staff, and park rangers enforce laws prohibiting boat operations under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Navigation charts are highly recommended.



## 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.

A few words of caution about blue-green algae...

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>

## SAFE BOATING CHECKLIST

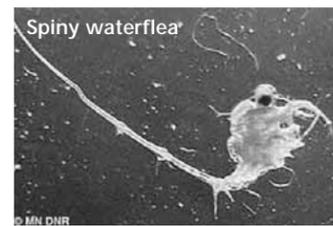
Don't leave it to chance. Plan on having a safe and enjoyable experience by making sure you have these items whenever boating in the park:

- 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

## 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 waterflea:** This tiny (1/4-5/8") crustacean 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 waterfleas are spread when either live adult waterfleas or viable resting eggs are transferred to a new body of water. Spiny waterfleas can be transported on bait buckets, anchor ropes, fishing line, boats, waders, nets, or any gear that contacts infested waters.

Spiny waterfleas were first found in Rainy Lake and Namakan Lake 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 fishing regulations, the best management practices described below, 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 below. 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 Beetle:** The emerald ash borer has decimated ash trees in Michigan and is spreading westward, currently to the Chicago area. These insects, and other forest pests, can be transported to the park in contaminated firewood. Please do not bring firewood from outside of the local area. Purchase from a MN DNR-approved firewood vendor near the park or collect dead & 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.

### 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.
- For more information check out the park's website at [www.nps.gov/voya/natureandscience](http://www.nps.gov/voya/natureandscience)

### 2009 Regulations to Protect Interior Lakes from Aquatic Invasive Species and Fish Diseases

- 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

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.

### TEMPERATURES (F.)

	Average Highs	Average Lows	Rainfall Average Inches
January	14	-8	0.84
February	22	-1	0.64
March	35	12	0.96
April	51	27	1.38
May	67	40	2.55
June	74	49	3.98
July	79	54	3.37
August	76	51	3.14
September	65	42	3.03
October	52	31	1.98
November	33	16	1.36
December	18	-1	0.7

## NAVIGATION YOU NEED TO KNOW

The U.S. Coast Guard Buoy System: The Coast Guard numbered red and green buoy system is used to guide boaters and mark hazards (see below). 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 uplake (red right return).



Can buoys are green with odd numbers. Keep them to the left when going uplake.



Circled mark means a controlled area including no wake zone.



Nun buoys are red with even numbers. Keep them to the right when going uplake.



Divers flag warns of the presence of divers, who may be just under the surface.



Diamond shape warns of danger. Cross in diamond means boats must keep out.

# Camping, Houseboating and Day Use Information

## The Basics

 You need a boat to camp in the park. All campsites are accessible by water only. Car camping is available at the nearby Woodenfrog & 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 (see information below).

A free permit is required for all overnight stays in the park (see information below).

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.

 All sites, except the group campsites and the Voyageurs Narrows accessible campsite, are occupied on a first-come, first-served basis. No reservations are available.

 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 visitor safety.

Maximum group sizes are designed to provide enjoyable conditions for visitors and to prevent campsites from being degraded. (See list below.)

Small tent sites – 9 people

Large tent sites – 18 people

Houseboat site – 2 houseboats

Group tent sites – 30 people

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

Do not bring firewood into the park from outside of the immediate area unless it is from an approved Minnesota DNR firewood vendor. Gypsy moths, emerald ash borer, and other pests that endanger forest health may be hiding in unapproved firewood. Please help us protect forest health.

## Voyageurs National Park is 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.



Photo: Kevin Grossheim

## 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 ramp.
- 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 campsite.

## 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.

Reservations are required from May 23 – September 30, 2009. The sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis during the rest of the year.

Reservations may be made online at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) or by calling 1-877-444-6777.

Advanced reservations may NOT be made at park visitor centers.

Fee: \$35 per night

Maximum group size is 30 people.

