



Around the Archipelago

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Centennial Celebrations

WHAT IS 100 YEARS OLD, BUT STILL BRAND NEW?

The Ashland Harbor Breakwater Light was exhibited for the first time on the evening of October 15, 1915. This century-old light is now the newest addition to Apostle Islands National Lakeshore.

The Ashland Harbor Breakwater Light is a white-painted concrete tower standing fifty-eight feet in height. Based on an octagonal lower section seventeen feet square, the tower tapers gracefully to fourteen feet square at its uppermost. Atop this concrete section, a prefabricated circular iron watch room thirteen feet in diameter an eight feet in height is capped by an iron gallery, with a circular iron lantern at its center. The light was transferred from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) to the National Park Service (NPS) as a result of Congressional action in December 2014. This historically significant lighthouse is now part of the collection of Apostle Islands light stations that includes light stations on Devils, Long, Michigan, Outer, Raspberry, and Sand Islands.

All of the other light stations within the boundaries of Apostle Islands National Lakeshore were transferred to the NPS from the USCG in 1986. The Ashland Light was not included because it was not within the park boundary at that time and the USCG was actively maintaining it. However, in 2012, the USCG announced its intent to dispose of the Ashland Light, making its future uncertain. Last December, the President signed legislation sponsored by Rep. Sean Duffy and Sen. Tammy Baldwin that included a boundary adjustment to the national lakeshore, and changed the ownership of the Ashland Light from the USCG to the NPS. Similar to the other light stations, the USCG will continue to maintain the navigational aid associated with the light. Unlike the other light stations, ownership of only the light tower and its foundation at the end of the breakwater are transferred. None of the waters of Lake Superior surrounding the Ashland Light are included within the National Lakeshore boundary, and the US Army Corps of Engineers will retain ownership of the Ashland Harbor Breakwater. This legislation also adds historic light stations to the legislated purpose of Apostle Islands National Lakeshore. Light stations are now officially recognized by Congress as an essential part of the park.

The NPS and USCG will work towards executing an orderly transfer of the property in 2015. The NPS will assess the condition of the facility and develop a plan for maintenance. As no funds were authorized by the new law, this will be a gradual process and the public will notice no significant changes in operation or access to the light or the concrete pier it sits on. The public can now be assured, however, that the Ashland Harbor Breakwater Light will be preserved for the enjoyment and inspiration of future generations.

The NPS is working with the Ashland Historical Society and the City of Ashland to plan a celebration of the Ashland Harbor Breakwater Light's 100th anniversary. The event is scheduled for Saturday July 11, 2015. Please see the park website and the Ashland Historical Society Museum website (<http://www.ashlandwihistory.com/whatx27s-happening.html>) for more information.



Top: The National Park Service celebrates 100 years of existence in 2016.
Middle: National Park Service officials visit the Ashland Harbor Breakwater Light in preparation for receiving the lighthouse from the U.S. Coast Guard.
Bottom: Park staff inspect the lens in the Ashland Harbor Breakwater Light.

"Find Your Park" Campaign Launches

The National Park Service and the National Park Foundation announce the launch of Find Your Park (www.findyourpark.com), a public awareness and education campaign celebrating the milestone centennial anniversary of the National Park Service in 2016. First Lady Michelle Obama and Mrs. Laura Bush are serving as honorary co-chairs to promote the celebration of the 2016 centennial and to encourage people to connect with their favorite parks and public lands.



Find Your Park invites the public to see that a national park is more than just a place – it can be a feeling, a state of mind, or a sense of American pride. Beyond vast landscapes, the campaign highlights historical, urban, and cultural parks, as well as National Park Service programs that protect, preserve and share nature, culture, and history in communities nationwide. Further, Find Your Park encourages people to find their own personal connections within the network of national parks and public lands.

"I am thrilled to be serving as the honorary co-chair of the National Parks Centennial Celebration with First Lady Laura Bush. Since the launch of Let's Move! Outside in 2010, the National Park Foundation has been encouraging kids and families to get active, get outside, and take advantage of America's great outdoors," said First Lady Michelle Obama. "I look forward to celebrating the National Park Service's 100th anniversary and encouraging people across the country to 'Find Your Park,' whether it's in your backyard, in your hometown, or in one of our beautiful national parks."

