



**Your Guide to Isle Royale National Park**  
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# A Shared Wilderness

Perched high along the Greenstone Ridge, I’m mesmerized by the big lake view. The world feels far away. I only stopped for a quick water break, but I’ve been here for hours—basking in sun and solitude. A raven swoops across the cliff face kraa-ing madly, urging me to move along.

Invigorated, I head down the trail. Though I’ve hiked this route many times, it’s ever reinventing itself. New-built beaver dams flood the forest and the trail; old dams give way, ponds vanish.

I hear McCargoe long before I see it. When I arrive, the place is buzzing. The campground is busy; resurging interest in the outdoors and national parks has brought visitors to Isle Royale in unprecedented numbers. All the sites are full, and cheerful strangers offer to share. Fresh off the ferry, they are so clean, and I’m suddenly aware of my muddy, bedraggled, swamp-scented self.

I inelegantly cannonball off the dock, joining several dozen revelers splashing in the warm(ish) water. Boats of all sizes are rafted off the dock. Everyone is enjoying the day, the place, each other. It seems I have descended into a community, although the map puts my location at the heart of wilderness.

Evening draws in. The whirl of the day has calmed, and everyone converges at the community fire ring. We exchange experiences, talking quietly of past trips and trips yet to come—of how the island has changed, and of how it has changed us. A moose wanders into the cove as the sun is setting. We are hushed. And together in this shared wilderness, we find ourselves renewed.

Valerie Martin

## Welcome to Isle Royale National Park

The past year drew many visitors, both first timers and returnees, to sacred landscapes in search of refuge—to places like Isle Royale.

In 2021, this renewed engagement in national parks brought a record number of visitors to Isle Royale National Park: 20,109. This number, while small compared to the staggering millions of Great Smokey Mountains and Grand Canyon National Parks, represents the highest density of backcountry and wilderness use in the National Park Service. Campgrounds and docks were bustling, often bursting beyond capacities.

What does this mean for your journey to Isle Royale? While we have made some changes to alleviate crowding where possible, you should expect full ferries and campgrounds. Be understanding and courteous when you must share a campsite or dock.

Park staff is engaged in a strategic planning process to address the park’s changing needs. With this robust effort, we are positioning park staff and priorities to best serve and honor you and Minong in the years to come.

Enjoy your park, and remember to #PlanLikeAParkRanger!

Denice Swanke, Superintendent

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# Royale Renewal

## Renewal and Rebirth: Isle Royale's Wolves

In 2017, the chance of hearing a wolf howl or spying tracks on the trail was slim. Two closely related wolves were all that remained of Isle Royale's famed population.

Three years ago, the introduction of new wolves began. Now with 19 wolves translocated, the formation of at least two packs, and litters of island pups practicing their howling once again; we have witnessed the rebirth of a population.

Though challenged by the pandemic, the NPS and its collaborators have been keeping tabs on the wolves by using GPS collars and remote cameras, collecting scat for genetic analysis, and through visitor observations.

For 2021, preliminary data from remote cameras indicated at least 17 wolves in two packs, each with an unknown number of pups, plus a number of individual wolves. Genetic evidence and additional analysis of remote camera data will further home in on 2021's numbers.

As predators, these new wolves seem similar to their predecessors. They have no problems killing moose and seem to be especially adept at killing beaver in the summer.

But in other ways the new wolves are different. Some have been proficient swimmers, frequenting offshore islands. Could this be to avoid interactions with other wolves? To seek prey? Is it a behavior they acquired prior to translocation? The answer is unclear, but the frequency of offshore island use has been surprising.

The new wolves are bigger. A Great Lakes wolf's average weight is 50-70 and 60-80 pounds for an adult female and male, respectively. In spring 2021, an adult male weighing 94 pounds, and his offspring, two males and one female, weighing 85, 74 and 64 pounds were captured. Definitely above average!

A concerning change is the wolves' reluctance to yield the trail to hikers. In the past wolves would slip on and off the trail without ever being noticed. Sightings were rare. The past two summers have seen increasing numbers of visitor wolf observations. We need to respect each other's space and give each other plenty of it (see page 5 for guidance).

As the park and its collaborators continue to monitor this fledgling population, I'm sure, like their predecessors, these new wolves will have many things to teach us about adapting to change.

Mark Romanski  
Biologist / Natural Resource Program Manager



All wolf images were taken by remote wildlife cameras and are from a collaboration between the National Park Service and the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry.





### From the Ashes

In late August of 2021, I stood on the Mott Dock, looking east down the Rock Harbor Channel, anxiously watching the horizon. Just a day prior, wildland firefighters were monitoring a small, smoldering fire near the Duncan Bay Portage Trail. Now fire raged up and over the Greenstone Ridge, with plumes of smoke visible from space.

By the end of October, the Horne Fire had burned over 300 acres of boreal forest on the northeast end of the island. Monument Rock, previously shrouded by dense vegetation, has reclaimed its position as an icon of the ridge and is now visible from Hidden Lake. Prior to the fire, moss-covered boulders and lichen extending from spruce and fir branches lined the trail to Lookout Louise. Now the trail is marked by burned snags, naked boulders, and a charred understory. This stark landscape inspires wonderings of what is to come.