If your group size is less than 14 you may stop by the Rainy Lake or Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center to see if a group campsite is available for use on that day.

Need more details? Stop by a visitor center or visit our website at [www.nps.gov/voya](http://www.nps.gov/voya)

## DAY USE SITES

Visitors looking for a place for picnics or day time activities may stop and enjoy Day Use Sites throughout the park. They are marked with a green box on the *Camping, Houseboating and Day Use Map* that can be picked up at any of the park's three visitor centers. Amenities at these sites include a picnic table, fire ring, privy and bear proof food locker. Visitors **may not** stay overnight at a Day Use Site.



## ACCESSIBLE CAMPSITE

Site N41 at Voyageurs Narrows is an accessible campsite available by reservation only. Call (218) 875-2111 at least one week in advance to request a reservation for use of this site. If you need an accessible lift for this site a three day advance reservation is required.

## 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](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_forests/index.html).



GPO U.S. GPO: 2007-035-852	
<b>Voyageurs National Park Overnight Permit</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only one permit needed per overnight group</li> <li>• Valid permit = all blocks filled in</li> <li>• Valid permit = top copy placed in permit box</li> <li>• Leave top copy in permit box</li> <li>• Hang bottom copy in plain view from your tent or from the back rail of your houseboat</li> </ul>	
Name _____	
Address _____	
City _____	State _____ Zip _____
Emergency Contact Name _____	Phone # _____
Total # in Group (including self) _____	Total # of Boats _____
Motor Vehicle Make/Model _____	Primary Travel Boat Make _____
License # _____	Color _____
License State _____	
Primary Method of Travel: (circle one)	
water taxi   kayak   cabin cruiser   sailboat   canoe	
private houseboat   motorboat   pontoon   rental houseboat	
other _____	
Date of Entry _____	Entry Location _____
Date of Exit _____	Exit Location _____
Where do you plan to camp? (circle all that apply)	
West (of the Brule Narrows) Rainy Lake   East (of the Brule Narrows) Rainy Lake	
West Kabetogama Lake   East Kabetogama Lake	
West Namakan Lake   East Namakan Lake   Kettle Falls area	
Sandpoint Lake   King Williams Narrows Campground	
Mukoods Lake Campground   Backcountry (includes interior lakes)	
<small>The National Park Service (NPS) retains this information for analysis of overnight use in the park. The NPS does not track the voyage of vessels. Each group should keep a friend or relative informed of its trip itinerary.</small>	
* * * * * READ BACK OF PERMIT * * * * *	
I have read, understand and accept responsibility to follow all Voyageurs National Park regulations stated on the back of this permit.	
Signature _____	Date _____
(park copy)	

# Science and History

## Where Have all the Moose Gone?

Moose (*Alces alces*) are a charismatic species that historically were an integral part of the boreal forests, including what is now Voyageurs National Park. Considering that woodland caribou (*Rangifer tarandus*) were gone from the region around 1930 and white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) invaded around 1900, moose

remain the only native ungulate that occurred at the time of the Voyageurs. However, moose numbers appear to be declining and they may be at risk of extirpation from Voyageurs National Park due a number of emerging threats. White-tailed deer are increasing at the northern edge of their range in Minnesota, including in the Voyageurs National Park area, and deer spread parasites fatal to moose such as brainworm (*Parelaphostrongylus tenuis*) and liver flukes (*Fascioloides magna*). Moose may also be sensitive to increasing summer and winter temperatures, which are expected to rise over the next century from the effects of global climate change. Moose can become heat stressed at temperatures above 60°F in the summer or 20°F in the winter. Heat stress can cause moose to spend less time feeding or decrease their immune response to disease and parasites. To address this emerging issue, Voyageurs National Park, in collaboration with the University of Minnesota-Duluth and the US Geological Survey, began a research program in January 2009 to provide managers with critically needed information. Specifically, this project seeks to: 1) estimate current numbers of moose in the park, 2) identify the prevalence of parasites fatal to moose in the local deer population, and 3) study the effects of temperature on moose habitat use and physiology.