"From Acadia National Park on the East Coast, to Yosemite on the West; from Glacier National Park in the North, to Big Bend in the South; I've collected national parks like stamps," said Mrs. Laura Bush. "Our national parks are the treasures of our country. I am happy to celebrate 100 years of America's best idea, our national parks. I invite all Americans to join me in Find Your Park."

"The centennial is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the National Park Service to reflect on our accomplishments and to use all of our parks and programs to connect all Americans and visitors from around the world with the natural, cultural and historic treasures in our care," said National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis.

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Apostle Islands National Lakeshore

Wisconsin's northernmost landscape meets Lake Superior in the Apostle Islands archipelago. The area's scenic, historical, biological, and recreational values were recognized in 1970 when Congress named 20 of the 22 islands and 2,500 acres of the Bayfield peninsula as a national lakeshore. In 1986, Long Island was also included. The Gaylord Nelson Wilderness, including 33,500 acres of the lakeshore, was established in 2004.

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The National Park Service cares for the special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.



CAMPING IS AVAILABLE ON 19 of the lakeshore's 21 islands and at one campsite on the mainland. Permits are required for all camping in the national lakeshore and can be obtained in person or by calling 715-779-3397. Individual campsites (for one to seven campers) can be reserved beginning one month before the start of a trip. Group campsites (for 8 to 21 campers) can be reserved beginning the second week in January. Camping zones have also been established on 15 islands in the national lakeshore for visitors seeking a remote backcountry experience. A nightly fee is charged for camping (see chart on this page). Pictures and descriptions of Apostle



Islands campsites are available on-line at www.nps.gov/apis/planyourvisit/camping.htm

Park Fees

Camping (per site per night)

Individual site or camp zone: \$10
Group site: \$20

Docking (between 6 pm and 6 am)

Boats less than 40 feet: \$10
Six-night docking ticket book: \$50
Boats 40 feet or more: \$20
Six-night docking ticket book: \$100

Parking

Meyers Beach day use, vehicle less than 20' (including trailer): \$3
Meyers Beach day use, vehicle 20' or more: \$5

Meyers Beach annual parking pass (cost based on vehicle length): \$15-25
Bayfield Headquarters overnight (cost based on vehicle length): \$5-8
Guided tours/interpretive programs
Per person: \$3
Per immediate family: \$8

Most of the fee revenue collected at Apostle Islands National Lakeshore stays in the park and is used for critical and highly visible projects to benefit the public.

The Golden Age Passport or Interagency Senior Pass (for U.S. citizens 62 or older) and Golden Access Passport or Interagency Access Pass (for permanently disabled U.S. citizens) provide a 50% discount on camping, docking, parking and guided tours at Apostle Islands National Lakeshore.

Far left: User fees are charged for docking at park docks any time between 6 pm and 6 am.

Near left: Fees are also charged for ranger guided tours like at the Raspberry Island Lighthouse.



Planning a Visit / Essential Information

Headquarters Visitor Center

Open Mon-Fri 8 am to 4:30 pm, May 4-May 22
Open Daily 8 am to 4:30 pm, May 23-Sept. 30
October 1-May, 2016 (call or go to <http://www.nps.gov/apis/planyourvisit/hours.htm> to determine availability)

Little Sand Bay Visitor Center

Open Daily 9 am to 5 pm, June 20-Sept. 7 (as staff is available)

Sailing and Boating

The Apostle Islands offer outstanding boating opportunities. Public docks are found on 13 of the islands in the national lakeshore. Space is reserved at some docks for National Park Service (NPS) vessels and excursion boats. The remaining space is available to the public on a first come, first served basis. A fee is charged for docking any time from 6 pm to 6 am. The fee is \$10 for vessels up to 40 feet long or \$20 for vessels over 40 feet long. Public boat launches (non-NPS) are located in Ashland, Bayfield, Cornucopia, Little Sand Bay, Red Cliff, and Washburn. The cost is \$12/launch in Bayfield, \$6/launch at Little Sand Bay, \$5.50/launch at Red Cliff. All watercraft must be decontaminated before launching in the lake. Marinas are in Ashland, Bayfield, Cornucopia, LaPointe, Pike's Bay, Port Superior, Red Cliff, Roys Point, Schooner Bay, and Washburn.