How severe was the fire? Will the juniper bushes that lined the Greenstone Ridge trail return? Will the island’s abundant moose population eat every shrub or sapling that emerge from the burn? How can park managers prevent invasive species from colonizing the burn?

In spring, I will be a regular visitor to this trail, searching for sprouting seeds and watching to see how the island answers these, and many more, questions.

Lynette Potvin, Ecologist



### Ningiiwekiimin: We are returning to our land

Last summer, the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa raised their nation’s flag on a new pole beside the US flag at Windigo. Band Members and National Park Service staff celebrated together as they watched the flag unfurl against a brilliant blue sky.

Flying the flag in the park honors the Grand Portage Band’s historic and lasting relationship with the island, known to the regional Anishinaabe as “Minong”, The Good Place. In 2019, Minong was listed on the National Register as a Traditional Cultural Property of the Grand Portage Band, which means the island is nationally recognized as being associated with the cultural practices, traditions, beliefs, and lifeways of a living community

But it hasn’t always been this way. The relationship between Grand Portagers and Minong has been complicated by federal government intervention. In 1842 the Treaty of La Pointe and subsequent Isle Royale Compact effectively ended the Grand Portage Band’s claim to the Minong archipelago. Although treaty rights were retained, the transaction was far from balanced.



Even so, Band members continued to enjoy the island’s many bounties. This use is captured through land surveys, historic mining, commercial fishing, and oral history. Through the years, Band members have never lost sight of the island, which is plainly visible from Grand Portage.

Renewed connections between the Grand Portage Band and the National Park Service invite celebration. Indeed, last year’s flag raising ceremony is significant. But in many ways, the event simply acknowledges the strong ties to Minong the Grand Portage community has always known.

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### Renew Your Connection

In an uncertain and changing world, national parks provide places of refuge and renewal. Our connections to these special places sustain and nurture us. Through collective care we can help Isle Royale Stay Wild.





# Play It Safe

## Plan Ahead

- Make a Conservative Trip Plan.** Plan your adventure with the least experienced person in mind.
- Be First Aid Ready.** A first aid kit is a must. Be trained, experienced, and equipped to deal with common injuries.
- Plan for Problems.** What will you do if someone gets injured or lost? How will you self-rescue?
- Prep Your Gear.** Bring supplies needed to handle delays and weather. Test your gear prior to your adventure. Wear sturdy, well-broken-in boots with ankle support for hiking.

## Assess Risk

- Watch the Weather.** Conditions deteriorate quickly and unexpectedly.
- Huddle Up.** Start each day discussing expected conditions and potential safety issues.
- Care for Your Companions.** Monitor health and energy levels of party members.

**Be Flexible.** When issues arise, evaluate. Should you keep going, take a break, or change your trip plan?

## Travel Smart

- Stick Together.** Divide gear to lighten the load of a slower or injured hiker. Don’t leave slower party members in the dust.
- Rest Often.** Enjoy frequent short breaks: drink water, munch snacks, relax and rejuvenate. Travel during cooler times of the day.
- Stay Hydrated.** Drink upon waking, along your route, and at your destination. Water is life.
- Watch Your Step.** Footing is uneven. Rocks and roots are trip hazards. Boardwalks and rocks are slippery when wet.



## When Things Go Wrong

- Take a breath
  - Assess the situation
  - Make a plan
- Self-Rescue = Best Rescue.** Self-reliance is the only immediate option in an emergency. Park response is limited and even if you are able to contact rangers, help could be hours or days away. Are there others nearby who can assist or go for help?
- If you are not equipped to deal with your emergency:
- Call on marine radio, or
  - Use a satellite phone, or
  - Activate an emergency device with texting capability
- Cellphone service is unreliable. Any device may fail in adverse weather.

# Know Before You Go

## Wilderness is not Immune to COVID-19

- Face masks may be required in buildings and outdoors when social distance cannot be maintained.
- Practice backcountry hygiene. Wash hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds or use sanitizer. Use soap at least 50 steps away from water.
- Emergencies**
  - Basic emergency services are available on the island, but contacting rangers can be difficult. Emergency response and evacuation take time, requiring you to rely on your own skills and equipment. Most private boaters have radios and may be able to contact rangers in an emergency.
  - Cell phone service is unreliable; do not depend on it.
  - To contact the park in an emergency: 440-546-5945

## Drinking Water

- Potable water is only available in Rock Harbor and Windigo. Early and late season visitors should plan for no potable water anywhere on-island.
- Lake Superior and interior waters should be considered non-potable.

<b>Purify Water:</b> Use one of these methods:		
• Physical Purifier: Use one that is rated to remove viruses		
• Water Filter (0.4 microns or finer)	+	Chemical Treatment Use tablets or bleach
• Water Filter (0.4 microns or finer)	+	UV Treatment Use a UV purifier
• Boil: At a rolling boil for at least one minute		

## Toxic Water Alert

Algal blooms have occurred in interior lakes and can be toxic. Purifying does not remove toxins from the water. Avoid drinking, swimming, and fishing if water has a cloudy blue cast or looks like “pea soup.” If algal blooms occur, advisories will be posted.