## Studying the Ecological Effects of Artificially Managed Lake Levels

The international waters of Rainy Lake and the Namakan Reservoir have been controlled by several privately owned dams since the early 1900s. In response to documented ecosystem degradation, rules governing

water level management were changed by the International Joint Commission (IJC) in 2000 to produce a more natural annual pattern, particularly by reducing the winter drawdown in the Namakan Reservoir. The IJC charged affected natural resource management agencies with the duty of monitoring whether the new annual pattern of water level fluctuation is beneficial to the ecosystem. A joint U.S. and Canadian coordinating committee was established to oversee development and implementation of a long-term, multidisciplinary monitoring plan that would accurately and reliably measure performance indicators. Voyageurs National Park and cooperators conducted monitoring programs for indicators including: aquatic vegetation communities, furbearer habitat and behavior, common loon nesting success, benthic invertebrate communities, harvested fish populations, mercury concentrations in game fish, chlorophyll-a and water chemistry, and diatom communities. Data analyses are ongoing for many of the individual response variables. Preliminary results indicate that mercury concentrations in young-of-the-year yellow perch are highly correlated with water level fluctuation in these reservoirs and that some of the predicted positive biological changes appear to have occurred in the Namakan Reservoir in both wetland vegetation communities and benthic invertebrate communities – results for the other studies are pending. Interestingly, some changes also appear to have occurred in unregulated Lac la Croix and in Rainy Lake where the change in annual water level pattern was minimal. Other influences, including climate change, may increase the difficulty of identifying changes related to the altered pat-



tern of water levels. A USGS/NPS analytical modeling project is being conducted (2008-2011) using these monitoring data to assess the effects of the new pattern of annual water level fluctuation on the aquatic ecosystem in a more holistic fashion.



## A Good Life by the Lake

The Kabetogama Ranger Station house was built in 1935 by the Civilian Conservation Corps and, for most of the building's existence, has been the home to foresters, deputies, park rangers, and their families. Life at the Ranger Station house was busy, entwined with duties of the Minnesota Forestry District business.

Eino Lindgren was a district forester who lived in the Ranger Station house with his family from 1954 until the fall of 1971. Eino's son Bill assisted his father from the time he was eight years old, packing water over beaver dams to fires on the Kabetogama Peninsula or towing stranded boats in any kind of weather. Forester Lindgren's wife cooked for firefighters, baking bread every day, or sat in the fire tower in Kinmount, scanning the horizon for "smokes," the first sign of fire. Bill Lindgren recalled, "I had a lot of chores, but everyone else did, too. It was a good life, hard, but good."

This past year, there has been construction activity at the Kabetogama Ranger Station house. The kitchen is getting an update, the front porch is being reclaimed, the great room is being restored, and an addition is being added to make it possible for park rangers and their families to live and carry on the duties of the district in the house by the lake for many more decades.

## Where's the Wildlife?

Voyageurs has hundreds of fascinating species of flora and fauna that live here seasonally and year-round. No matter when you visit, there is never enough time to see it all. Why not visit several different seasons to really feel the wonder of this ever-changing land?

### JANUARY

Drive along the park's Rainy Lake Ice Road and watch for tracks of wolves, bald eagles, red fox, and common ravens around a winter kill.

### FEBRUARY

Look for moose crossing frozen lake surfaces.

### MARCH

As the days warm, millions of snowfleas or springtails pepper the snow. Look closely for these minute insects that scavenge in the snow, soil and leaf litter.

### APRIL

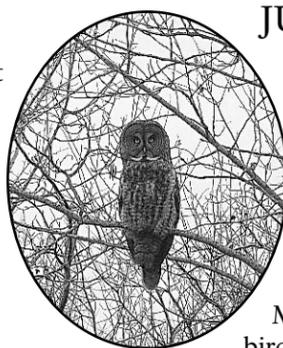
Bears are leaving their winter dens. A hungry sow and her cubs will feed on aspen or willow catkins until the grass grows.