Personal Watercraft (Jet skis)

The use of personal watercraft is not allowed within the national lakeshore's boundaries.

Paddling

Sea kayaks are very popular for travel among the Apostle Islands. To prevent the spread of the deadly VHS virus, all watercraft must be decontaminated before launching in the lake. Two kayak launch points are located within the national lakeshore's mainland unit. Meyers Beach is a popular spot to begin a tour to the mainland sea caves. There is a day use parking fee at Meyers Beach. A kayak launch is located west of the NPS dock at Little Sand Bay. There is no fee for launching at Little Sand Bay. It costs \$5.50 to launch a kayak in Red Cliff and \$7 in Bayfield. For more information go to www.nps.gov/apis/planyourvisit/kayaking.htm

Island Tours/Shuttles

Apostle Islands Cruises (an authorized National Park Service concessionaire) offers a variety of nonstop sightseeing excursions and island shuttles. Their office is located in the Bayfield Pavilion near the Bayfield city dock. All cruises depart from Bayfield. Reservations are recommended. For more information call 800-323-7619 or visit on-line at www.apostleisland.com

Collecting

Native fruits (except apples), nuts, and berries not from plants listed as threatened or endangered species may be collected in quantities up to one gallon per person per week. Up to five gallons of apples per person per week may be harvested in the park. All edible mushrooms not listed as threatened or endangered species may be collected in quantities up to one gallon per person per week. The gathering of fruits, nuts, berries, apples and mushrooms by hand in the quantities identified will not have an adverse affect on the various plant species. Wildflowers may NOT be collected in the park.

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Firearms

As of February 22, 2010, a federal law allows people who can legally possess firearms under federal, Wisconsin, and local laws to possess firearms in Apostle Islands National Lakeshore. It is the visitor's responsibility to understand and comply with all applicable state, local, and federal firearms laws. Federal law prohibits firearms in certain facilities in this park; those places are posted with signs at public entrances.

Fishing and Hunting

A Wisconsin fishing license with a Great Lakes trout and salmon stamp is required for fishermen 16 or older. Sport fishermen are drawn to the Apostle Islands region by the opportunities to catch lake trout, rainbow trout, brown trout, and coho salmon. Emergency restrictions were implemented in 2008 to prevent the spread of the deadly VHS virus. More information is available on our website at www.nps.gov/apis/planyourvisit/fishing.htm

Hunting activity may occur in the national lakeshore from September (after Labor Day) through May 15. Archery hunts for island deer run from mid-September to the end of September and from the beginning of November through December. There is a muzzle loader season during the month of October on all islands except Long. A free access permit is required for most hunting on the islands. For detailed information go to <http://www.nps.gov/apis/planyourvisit/hunting.htm>. All hunting is in compliance with federal, state, and tribal laws.