## Respond to Your Symptoms

- Dehydration** is a factor in most medical problems. You tire quickly, do not think clearly, and are more prone to falling. Water is scarce between campgrounds, especially along ridges. Carry a minimum two quarts of water per person; drink and refill whenever near water sources. Watch for mild signs of dehydration: thirst, fatigue, headache, and dizziness.
- Hypothermia:** Shivering, apathy, and coordination loss indicate mild hypothermia. Best defense: Stay warm and dry. Dress in layers and don raingear before you get wet. If someone shows these signs, warm and dry the person, add more layers, climb in a sleeping bag, and sip warm liquids.





Minimize your impact to protect the park’s wilderness character for use and enjoyment by all.

### Help Isle Royale Stay Wild

Adventure and simple living are important components of an Isle Royale visit. To ensure these experiences, you should be familiar with skills and habits that foster a Leave No Trace ethic. Visit [www.lnt.org](http://www.lnt.org).

### Quiet, Please

Most visitors come to Isle Royale to hear the sounds of nature in a wild setting. Be aware of your volume so others may enjoy peace and solitude.

**Quiet Hours** are between 10:00 pm and 6:00 am eastern time. If people in adjacent campsites can hear your activities, you are being too loud.

**Audible use of electronic devices** such as stereos, televisions, radios, cellphones, and tablets is not permitted except in the developed areas of Rock Harbor and Windigo, and on Lake Superior waters outside of designated quiet/no wake zones.

**Portable Generators** are prohibited in most areas of the park.

### Keep the Island Clean

**Practice Proper Food Storage:** Keep a clean camp. To protect your food from wildlife seal it in scent-proof containers and secure. Hard-sided containers are preferred, but using doubled zip-lock bags is appropriate. Animals will steal unattended food and other items.

**Trash:** All trash and leftover food (including peels, cores, and nutshells) must be packed out. Do not burn, bury, or place in outhouses. Carry a zip-lock bag for securing small pieces of trash.

**Human Waste Disposal:** Use outhouses. Never defecate within 100' (at least 50 steps) of lakes, streams, or campsites. In areas without outhouses, dig a cathole 6" to 8" deep; after use, cover with soil. Urinate on durable surfaces, like rocks or bare soil, away from water sources and campsites.

**Cookware Cleaning:** Wash dishes at least 100' from water sources and campsites. Even biodegradable soap takes a long time to degrade. Use a strainer to remove food bits and pack them out with your trash. Disperse remaining water away from water sources and campsites.

**Bathing:** Get wet, then move at least 100' away from all water sources and campsites to lather and rinse. Use soap sparingly, if necessary.

### Leave What You Find

Removing, possessing, or disturbing park resources is prohibited. Antlers, plants, driftwood, cultural or archeological objects, rocks/minerals including those in Lake Superior, must be left where found. Fishing and picking small quantities of berries/mushrooms are allowed.

Graffiti and the building of cairns (rock piles) mar the park for other visitors. Leave the park as you find it.

### Minimize Use of Fires

Campfires are permitted at a handful of campgrounds (see page 6). A backpacking stove is highly recommended. A metal fire ring or grate is provided where campfires are allowed; never build your own ring.

**Use Dead and Down Wood** no bigger around than your wrist. Do not break branches or strip bark from standing trees, live or dead. Trash has no place in a backcountry fire. Do not import firewood; insects and pathogens from infected wood could devastate Isle Royale’s forests.

**Be Safe With Fire:** Keep your fire small and burn down to ash; be sure the fire is completely out before leaving it.

### Park Regulations

The regulations of Isle Royale National Park are intended to protect park resources and appropriate visitor experiences. Regulations place strong emphasis on preserving wilderness character and values. Visitors are responsible for adhering to park regulations.

For detailed information on park regulations visit [www.nps.gov/isro/learn/management/lawsandpolicies.htm](http://www.nps.gov/isro/learn/management/lawsandpolicies.htm).

**Wheeled vehicles** (except for non-motorized wheelchairs) or other mechanical transportation are not allowed outside developed areas at Rock Harbor and Windigo. This includes bicycles and portaging devices.

**No Drone Zone:** Launching, landing, or operating unmanned aircraft on lands and waters of the park is prohibited.

**Weapons, Traps, & Nets:** The use or possession of weapons, traps, and nets is prohibited. Weapons include any implements designed to discharge a projectile or missile in the air or water and include slingshots, blowguns, and bows and arrows. Fireworks are prohibited.

Exception: Possession of firearms within the park is regulated by Michigan law. The discharge of firearms within the park is prohibited.

**Marijuana Prohibited:** While recreational and medical marijuana are now legal in many states, marijuana remains illegal on federal lands including Isle Royale National Park.

# Share the Space


**Show Respect.** Observe, photograph, and enjoy park wildlife from a safe and respectful distance. If an animal changes its behavior, you are too close. It is illegal to feed, touch, tease, or intentionally disturb wildlife, their homes, nests, or activities.

**Moose** are large and potentially dangerous animals. Always give them a wide berth because they may kick in any direction or charge. If you encounter a moose, step behind a tree, and wait for the moose to move on. Throughout the spring and summer, female moose are rearing young and are very protective. Never get between a cow and her calf. During fall rut, bull moose are often aggressive.