### MAY

The cape may warbler returns from tropical winter homes. These colorful boreal forest birds feed on spruce budworm.

### JUNE

When hiking in the woods, look closely on the forest floor for a newly born white-tailed deer. They are silently hidden by their spotted coat.



### JULY

Watch for the stealthy stalking of a great blue heron. In a flash they seize crayfish.

Heron flip their prey in the air and swallow it headfirst.

### AUGUST

Minnesota's state bird, the common loon, of sharp black and white contrast, turns a dull gray before leaving for open waters.



### SEPTEMBER

Maple trees become clothed in scarlet and aspen trees turn shades of gold.

### OCTOBER

Tamaracks turn to "smokey gold." As a deciduous conifer, this unique tree changes color and loses its needles each fall.

### NOVEMBER

Cobblestones of ice form on shallow bays. Listen for the ice cracking in the early morning hours.

### DECEMBER

Look in the tops of aspen trees for evening and pine grosbeaks. You can often hear them when they use their large crushing beaks to break off buds to eat.



# Winter in Voyageurs National Park

## Looking For Something To Do?

Winter visitors enjoy the beauty of Voyageurs National Park by snowmobile, on cross-country skis, in an auto on the ice road, on snowshoes or in ice-fishing houses. Voyageurs invites visitors who want to get out of the cold to come to the Rainy Lake Visitor Center.

### Rainy Lake Visitor Center Winter Hours and Services

September 28, 2009 – December 31, 2009  
Wednesday - Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
January 2, 2010 – mid-May 2010  
Wednesday - Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Call (218) 286-5258 or (888) 381-2873

#### The visitor center offers:

- Voyageurs National Park information
- Convenient snowmobile parking
- Trail and ice condition updates
- A cozy fire and hot cocoa

- A children's corner
- Maps of ski, snowshoe and snowmobile trails
- Bookstore
- Life-size bull moose
- Exhibits and films
- Snowshoes for loan
- Cross-country ski rentals for adults and free loan program for kids

### Fall, Winter and Spring Programs

October – April Voyageurs National Park offers naturalist-led programs at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. Call (218) 286-5258 or (888) 381-2873, Wednesday – Sunday for a schedule of events or visit [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov). Schedule available in December.

## Cross-Country Skiing

Enjoy the tranquility of cross-country skiing in Voyageurs National Park. Area ski trails (groomed and tracked unless noted) include:

### Black Bay Ski Trail

Located one mile north of the Rainy Lake Visitor Center on the Rainy Lake Ice Road and offers 6 miles of trail.

### Voyageurs' Tilson Connector Trail

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources 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 27.87 miles of ungroomed trail and is for the experienced skier. Bring a map and be prepared for winter travel in a remote area if exploring the Kab-Ash trail in winter.



## Snowshoeing

Explore the winter landscape on one of the park's three tracked snowshoe trails.

### Blind Ash Bay Trail

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

### Sullivan Bay Trail

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

### Oberholtzer Trail

(2 miles round trip)

The trailhead is just outside the Rainy Lake Visitor Center.



## Rainy Lake Ice Road

The 7-mile Rainy Lake Ice Road extends from the boat launch ramp at Rainy Lake Visitor Center to the mouth of Cranberry Bay.

The ice road is open to cars and trucks of less than 7,000 lbs. gross vehicle weight. SNOWMOBILES are NOT permitted on the ice road.

### 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 icehouse registration is required.

## Snowmobilers

Snowmobiling is allowed on frozen lake surfaces and designated safety portages in Voyageurs National Park. The park provides 110 miles of staked and groomed trails for snowmobiling.

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](http://www.nps.gov/voya). Click on "news" or "winter trail report" for detailed information.