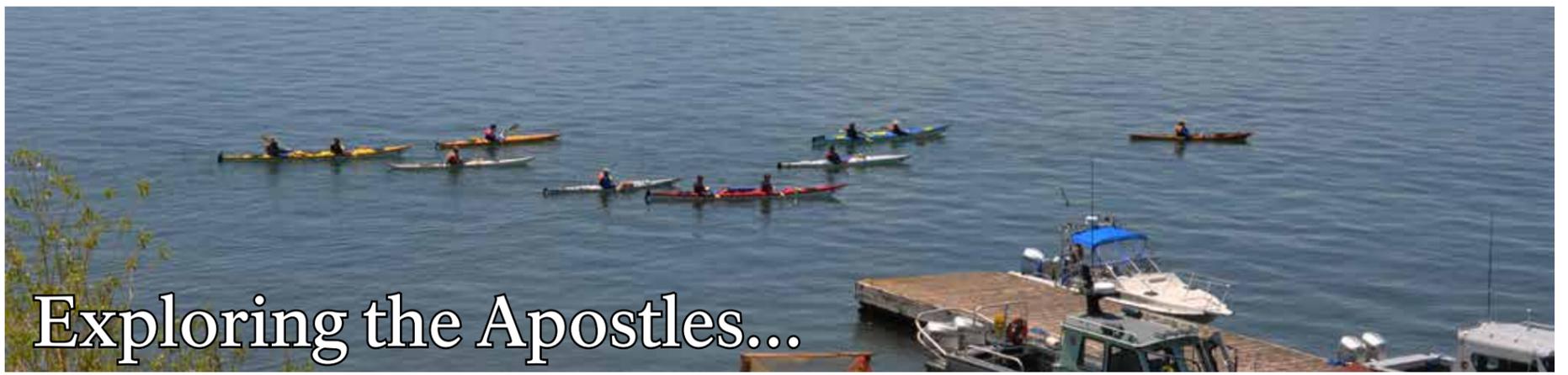
Accessibility

- The Headquarters visitor center in Bayfield offers accessible parking, a ramped entry on the west side of the building, power operated door openers, accessible restrooms, an auditorium with a hearing assistance system, and an accessible exhibit area.
- The Little Sand Bay visitor center has accessible parking, a ramped entry to the visitor center, an accessible exhibit area and accessible restrooms.
- Campsite #1 at Stockton Island's Presque Isle campground and the group campsites at Quarry Bay feature an accessible boardwalk from the dock to the campsites. Campers with mobility impairments should specifically request these sites when obtaining a permit.
- Apostle Islands Cruises can accommodate visitors with mobility impairments. Deckhands will assist visitors onto the main deck of the boat. The "Island Princess" includes an accessible toilet room and accessible seating spaces.

Guided Lighthouse Tours and Campfire Programs

Ranger-guided tours of the Raspberry Island lighthouse will be offered daily between 9 am and 4:30 pm from June 20 through mid-September. Ranger-guided tours of the Michigan Island lighthouse will be offered during cruise boat visits to the island. Ranger-guided tours cost \$3/person or \$8/immediate family. Park volunteers may be available to conduct free guided tours of the lighthouses at Devils, Michigan, and Sand islands from late June to September (except during construction). Tours will generally be available daily on request from about 9 am to 4:30 pm.

Join park staff at the Presque Isle campfire circle on Stockton Island nightly from late June through Labor Day. The free talks last about 45 minutes and cover such topics as bears, Native American culture, wilderness, and shipwrecks. Programs start at twilight.



Exploring the Apostles...

...Rules and Precautions for a Safe Trip

Weather

Check both the nearshore (within five miles of shore) marine forecast and the open waters forecast before going out on the lake. NOAA's National Weather Service office in Duluth (<http://www.crh.noaa.gov/dlh/marine.php>) has both nearshore and open waters forecasts for Lake Superior. Marine weather forecasts are broadcast on marine band radio channel 7 -162.500 MHz. Weather information is available at ranger stations and visitor centers. Current air temperature, wind speed and direction measured at the Devils Island Light is available on the web (http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/station_page.php?station=disw3).

Paddling

Canoes are not recommended for travel between the islands. Calm days may make canoe use possible along the mainland or island shorelines, but weather conditions can change rapidly. Sea kayaks have become very popular for travel among the islands, but may be difficult for other boaters to see. Brightly colored kayaks clustered in a group offer greater visibility. Allow plenty of time to accomplish your intended route. Beginners should not try to cover more than ten miles in a day. Inform a friend or relative of your travel plans. Kayakers should wear a personal flotation device (PFD) and use wet suits or dry suits when paddling in the Apostles. Paddlers should also pack such items as: a marine radio or cell phone, a first aid kit, extra paddle, sunscreen, insect repellent, compass, nautical charts, 50 feet of line, waterproof matches, a head lamp, dry storage containers, and provisions for at least one extra day.

