



### **Into the Cool Blue**

Sunday, March 25,  
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Join Park Ranger/Airplane Pilot Steve Mazur to learn about the park's aviation program and others who have flown the skies of the area. Weather and lake conditions permitting, Steve will land the park plane at 2 p.m. Everyone will have a chance to see inside the plane and take pictures after the program. Recommended for ages 10 and up.

### **What's Coming....**

**National Park Week Open House -  
April 28, 2012**

**Night Explorer Series - April - August,  
2012**

### **Rainy Lake Visitor Center Rental Equipment**

(A valid driver's license is required for all equipment check-out)

#### **Free Snowshoe Loan Program**

Voyageurs National Park has many snowshoe sizes and shapes available free-of-charge during visitor center hours. Call the Rainy Lake Visitor Center 218-286-5258 for availability.

#### **Adult Cross-Country Ski Rental & Free Children Ski Loan Program**

Voyageurs National Park has adult-sized skis, poles, and boots available during visitor center hours for \$5.00 a day. Children's skis, poles, and boots available free-of-charge during visitor center hours. Call the Rainy Lake Visitor Center at 218-286-5258 for availability.

Ski equipment courtesy of the International Falls Community Education Department and Friends of Voyageurs National Park.

#### **Free Discovery Pack Loan Program**

Voyageurs National Park has seven Discovery Packs for families to check out. Pick from Voyageurs and the Fur Trade - Water - People - Plants and Animals, - Winter - Scenery - and Geology.

#### **Free Binocular Loan Program**

Binoculars are available free-of-charge during visitor center hours.

**All programs are held at the  
Rainy Lake Visitor Center  
unless otherwise noted.**

### **Hours of Operation**

Wednesday through Sunday

October 1 - December 31,  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

January 1 - Mid-May,  
10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

218-286-5258 or 888-374-2873

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# *Winter Special Speaker Series*

**2012**

## Programs are Weather Permitting

Park Naturalists are a hardy bunch who are used to all kinds of weather. However, the safety and comfort of visitors come first. Occasionally, due to extreme cold or lack of snow, a program needs to be cancelled.

If in doubt, call the visitor center to check on conditions and status of the program at 218-286-5258.



## Snowshoe Lacing Class

Saturday, February 4,  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Have you always wanted to make your own snowshoes or perhaps finish ones you never completed? Here is your chance. Bring a sack lunch. Pre-registration and fee required. Fee ranges from \$110.00 to \$140.00. Deadline to reserve your place is January 7. Call 218-286-5258 for more information. Recommended for ages 13 and up.



## Winter Photo Workshop

Sunday, February 26,  
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Learn how to capture the beauty of winter with photographer Don Breneman. From wildlife to scenery, snow and ice, Don's beautiful photographs of Voyageurs National Park are featured in the book *Voyageur Skies*. Don will be available for book signing after the program. You may purchase one at Jefferson National Parks Association bookstore, or bring your own.



## Full Moon Hike

Friday, March 9,  
7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Join Ranger Naturalist Kim Reich for a full moon hike along the Oberholtzer Trail (snowshoes provided). **First, meet inside the Rainy Lake Visitor Center for a short program on moon phases.** After the hike, enjoy a warm campfire with friends. Recommended for ages 7 and up.



## Night Light Snowshoe Hike

Friday, January 20,  
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Come celebrate Ice Box Days on the Oberholtzer Trail. Snowshoe an easy one-mile trail by headlamp. Afterwards, enjoy a warm campfire with friends. Bring a headlamp. Snowshoes are provided, or you can bring your own. Fun for the entire family! **Meet inside the Rainy Lake Visitor Center.** Recommended for ages 7 and up.



## Fire and Ecosystem Management

Sunday, February 19,  
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Forest fires can be destructive, frightening events, but can also be rejuvenating to aging forests. Join Fire Management Specialist Scott Bressler to learn how fire is used to help enrich the health of forest ecosystems, and how park staff decides to manage fires. Recommended for ages 10 and up.

## Pulse of the Landscape

Sunday, March 4,  
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Imagine your perfect day at Voyageurs National Park: sunrise over clear blue water and bird songs filling the morning air. Later, you catch a walleye that you fillet and cook for dinner at your next campsite. The campsite is hemmed to the water's edge by paper birch and white pine – everything you love about the northern lake country is right here. Would you be surprised to learn that each of these resources are monitored annually by staff?

Join Great Lakes Network Biologist Ted Gostomski as he shares examples of what biologists are learning from long-term monitoring that helps us keep a finger on the pulse of the landscape. Recommended ages are 13 and up.