International Falls, 1-800-FALLS MN

Kabetogama Lake, 1-800-524-9085

Ash River, 1-800-950-2061

Crane Lake, 1-877-466-7669 (466-SNOW)

## Voyageurs National Park

National Park Service  
Department of the Interior



# ATTENTION SNOWMOBILERS

45  
mph

Lake Surfaces

25  
mph

Land Portages



**DRINKING AND  
SNOWMOBILING  
DON'T MIX!**

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

# LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Kabetogama Lake				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; 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 shutdown periods.)
Kabetogama Tourism Bureau Lake Kabetogama, MN 56669 (218) 875-2621 or (800) 524-9085 www.kabetogama.com												
Arrowhead Lodge and Resort	arrowheadlodgeresort.com	(866) 847-7118	(218) 875-2141	16	1	ALP	BDISGF	3WESDRV	FCPODK	B	P	All Year
Birch Grove Resort	birchgroveresort.com	(877) 878-4502,	(218) 875-2172	6	1		BIPRG	4WEBSTRV	FCP	B		May-Oct.
Carlson's Harmony Beach Resort	harmonybeachresort.com		(218) 875-2811	17	3		BIPG	4WEBTRV	PD(FGO)F	B	P	All Year
Deer Horn Resort	deerhornresort.com	(888) 600-3337,	(218) 875-3861	7	1		BIG		F			May-Oct.
Driftwood Lodge Resort	driftwoodlodgeresort.com	(888) 816-1529,	(218) 875-3841	13	1		BIG		F		RP	May-Sept.
Eagle Wing Resort	eaglewingresort.com		(218) 875-3111	4			BIG		F(FGO)	B	P	May-Sept.
Grand View Resort/Tall Timber	grandviewresort.net		(218) 875-2171	10	1		BIG		CP(FGO)FPO	B	P	May-Aug.
Herseth's Tomahawk Resort	hersethstomahawkresort.com	(888) 834-7899,	(218) 875-2352	9	2		BIG		FCP(FGO)	B	P	May-Oct.
Kec's Kove	fishandgame.com/kecs	(800) 777-8405,	(218) 875-2841	7	1	APL	BIG	2WESRV	F		RP	All Year
Lakeview Resort	lakeviewkabetogama.com	(507) 696-9341	(877) 422-2471	9	1		BI		FP		R	May-Oct.
Moosehorn Resort	moosehornresort.com	(800) 777-7968,	(218) 875-3491	9	2		BIPGF	1WERV	FCPRKRBD	B	P	All Year
North Star Resort			(218) 875-2175	6	3		BG		F(FGO)		P	May-Sept.
Northern Lights Resort	nlro.com	(800) 318-7023,	(218) 875-2591	11	3		BIPGF		FCKPO	B	RP	All Year
Park Point Resort	parkpoint.com		(800) 272-4533	7	3		BI	3WEBSRV	F(FGO)	B		May-Sept.
Pine Aire Resort	pineaire.com	(877) 875-2161,	(218) 875-2161	20	1	L	BILPRG	3WEBTRV	POFCPK	B	RP	All Year
Pine Tree Cove	pinetreecoveresort.com		(218) 875-2088	6	2		IG		CD			May-Oct.
Pokorny's Resort & Campground			(218) 875-2481	6	1	PL	BIDPRG	19WEDBRV	FPR	B	R	May-Oct.
Red Pine Lodge & Resort	redpineresortandlodge.com		(218) 875-2441	16	3	APL	BIPGS	12WESBTRV	F		R	All Year
Sandy Point Lodge & Outfitters	sandypointlodge.com	(800) 777-8595,	(218) 875-2615	16	1	APL	BIPSGF	3WEBRV	FCPO	B	P	All Year
Snyder's Idlewild Resort	idlewildresort.com	(888) 483-4608,	(218) 875-3831	11	3		BIG	4WEBRV	FP(FGO)	P	RP	May-Sept.
Voyageur Park Lodge	voyageurparklodge.com	(800) 331-5694,	(218) 875-2131	14	3		BIG		FCPPO	B	RP	May-Sept.
Woodenfrog Campground	State of MN dnr.state.mn.us	(218) 365-7229,	(218) 875-2602					63WTRV		B		May-Oct.