**Loons** may abandon their nests when approached too closely. From May through mid-July (loon nesting season) you must stay at least 150' away from small islands and from shoreline nests. If a loon cries out, you are too close.

**Mosquitos & Black Flies** peak in June or July. In wet summers, mosquitos continue into August. Bring repellent, netting, or other skin barriers.

**Wasps:** Dry summers often result in an abundance of wasps. Bring an epinephrine kit if allergic to stings.



**Wolves**

**If you see a wolf:** Do not approach. If the wolf comes closer, encourage it to leave by clapping and yelling.

**If a wolf does not leave:** Maintain eye contact and slowly back away until you are out of sight, continuing to clap and yell. Do not run or turn your back to the wolf.

**If you cannot safely leave:** Make yourself big. Aggressively use hiking poles or branches to discourage the wolf from approaching.

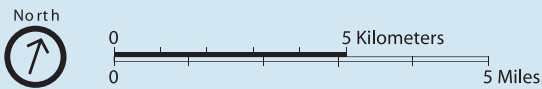
**If a wolf attacks:** Wolf attacks are extremely rare and unlikely to happen. But if it does, fight using any means necessary.

**Report** all wolf sightings to park staff.

**Pets**

Dogs, cats, and other mammals are not allowed, including pets on boats within park boundaries, which extend 4.5 miles into Lake Superior from the outermost land areas of the park. Visitors bringing pets to the park will be required to leave immediately. Pets disturb wildlife and can transmit diseases. Special conditions apply to service dogs. Visit [www.nps.gov/isro/planyourvisit/service-dogs.htm](http://www.nps.gov/isro/planyourvisit/service-dogs.htm).





Do not use this map for navigation.

CANADA  
UNITED STATES

ONTARIO  
MICHIGAN

L A K E   S U P E R I O R

**Voyageur II**

Grand Portage, MN, to Windigo  
22mi/35km  
2 hours one-way

**Sea Hunter III**

Grand Portage, MN, to Windigo  
22mi/35km  
1.5 hours one-way

**Voyageur II**

During its clockwise circumnavigation, *Voyageur II* provides drop-off and pick-up services at several locations. See page 11.



**Seaplane**

Hancock, MI, to Windigo  
61mi/98km  
35-45 minutes one-way

Grand Marais, MN, to Windigo  
57mi/91km  
30 minutes one-way

- Trail

Quiet/no wake zones

No wake zones
- Campsite

Fire tower

Lighthouse
- D

Overnight dock

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Day-use only dock

Marina
- Showers

Lodging

Dining

Campgrounds

CR - Fires in community ring only  
S - Self-contained stoves only  
W - Treated water supply  
F - Campfire rings or standing grills provided

	Consecutive Nights Stay Limit 6/1 - Labor Day (*note exceptions)	Individual Tent Sites	Shelters	Group Tent Sites	Special Information	Depth at Dock Normal Conditions	On-board Generator Use Allowed
Beaver Island	3	0	3	0	S	2' - 5'	yes
Belle Isle	5	1	6	0	F	13'	yes
Birch Island	3	1	1	0	S	5'	no
Caribou Island	3	1	2	0	CR	10'	yes
Chickenbone E	2	3	0	1	S	-	-
Chickenbone W	2	6	0	3	S	-	-
Chippewa Harbor	3	2	4	1	F	7'	no
Daisy Farm	3	6	16	3	S	9'	no
Desor N	2	3	0	0	S	-	-
Desor S	2	7	0	3	S	-	-
Duncan Bay	3	1	2	0	F	6'	no
Duncan Narrows	3	1	2	0	F	6'	no
Feldtmann Lake	2	5	0	2	S	-	-
Grace Island	3	0	2	0	S	2' - 4'	yes
Hatchet Lake	2	5	0	3	S	-	-
Hay Bay	3	1	0	0	S	3' - 7'	yes
Huginnin Cove	3	5	0	0	S	-	-
Intermediate Lake	2	3	0	0	S	-	-
Island Mine	3	4	0	2	F	-	-
Lake Richie	2	4	0	2	S	-	-
Lake Richie/Canoe	2	3	0	0	S	-	-
Lake Whittlesey	2	3	0	0	S	-	-
Lane Cove	1*	5	0	0	S	-	-
Little Todd	2	4	0	0	F	-	-
Malone Bay	3	0	5	2	F	3' - 6'	yes
McCargoe Cove	3	3	6	3	CR	7'	no
Merritt Lane	3	1	1	0	S	8'	no
Moskey Basin	3	2	6	2	S	8'	no
Pickerel Cove	2	1	0	0	S	-	-
Rock Harbor	1*	11	9	3	S-W	-	-
Rock Harbor Marina	14	0	0	0	F-W	3' - 12'	yes
Siskiwit Bay	3	4	2	3	CR	2' - 6'	no
Three Mile	1*	4	8	3	S	9'	no
Tobin Harbor Dock	5	0	0	0	S	3' - 8'	yes
Todd Harbor	3	5	1	3	CR	2'	no
Tookers Island	3	0	2	0	S	7'	no
Washington Creek (Windigo)	3*	5	10	4	S-W	-	-
Windigo Dock	3	0	0	0	S	4' - 20'	yes
Wood Lake	2	3	0	0	S	-	-

\*Rock Harbor, Three Mile, Lane Cove, & Washington Creek stay limit in effect 6/1 - 9/17.