Boating

- Do not overload your boat.
- Use PFDs. Each boat must have a U.S. Coast Guard approved type I, II, or III PFD for each person on board and one throwable type IV PFD.
- All children under age 13 must wear PFDs while aboard recreational vessels underway except when in an enclosed cabin or below deck.
- Boat sober.
- Exhibit anchor lights from sunset to sunrise.
- Stay at least 100 feet from commercial fishing nets.
- Be wary of shoal areas and when beaching a boat. NPS and U.S. Coast Guard vessels provide towing only in life threatening emergency situations.
- Make sure your boat is equipped with: paddles or oars, fire extinguisher, spare propeller and shear pin, compass and nautical charts, running lights, flashlight, whistle or horn, first-aid kit, radio, an anchor with sufficient line, and a manual bailing device.

Swimming

The average annual water temperature of Lake Superior is about 40 degrees Fahrenheit, but on calm sunny summer days, surface water temperatures in the Apostle Islands' protected shallow bays can climb into the 70s. There are no lifeguards in the national lakeshore. Swimming is done at your own risk. Swimming is not allowed within 100 feet of all harbors, public docks, and vessels secured to docks. Diving or jumping into the lake from the cliffs at Devils Island, Sand Island, or the mainland sea caves is not permitted.

Drinking Water

Well water is only available at Little Sand Bay, on Sand Island, and at Presque Isle on Stockton Island. Water from the lake should be boiled for two minutes or filtered through an adequate filter (0.4 microns pore size) before use. This precaution eliminates many organisms including Giardia, a microorganism which causes an intestinal disorder.

Black Bears

Stockton, Oak, and Sand islands host resident bears, but bears can swim to any of the Apostle Islands. Never approach a bear, even to take pictures. Keep at least 50 yards away. Never feed a bear. There are several ways to avoid a close encounter with a bear where you camp or picnic. Reduce food odors by washing dishes and cleaning the kitchen site after cooking. Use minimal amounts of water to clean dishes and broadcast that wastewater on the ground at least 50 yards from camp. All food, beverage containers, garbage, cooking materials, condiments, utensils, and toiletries (such as toothpaste or soap) must be secured from wildlife contact. Bear-proof lockers are provided at all designated campsites in the park. Where food lockers or closed vessels are not available, hang all

food and related items in a tree away from the tent and at least 12 feet from the ground and five feet from the trunk. Do not bury, scatter or try to burn food scraps. Bag garbage and pack it out. If you encounter a bear near a dock, campsite, or picnic area, use tone of voice and body posture to show you are in charge, yell and make noise until the bear leaves the area, then report the encounter to park staff.

Emergency Contacts

Call 715-779-3397 (day, NPS),
or 219-395-1008 (NPS 24-hour
dispatch),
or 715-373-6120 (night, Bayfield County
Sheriff),
or 911 and specify your location (Bayfield
or Ashland County),
or marine channel 16.

Fires

Campfires must be built within fire receptacles where provided or on the sand beach near the water's edge, below the vegetation line. Fires are not allowed on beaches at Raspberry Island, at Julian Bay and Presque Isle Bay on Stockton Island, on beaches within 150 feet of campsites where fire receptacles are provided, or in Outer Island camping zone #3 (NW quarter of the island). Beach and camp fires may not be larger than 3 feet in height or diameter. Dead wood on the ground in forested areas or unvegetated beach areas may be collected for firewood. Firewood cannot be carried into, or between islands in, the national lakeshore. Chain saws cannot be operated in the national lakeshore. Before leaving a campfire, the fire must be extinguished and free of litter with no evidence of food that could attract wildlife. Fires are not permitted in portable grills or stoves on docks or topside areas of boats tied to public docks. Open fires will be prohibited when fire danger is high.

Pets

Pets must be kept on a leash that is six feet or shorter, and never left unattended. Pet excrement must be immediately collected and disposed of in the nearest trash receptacle or buried in a forested area using a small hole dug in soil at least six inches deep at least 200 feet from any trail, campsite, beach, dock or water source. Pets are not allowed in public buildings or on scheduled Apostle Islands Cruises trips (except assistance dogs accompanying visually or hearing impaired people.)