## Orr Area

Orr Convention and Visitors Bureau  
Orr, MN 55771  
(877) 254-4691 • www.orrnm.com



## Commercial Services

Businesses listed are authorized to provide services within Voyageurs National Park.

	Outfitters	Fishing Guides	Winter Guides	Camping &/or Canoeing Guides	Water Taxi & Boat Charter	Marine Repair &/or Towing	Ice Fishing Guide &/or Shelters	Snowmobile Guide	Boat Rentals	Gas
CRANE LAKE	Dave's Guide Service davesguideservice.biz	(218) 993-2453	✓		✓					
	EGGEN, Butch Guide Service	(218) 993-2909	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
	GALBRAITH, Butch	(218) 750-7122	✓			✓	towing			
	JACOBSON, Lawrence	(800) 433-0743	✓							
	NORWAY LODGE norwaylodge.com	(218) 993-2226							✓	
	OSTBERG, Anders	(218) 993-2295	✓							
	PERNAT, Marshall	(218) 254-5532	✓							
	PINE POINT LODGE & RESORT pinepointlodge.com	(800) 628-4446, (218) 993-2311	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓
	SCOTT'S PEACEFUL VALLEY RESORT	(218) 993-2330							✓	✓
	T&T BARGING	(218) 374-3891								✓
VOYAGIRE LODGE & HOUSEBOATS houseboatvacation.com	(800) 882-6287	✓			✓	✓			✓	
ASH RIVER	Davis, Bob captrobcrunch@peoplepc.com	(218) 374-3068	✓		✓	towing				
	Kettle Falls Hotel	(218) 240-1726			✓					✓
	Ash-Ka-Nam Resort	(218) 374-3183	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
KABETOGRAMA LAKE	Arrowhead Lodge	(218) 875-2141	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
	B.J.'s Guide Service	(888) 834-7899, (218) 273-6230	✓				towing			
	CHUCK'S GUIDE SERVICE	(218) 875-2025	✓			✓	towing			
	GRANGER GUIDE SERVICE fishingkabetogama.com	winter (956) 454-3841, (218) 875-3062	✓				welding			
	Herseth's Tomahawk Resort hersethstomahawkresort.com	(888) 834-7899	✓			✓				
	FRANK HOUSE	(218) 875-3051	✓				towing			
	Kabetogama Angling/Voyageur Adventures	(218) 875-2075	✓	✓	✓	✓				
	NEV'S GUIDE SERVICE	(866) 336-5614, (218) 875-3961	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
	Pine Tree Cove	(218) 875-2121	✓		✓	✓	towing			
	Sandy Point Lodge	(800) 777-8595						✓		
Snyder's Idlewild Resort idlewildresort.com	(218) 875-3831	✓			✓				✓	
Jerry Snyder Guide Service	(218) 875-3831	✓			✓					
RAINY LAKE	Albrecht, Billy	(218) 286-5422	✓			✓				
	Arnold, Pat	(218) 285-9100	✓			✓				
	Border Country Outdoor Adventures	(218) 324-0668, (218) 286-2028	✓	✓						
	C.C. Guide Service	(218) 240-2091	✓	✓						
	Christenson, Dean	(218) 283-1202	✓	✓						
	Doc Holiday Guide Service	(218) 286-2068	✓		✓	✓				
	Erickson, Kevin	(218) 285-9598	✓							
	Gushulak, John	(218) 274-2112	✓			✓				
	Havvy's Guide Service	(218) 286-5077	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
	Heiss, Robert	(218) 286-3147	✓							
	Northern Memories Guide Service	(218) 875-2091	✓							
	One Doggie's Guide Service	(218) 875-2412	✓							
	Rainy Lake Construction Company	(218) 283-4950					✓			
	Rainy Lake Houseboats rainylakehouseboats.com	(800) 554-9188	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓
	Rainydaze Guide Service	(218) 286-3159	✓	✓						
	Renollet, Al	(218) 283-3768	✓	✓		✓	✓			
	Ron, Jean	(218) 283-4400	✓			✓	towing			
	Scott's Rainy Lake Guide Service	(218) 290-1607, (218) 286-3151	✓	✓		✓	towing			
Trask, Jeff	(218) 244-4837 (218) 283-6146	✓			✓					
Wizard Charters	(763) 494-9872, (218) 286-4040	✓			✓					
Woody's Fairly Reliable Guide Service fairlyreliable.com	(866) 410-5001, (218) 286-5001	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

# LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS

## Rainy Lake, Ranier & Int'l Falls

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



Rainy Lake, Ranier & Int'l Falls		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; P-Parking Lot; R-Groceries; S-Shower; G-Gas; K-Bikes; (FGO)-For Guests Only; F-Firewood	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 shutdown periods.)
Arnold's Campground & RV Park	(218) 285-9100		1		PDS	WESDB6T18RV				April-Oct.
Bear Ridge Guest House bearridgeguesthouse.com	(218) 286-5710	2					FCS(FGO)			All Year
Birch Point Camp	(218) 286-3541, (218) 286-3414	3	3			EBWTRDV	FD	B		May-Sept.
Budget Host Inn budgethostinn.net	(800) 880-2577, (218) 283-2577	28	1		IP					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		P				R	All Year
Falls Motel fallsmotel.com	(800) 328-8435, (218) 283-8434	24	1		IP					All Year
Hilltop Motel & Cabins hilltopmotelifalls.com	(800) 322-6671, (218) 283-2505	16	1		I					April-Oct.
Holiday Inn holidayinnfalls.com	(800) 331-4443, (218) 283-8000	126	1	PL	IP			P	R	All Year
International Voyageur RV Park	(218) 283-4679				I	WESDB60RV			RP	May-Sept.
Island View Lodge & Cabins gotorainylake.com	(800) 777-7856, (218) 286-3511	23	1-3	APL	BIGL		C(FGO), FKDPO	B	RP	All Year
The Lakeview, Cabins and RV Park	(800) 888-5737, (218)286-5737	5				WESD4RV	D(FGO)	B		May-Oct.
Northern Houseboats of Rainy Lake northernhouseboats.com	(800) 854-7958, (218) 286-5221	16 Houseboats				ILRG		FPOC(FGO)		May-Sept.
Northern Lights Motel	(800) 889-6009, (218) 283-2508	22	1		IP					All Year
Rainy Lake Houseboats rainylakehouseboats.com	(800) 554-9188, (218) 286-5391	29 Houseboats				BIGRLF		F		May-Sept.
Rambler Motel ramblermotel.com	(800) 273-0464, (218) 283-8454	21	1		I					All Year
River Mist Retreat, Vacation Home rivermistretreat.com	(309) 944-5056	6								All Year
Rainy Lake Inn & Suites rainylakeinn.com	(218) 286-5699, (877) RAINYLK (724-6955)	4	1		Ice Cream,SK		FPCDR			All Year
Sha-Sha Resort shashaonrainylake.com	(800) 685-2776, (218) 286-3241	8		PL	IG		FCD	B	RP	May-Oct.
Super 8 Motel super8.com	(888) 800-8801, (218) 283-8811	53	1		IP					All Year
Tee Pee Motel geocities.com/teepeemotel	(800) 850-1518, (218) 283-8494	40	1		IP					All Year
Thunderbird Lodge thunderbirdrainylake.com	(800) 351-5133, (218) 286-3151	25	1-3	PL	GIP		FRCPPD		P	All Year
Voyageurs Motel voyageursotel.net	(877) 283-9424, (218) 283-9424	20	1		I					All Year
WoodsPort Cottages woodsport.com	(218) 286-4034	3	3							All Year
Woody's Rainy Lake Resort fairlyreliable.com	(866) 410-5001, (218) 286-5001	8	3	PL	BIPG		N(FGO)FRCPPD	B	P	All Year