Canoe Portages

Distance•Elevation Change•Comment

- ① Malone Bay - Siskiwit Lake  
0.3 mile, 40' Gradual Slope
- ② Siskiwit Lake - Intermediate Lake  
0.4 mile, 40' Gradual ups and downs
- ③ Intermediate Lake - Lake Richie  
0.6 mile, 120' Hilly and wooded
- ④ Wood Lake - Lake Whittlesey  
0.6 mile, 80' Rolling
- ⑤ Lake Whittlesey - Chippewa Harbor  
0.6 mile, 140' Steep grades and rocky
- ⑥ Chippewa Harbor - Lake Richie  
1.2 miles, 160' Hilly
- ⑦ Moskey Basin - Lake Richie  
2.0 miles, 120' Gradual but long
- ⑧ Lake Richie - Lake LeSage  
0.6 mile, 100' Steep grades, wet
- ⑨ Lake LeSage - Lake Livermore  
0.4 mile, 80' Steep grades, wet
- ⑩ Lake Livermore - Chickenbone Lake  
0.2 mile, 40' Steep but short
- ⑪ Chickenbone Lake -McCargoe Cove  
1.2 miles, 80' Hilly
- ⑫ Pickerel Cove  
0.1 mile, 10' Short and sweet
- ⑬ Lane Cove - Stockly Bay  
0.1 mile, 8' Short and sweet
- ⑭ Five Finger Bay - Duncan Bay  
0.2 mile, 8' Short and sweet
- ⑮ Duncan Bay - Tobin Harbor  
0.8 mile, 175' Extremely steep
- ⑯ Tobin Harbor - Rock Harbor  
0.2 mile, 40' Gradual up and down



Trail Mileages																					
Chickenbone E	Chickenbone W	Chippewa Harbor	Daisy Farm	Desor N	Desor S	Feldtmann Lake	Hatchet Lake	Huginnin Cove	Island Mine	Lake Richie	Lane Cove	Little Todd	Malone Bay	McCargoe Cove	Moskey Basin	Rock Harbor	Siskiwit Bay	Three Mile	Todd Harbor	Washington Creek - Windigo	
-	1.8	9.3	6.1	19.6	16.4	35.8	9.3	30.3	21.3	5.0	10.9	15.6	19.6	2.3	7.3	13.3	25.7	10.5	8.7	27.1	Chickenbone E
1.8	-	7.9	7.9	19.8	15.0	34.4	7.9	29.1	19.9	3.6	12.7	16.2	18.2	2.7	5.9	14.8	24.3	12.5	9.3	25.7	Chickenbone W
9.3	7.9	-	9.7	27.3	22.5	42.0	15.2	36.4	27.2	4.3	16.6	22.6	25.7	10.6	6.2	16.8	31.6	14.1	17.3	33.0	Chippewa Harbor
6.1	7.9	9.7	-	26.0	22.5	41.9	15.4	37.3	27.4	5.8	6.9	21.5	27.2	8.2	3.9	7.1	31.8	4.4	14.9	33.2	Daisy Farm
19.6	19.8	27.3	26.0	-	20.0	21.4	12.3	14.4	18.6	23.0	30.8	5.7	23.2	18.0	25.3	33.1	23.0	30.4	11.4	12.6	Desor N
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35.8	34.4	42.0	41.9	21.4	20.1	-	27.6	12.8	14.6	37.8	46.7	26.1	30.3	37.1	40.1	49.0	10.3	46.3	31.8	8.8	Feldtmann Lake
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10.9	12.7	16.6	6.9	30.8	27.3	46.7	20.2	41.2	32.2	12.7	-	26.5	30.5	13.0	10.8	6.9	36.6	4.6	19.5	38.3	Lane Cove
15.6	16.2	22.6	21.5	5.7	15.5	26.1	7.8	19.1	20.4	18.5	26.5	-	18.7	13.5	22.1	28.6	24.8	25.9	7.0	17.3	Little Todd
19.6	18.2	25.7	27.2	23.2	10.8	30.3	11.3	24.9	15.7	21.4	30.5	18.7	-	20.9	23.7	34.3	20.1	31.6	15.0	21.5	Malone Bay
2.3	2.7	10.6	8.2	18.0	17.7	37.1	10.7	31.8	22.6	6.3	13.0	13.5	20.9	-	8.4	15.3	27.0	12.6	6.7	28.4	McCargoe Cove
7.3	5.9	6.2	3.9	25.3	20.5	40.1	13.4	34.6	25.4	2.3	10.8	22.1	23.7	8.4	-	11.0	29.8	8.3	15.1	31.0	Moskey Basin
13.3	14.8	16.8	7.1	33.1	29.4	49.0	22.3	44.4	34.3	12.9	6.9	28.6	34.3	15.3	11.0	-	38.7	2.7	22.2	40.1	Rock Harbor
25.7	24.3	31.6	31.8	23.0	9.9	10.3	17.4	14.4	4.4	27.5	36.6	24.8	20.1	27.0	29.8	38.7	-	36.0	21.1	11.0	Siskiwit Bay
10.5	12.5	14.1	4.4	30.4	26.7	46.3	19.8	41.7	31.6	10.2	4.6	25.9	31.6	12.6	8.3	2.7	36.0	-	19.5	37.8	Three Mile
8.7	9.3	17.3	14.9	11.4	11.8	31.8	4.1	24.8	16.7	13.0	19.5	7.0	15.0	6.7	15.1	22.2	21.1	19.5	-	23.0	Todd Harbor
27.1	25.7	33.0	33.2	12.6	11.3	8.8	18.8	4.0	6.6	28.9	38.3	17.3	21.5	28.4	31.0	40.1	11.0	37.8	23.0	-	Washington Creek