Insects and Ticks

Biting insects can be prevalent on the islands from June to September. Wearing long pants and long sleeved shirts will provide some protection from mosquitoes, biting flies, and ticks. Insect repellents are helpful. The ticks that transmit Lyme Disease and Ehrlichiosis are found in the park. If you notice a rash, flu-like symptoms, or pain in the joints following a tick bite, call your physician.

Hazard Trees

High winds can cause even healthy trees to fall down. Beware of trees with recognizable flaws (leaning or partly uprooted, dead areas, hanging branches) near campsites, docks, outhouses, and picnic areas. Do not linger in areas adjacent to hazard trees, especially during high winds. Report any such trees near visitor use areas to park staff as soon as possible.



To avoid dangerous mishaps, paddlers should monitor weather forecasts and conditions, stay close together with their group, and know their limits.



Black bears may be found on any island. All food, beverage containers, cooking materials, garbage, etc. must be locked up INSIDE bear-proof food lockers except during meals. Violations are subject to fines.



Severe weather can occur with little or no warning. NPS and Coast Guard vessels provide towing only in life threatening emergency situations.



Fires must be less than 3 feet in height or diameter. Please do not leave fires smoldering or unattended.



Well water is only available in the park at Little Sand Bay, the Presque Isle campground at Stockton Island, and at this spigot at East Bay on Sand Island.

Park News

Light Station Preservation Project Continues

Apostle Islands National Lakeshore's multi-year light station preservation project is entering its last year with wrap-up work at Sand, Michigan, Devils, Outer, La Pointe, and Raspberry light stations. Michigan Island Light Station will see some final interior work on the old light. Repairs to the assistant keepers quarters at Devils and the fog signal at Outer Island will be completed, and post-construction re-vegetation and grounds work is planned for La Pointe Light. Sand Island Light will have repairs to its lantern and some repainting that will close the lighthouse to visitors for part of the summer. And, with funding assistance from the Friends of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, repairs to Raspberry Light's historic boathouse will be completed this summer.

There may be some temporary inconvenience to visitors at Outer and Raspberry docks during the repair work, and Michigan Island dock will be closed for repairs for about a week in early June. Sand Light will also be closed for approximately one month to allow for repairs. See the park website for announcements about any construction-related closures.

We plan to have volunteer light keepers back on duty at Devils and Michigan lights by mid June to welcome visitors to the stations. A more formal "reopening" event for the newly repaired light stations is being planned for 2016 to coincide with the National Park Service Centennial Celebration.

New Exhibits at Michigan Island Lighthouse

When the work is completed in the Old Michigan Island Lighthouse this summer, a series of new exhibits will be installed to help tell the story of the light. The exhibits will explain why the light was built where it is, how the light worked, and what it was like to live on the island. Volunteer lighthouse keepers will once again staff the island to greet visitors from mid-June to early September. Ranger-guided tours of the light station (fee) will be available when the cruise boat visits Michigan Island on Tuesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from late June to Labor Day.



Dock Challenges and Projects for 2015

Boating access to East Bay on Sand Island will be challenging in 2015. Both docks at Sand Island East Bay are unsafe and closed to the public. A new dock is scheduled to be built at Sand Island East Bay in 2016. Boaters should plan on no dock availability at East Bay this summer.

Rehabilitation of the Raspberry Island boathouse will continue this summer. The dock south of the boathouse (the short dock) will be closed until the project is complete. The lighthouse will remain open and tours will be available as advertised from mid-June to mid-September.



Accessible Group Campsites at Stockton Island

Funds from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative allowed Apostle Islands National Lakeshore's marine and grounds crew to work with youth from the Minnesota Conservation Corps last summer to protect natural and cultural resources at Quarry Bay on Stockton Island while making two popular group campsites accessible to visitors with a wide range of physical abilities. A new boardwalk now connects the Quarry Bay dock with the group campsites. A wooden deck at each campsite serves as a tent pad and contains a bearproof food locker, fire ring, and two accessible picnic tables. The boardwalk and campsites now meet the standards found within the Accessibility Guidelines for Outdoor Developed Areas. A picnic area platform near the dock and accessible vault toilets will be added at Quarry Bay in 2015. This project provides island recreation, picnicking, and camping experiences for a wide range of visitors with varying abilities.