## Crane Lake

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

Anderson Outfitters anderson-outfitters.com	(800) 777-7186, (218) 993-2287	1	1		BILPRSG		FC			May-Oct.	
Camp 40 Outfitters camp40.com	(800) 269-7377	8	1		BISG	B	CRPOK			All Year	
Dave's Guide Service davesguideservice.biz	(218) 993-2453	1	3							All Year	
Gateway Resort Outfitters gatewayresort.net	(218) 993-2415	4	1			P	FC			All Year	
Handberg's Marine handbergs.com	(218) 993-2214				BIPRG	RVWES	FRPD		P	All Year	
Island Cabin visitcranelake.com/island_cabin/	(218) 993-2445	1								May-Oct.	
Lakeview Motel lkvmotel.com	(800) 628-4446, (218) 993-2311	3	1		P		FRPPORBD			May-Oct.	
Nelson's Resort nelsonsresort.com	(800) 433-0743, (218) 993-2295	27	1	APL	BILPRSG		FPO	B	RP	May-Sept.	
Norway Lodge norwaylodge.com	(800) 269-7377, (218) 993-2226	5	1		IP		FRCPPOKD			May-Nov.	
Pine Point Lodge & Resort pinepointlodge.com	(800) 628-4446, (218) 993-2311	12	1	L	BILPRG		FCRPPORBD	B	RP	May-Oct.	
Pine Ridge Motel pineridgemotel.com	(888) 310-4225, (218) 993-2265	4	1		P					All Year	
Sand Point Lodge sandpointlodge.net	(218) 290-6854	5	1	P	BILRSG		FC	B		May-Oct.	
Scott's Peaceful Valley Resort scottspacfulvalley.com	(800) 649-7787, (218) 993-2330	6	2		SG		F	B	RP	May-Sept.	
Scott's Resort & Seaplane Base cranelakeresort.com	(218) 993-2341	3	1	PL	BILPG	IORV	FPPOSD	B	P	All Year	
Sherrick's Wilderness Resorts	(218) 374-3531 or winter (937) 325-5155	8	7		G		FCPO			May-Sept.	
Trail's End Resort trails-end-resort.com	(888) 844-2257, (218) 993-2257	11	1	PL	BIGS	3RV	F	B		All Year	
Voyagaire Lodge & Houseboats houseboatvacation.com	(800) 882-6287, (218) 993-2266	12 Hotel Rooms • 35 Houseboats			APL	BDILPSG	D (for boats only) B	FCR PPOKN	B	P	All Year
Voyageurs Landing Resort voyageurslanding.com	(218) 993-2401, (218) 993-2266	5	1		P					All Year	
Waterfront Home visitcranelake.com/waterfront_home	(218) 993-2600	1								May-Oct.	
Water's Edge RV Park watersedgerv-park.com	(218) 993-2389	1	2		BDIPG	D28RV	F	B		May-Oct.	
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Ash River Campground State of Minnesota dnr.state.mn.us	(218) 753-2245					9WTRV				All Year
Ash Riviera	(866) 255-1680, (218) 724-6856, (218) 374-3411	6	3		IPS (FGO)	1 ERV	FRPRBD (FGO)			May-Sept.
Ash Trail Lodge ashtrailodge.com	(800) 777-4513, (218) 374-3131	17	1	APL	BILPG	WESRV	FRPORB		R	All Year
Ebel's Voyageur Houseboats ebels.com	(800) 253-5475, (218) 374-3571	20 Houseboats				BILRGF		FCRKPO		May-Sept.
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