# Things to Do

## Hiking

Miles of trail wind through forests and hug the shoreline, climb steeply to ridgetop views, and descend into wetlands. Ninety-nine percent of the park’s land base is designated wilderness that beckons you to explore.

## Camping

Thirty-six campgrounds are scattered throughout the park. Campsites are accessible only by foot or watercraft. All campgrounds have tent sites, outhouses, and are near a water source. Many of the campgrounds located on the Lake Superior shoreline offer docks, shelters, and picnic tables.

**Camping Permits** are required for all overnight stays at campgrounds, cross-country sites, docks, or at anchor.

### Group Camping (seven or more people)

Advance reservations are required for any group or organization, including families and friends traveling together, bringing seven or more people to the island (see below).

### Small-party Camping (six or fewer people)

All small-party campsites contain either tent sites or a three-sided shelter. Shelters and tent sites for individual small parties are available first come, first served. Expect crowded campsites from mid-July through mid-September. Expect to have conversations about sharing sites.

### How to Select a Campsite:

1. At a campground, camp at a designated tent site or occupy a shelter.
2. When all sites are occupied, use the identified overflow group campsite (if present).
3. When all sites are occupied, ask to share a tent site.
4. When all sites are occupied and there are no viable tent sites to share, ask to pitch your tent or hammock outside a shelter.
5. When options 1-4 are full, camp outside of campground per cross-country camping regulations and zone map.

**Shelters:** Shelters may not be reserved and may not be used solely for cooking or gear storage. Tents may be used inside shelters. Using nails, staples, tacks, and/or tape to attach items is prohibited.

**Hammocks:** In campgrounds, hammocks may only be used within the existing impacted area of designated sites and not in the surrounding trees. Hammocks may not be hung inside shelters. Permissible hammock locations may not be available; bring a tent. Choose trees with care; many cannot support a hammock. Hammock use must not damage trees.

### Cross-Country Camping

Terrain and vegetation make off-trail hiking and camping difficult. Visit [www.nps.gov/isro/planyourvisit/cross-country-camping.htm](http://www.nps.gov/isro/planyourvisit/cross-country-camping.htm).

## Group Camping

Want to bring seven or more people to camp in the park? Advance reservations are required for any group or organization, including families and friends traveling together, bringing seven or more people to the island.

If your group exceeds ten people, you must split into two parties, each independent and traveling on separate itineraries. This means groups with small parties cannot camp in the same campground at the same time and cannot travel the same route within a half mile of each other.

Organizations may need a Commercial Use Authorization (see page 12). Organizations may not have more than twenty people camping on the island at any one time and are limited to eighty people a year.

Group leaders should carry medical information for each member including known allergies, medical conditions, and medications taken.

## How to Make A Group Camping Reservation Request

1. All group camping reservations must be made in advance.
2. Check out the group camping website: [www.nps.gov/isro/planyourvisit/group-camping-introduction.htm](http://www.nps.gov/isro/planyourvisit/group-camping-introduction.htm).



## Boating

Hundreds of islands and surrounding Lake Superior waters are within park boundaries. Numerous docks and anchorages provide access for power and sailboats.

**Obtain a Permit:** Overnight boaters need to permit ahead of time. Call (906) 482-0984.

**Plan Ahead:** All boaters should make themselves familiar with information in the Isle Royale Boating Guide. Visit [www.nps.gov/isro/planyourvisit/boating-guide.htm](http://www.nps.gov/isro/planyourvisit/boating-guide.htm).

**Lake Superior** offers challenging and often dangerous weather: fog, high winds, waves, and thunderstorms. Combine rocky reefs and limited safe harbors with Isle Royale’s remoteness, and it pays for you, your crew, and your boat to be shipshape.

**Prevent the Spread of Invasive Species:** Vessel owners are legally responsible for invasive species decontamination prior to entering park waters (extending 4.5 miles into Lake Superior from the outermost land areas of the park). Learn how to decontaminate your vessel at [stopaquatic hitchhikers.org/prevention](http://stopaquatic hitchhikers.org/prevention).

**Day Use:** Boaters visiting the park or park waters for the day are required to pay entrance fees (see page 12) and are encouraged to fill out a day permit. Call (906) 482-0984.

**Overnight Stays:** Boaters staying overnight at anchor, at docks, or in campgrounds must obtain a permit

### Restricted Water Activities:

- Water skiing and personal watercraft including vessels referred to as Jet Skis, Waverunners, or Sea-doo’s are prohibited in all park waters.
- Vessels with motors (even if not in use) are prohibited on interior lakes and streams.