Coming in 2016...On-Line Camping Reservations

Visitors will be able to make reservations for camping permits on-line beginning in January 2016. Trip planning information and reservations will be available on the www.recreation.gov website. Visitors will also be able to print out permits before traveling to the park. Watch the park website for details on this significant change in procedures.



From the Superintendent

A Community Effort

by Bob Krumenaker

We used to think of this national park as primarily a "summer" park but the last two winters have certainly changed that! The worldwide attention to the park's ice caves brought 138,000 winter visitors in 2014 and caused the park to set an all-time annual visitation record: 290,000 visits!

The much shorter 2015 ice cave season still brought 38,000 visitors and we expect many to return during the beautiful, but short, summer.

The park preserves natural and cultural heritage and provides recreational opportunities, but it is also an economic engine. National park tourism is a critical economic driver for gateway communities and the nation as a whole.

Visitor spending in 2014 here has been estimated at over \$44 million, supporting over 700 jobs in the area. Nationally, the ripple effect of visitor spending provided a \$29.7 billion benefit to the US economy and supported 277,000 jobs. Most of those jobs, about 235,600, exist in gateway communities.

Every \$1 invested by American taxpayers in the National Park System returns \$10 to the economy through visitor spending and the payroll and purchasing of the NPS.

The staff of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore recognizes and values our role in the Chequamegon Bay community. It's mutual appreciation, as the success of the ice cave seasons could not have happened without the strong involvement and support for the park from local governments and the tourism community.

With the addition to the park of the Ashland Harbor Breakwater Light, I'm looking forward to the park becoming more involved in the Ashland community, which can now proudly call itself the southern gateway to the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore.

You can see the Ashland Light from everywhere along the Ashland waterfront, and images of the Light serve as the symbols of the Chamber of Commerce, the newspaper, and many Ashland businesses. How many other cities can proudly gaze upon a national park from their front door?

This is YOUR park; NPS staff are proud to be its caretakers. I hope you find your park here. No park has a better relationship with its gateway communities and I know the entire area welcomes you. May your visit be safe and create lasting memories.

Park "Friends" Help Fund Special Projects



Funds donated in memory of Joseph Creed O'Connor, a life-long devotee of the Apostle Islands, helped restore the historic swing, birdhouse, and flag pole at the Raspberry Island Light Station.



Welcome to Apostle Islands National Lakeshore. We hope you enjoy your vacation experience among the islands. Whether you camp, cruise, kayak or sail, this is a very special place for wonderful memories.

The Friends of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore is an important sponsor of this visitor destination and we are truly grateful for our donors who help support all of our year-round fund raising activities. These funds support a variety of significant projects in the park. Watch this summer for the start of work on an Apostle Islands National Lakeshore mural in Ashland, Wisconsin, a new entrance sign at Meyers Beach, bat boxes in key locations and the 2015 park newspaper. We will support Apostle Islands School again this May, bringing middle school students to Stockton Island to help them experience island life.

We encourage you to visit us at friendsoftheapostleislands.org. If you like the projects that you see on our page we hope that you will contribute to our efforts and become a Friend. We also have extraordinary photographs and books that can be purchased at this site.



The historic concrete walks at the Raspberry Island Light Station are being restored with help from the National Parks of Lake Superior Foundation.

National Parks of Lake Superior Foundation

The National Parks of Lake Superior Foundation (NPLSF) is a 501 (c) 3 organization with a mission to support the five U. S. national parks on Lake Superior through fund raising and advocacy. NPLSF collaborates with the National Park Service (NPS) to identify unfunded projects at Apostle Islands National Lakeshore that will help enhance visitor experience. Last year, NPLSF provided funds to buy new accessible picnic tables for several island campsites. Funds from NPLSF will be used this year to restore the historic concrete walks at the Raspberry Island Light Station. See <http://www.nplsf.org> for more information.