**Quiet/No Wake Zones:** These zones promote quality visitor experience by providing relatively tranquil, natural marine surroundings. Within the zone, vessels must not exceed 5 mph or create a wake in excess of surrounding seas. (see pages 6 and 7). Visit [www.nps.gov/isro/planyourvisit/quiet-no-wake.htm](http://www.nps.gov/isro/planyourvisit/quiet-no-wake.htm).

**On-Board Generators:** The operation or use of permanently installed (by the boat manufacturer) on-board vessel generators is limited to specific times and locations. Visit [www.nps.gov/isro/planyourvisit/boating-guide.htm](http://www.nps.gov/isro/planyourvisit/boating-guide.htm).

**Portable Generators** are prohibited in most areas of the park.

**Fuel:** Vessels carrying spare fuel in portable containers must use legally approved containers. Fuel may not be stored on docks.

Gasoline and diesel fuel are sold at Rock Harbor and Windigo when Isle Royale Resort stores are open (see page 10). Early and late season fuel may be obtained at Windigo and Mott Island if personnel are available.



## Customs

Due to ongoing COVID-19 concerns, Canada and U.S. border restrictions and crossing requirements remain in flux.

All visitors intending to arrive at Isle Royale from Canada should contact Grand Portage Customs and Border Patrol at (218) 475-2244 shortly before their intended trip for updates on current requirements.

For additional information visit [www.cbp.gov](http://www.cbp.gov).



Paddling

With numerous lakes, bays, and islands, miles of waterways await for the experienced canoeist and kayaker.

**Route Considerations:** Lake Superior is well-known for its cold waters, fog, and sudden, wave-generating squalls. Small, open vessels are encouraged to use interior lake waterways instead.

**Requirements:** Every paddler must have a U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device. Wear it; your life may depend on it.

Prevent the Spread of Invasive Species

- Vessel owners are legally responsible for invasive species decontamination prior to entering park waters. Learn how to decontaminate your vessel at [stopaquatic hitchhikers.org/prevention](http://stopaquatic hitchhikers.org/prevention).
- Before moving from Lake Superior to interior waters, wipe down your boat and gear.

**Weather:** Consult the marine forecast at visitor centers before embarking. Be prepared to adjust your schedule. A portable marine radio is recommended for overnight trips.

**Interior Lake Canoe Routes and Portages** are on the northeast half of the island. Portages are marked with a letter “P” on a post (see page 6).

**Portaging Devices** are not allowed in wilderness.

**Boat Rentals** are available at Windigo and Rock Harbor. Contact Isle Royale Resorts for more information (see page 10).



Fishing

With its multitude of reefs and bays on Lake Superior and its numerous interior lakes and streams, Isle Royale provides varied opportunities for recreational fishing.

Prevent the Spread of Invasive Species

- Before your island trip, clean fishing gear and change line spools.
- When moving from Lake Superior to interior waters, clean gear and change line spools.

Lake Superior Waters

- A Michigan fishing license is required for fishing in Lake Superior, including bays and harbors, and when transporting fish from island to mainland. Youth age 17 years or younger may fish without a license.
- Transporting fish or fish parts for use as bait to the park is prohibited. Possession or use of bait for fishing within Lake Superior park waters is limited to fish and/or fish parts caught within park waters.

Interior Lakes and Streams

- Licenses are not required to fish on Isle Royale's interior waters.
- Barbless hooks and artificial lures only in all interior lakes and streams.

**Possession Limits** are usually the same as those set by the State of Michigan. Refer to Michigan fishing regulations for possession limits and detailed license requirements for Lake Superior.

**Fishing Licenses:** Only 24-hour licenses are available on the island, and only when Isle Royale Resort stores are open (see page 10). Purchase a Michigan fishing license in advance, and download a copy of the Michigan Fishing Guide at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr).

**Disposal of Fish Remains:** Eliminate potential for attracting and feeding wildlife by reducing unsightly fish remains and odors. Clean fish away from docks and campgrounds. Do not throw remains into shallow water, to gulls, or to other wildlife. To dispose of remains:

- At Rock Harbor and Windigo, use the fish cleaning station.
- At other Lake Superior locations, deposit chopped remains (pieces 4” or less) into water at least 50' in depth.
- At interior lakes, deposit chopped remains (pieces 4” or less) into deep water via canoe or move at least 200' (75 steps) from campground and throw chopped remains as far as possible into deep water.

**Fish Consumption Advisory:** Fish in some interior lakes show elevated mercury levels. [Review safe fish consumption guidelines](#).

Diving

Experienced divers can explore the National Park Service's most intact collection of shipwrecks.

**Dive Permits** are required. Each diver must permit at Houghton, Rock Harbor, or Windigo before diving.

**Prevent the Spread of Invasive Species:** Wash all gear in warm, chlorinated tap water. Dry for seven days before entering park waters.

To learn more visit: [www.nps.gov/isro/planyourvisit/scuba-diving.htm](http://www.nps.gov/isro/planyourvisit/scuba-diving.htm).

Citizen Science

Help Isle Royale National Park collect data about important pollinator species. During your island adventure, record sightings of butterflies and moths, then share them.

How to Participate

**Join iNaturalist** and become a member of the Isle Royale Pollinators project.

**Use your phone** to take photos, coordinates, and notes for all butterflies and moths you see.

**Upload** your observations.

**Watch the iNaturalist page.** Your fieldwork will contribute to the understanding of pollinators across Isle Royale.



Fishing Regulations

Species	Season	Minimum Size	Daily Possession Limit	Note
Lake Trout, Rainbow Trout, and Salmon in Lake Superior	All Year	10" except 15" for Lake Trout	5 in any combination, but no more than 3 Lake Trout - only one Lake Trout 34" or greater	*1, *2
Lake Trout in Siskiwit Lake	April 16 - Oct 31			*2, *3, *4
Coaster Brook Trout in Lake Superior	Last Saturday in April - Labor Day	N/A	Catch and release only - No possession allowed.	*1
Brook Trout in Streams and Hidden Lake	Last Saturday in April - Labor Day	N/A	Catch and release only - No possession allowed.	*3, *4
Rainbow Trout in Streams		7"	5 fish with no more than 3 fish over 15"	
Lake Herring (Cisco) and Lake Whitefish in Interior Lakes	April 16 - Oct 31	N/A	Catch and release only	*3, *4
Yellow Perch in Lake Superior and Interior Lakes		No minimum size	50 Recommend Daily Limit of 10	
Northern Pike in Lake Superior and Interior Lakes	May 15 - Oct 31	Lake Superior 24" Interior no min size, 30" max	5 in any combination, but no more than 2 Northern Pike	*3, *4
Walleye in Lake Superior and Interior Lakes		15"		

Review the [Michigan Fishing Guide](#) for additional fish species, seasons, creel limits, and 2022 regulation updates and changes.

\*1 Park boundaries extend 4.5 miles into Lake Superior from the outermost land areas.  
\*2 For additional trout/salmon fishing information, review the Michigan Fishing Guide.  
\*3 Artificial lure means any lure or fly manufactured in imitation of, or as a substitute for, natural bait. It is unlawful to use or possess live bait, dead or preserved bait, organic or processed food, or scented material on interior lakes and streams.  
\*4 Only barbless hooks may be used for fishing in park interior lakes and streams. Barbed hooks are only allowed in Lake Superior waters.





Check local bulletin boards for updated information and program schedules.

ROCK HARBOR	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Rock Harbor Visitor Center</b> Information, books, maps, camping permits, dive permits, passes, ranger program schedules	6/6 – 9/17: Daily 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Prior to 6/6 and after 9/17: Open intermittently						
THE SANDY TOURS FROM ROCK HARBOR	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
The trails on tours are rocky and uneven with some steep climbs and descents; trails may be slippery. Be prepared for cold temperatures and rain.	<i>Tours operate 6/7 through 9/9. Obtain tickets at the lodge office. Rates available at the lodge and visitor center. Water Bus service available with some tours. Contact Rock Harbor Lodge.</i>						
<b>Hidden Lake/Lookout Louise</b> (\$) A 4-mile boat trip with a 2-mile round trip hike up to Lookout Louise for views of Canada. Return on the boat or hike 9.4 miles back to Rock Harbor.			9:00 am to 12:30 pm (Water Bus)		9:00 am to 12:30 pm (Water Bus)		
<b>Passage Island</b> (\$) An 8-mile boat tour crosses a popular shipping lane. The 2-mile round trip hike leads to Passage Island Lighthouse.	1:30 pm to 6:00 pm			9:00 am to 1:30 pm		1:30 pm to 6:00 pm	
<b>Edisen Fishery and Rock Harbor Light</b> (\$) A 6-mile boat tour to the historic commercial fishery and a quarter-mile hike to enjoy the Rock Harbor Lighthouse exhibits.			2:00 pm to 6:00 pm (Water Bus)		2:00 pm to 6:00 pm (Water Bus)		9:00 am to 1:30 pm (Water Bus)
<b>Raspberry Island/Sunset Cruise</b> (\$) A 1-mile hike around Raspberry Island for scenic views of shoreline, forest, and bog. Then cruise around Blake Point to view Canada and enjoy a Lake Superior sunset (after Aug. 15, cruise only).			8:00 pm to sunset in June - July, 7:30 pm in Aug-September	2:30 pm to 5:30 pm Raspberry Island only		8:00 pm to sunset in June - July, 7:30 pm in Aug-September	
WINDIGO	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Windigo Visitor Center</b> Information, books, maps, camping permits, dive permits, passes, ranger program schedules.	6/6 – 9/17: Daily 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Prior to 6/6 and after 9/17: Open intermittently						
HOUGHTON	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Houghton Visitor Center</b> Information, planning, books, maps, <i>Ranger III</i> and group camping reservations, dive permits, boater camping permits, and passes.	5/30 - 9/17: Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm; Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm 9/18 through 10/28/2022: Monday through Friday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm; closed federal holidays. Closed for Winter Season beginning 10/29/2022						
<b>Keweenaw Waterway Cruises</b> (\$) Enjoy a 3-hour afternoon Keweenaw Waterway Cruise aboard <i>Ranger III</i> . For reservations call 906-482-0984.					7/7, 7/21 12:30 pm		
ISLE ROYALE & KEWEENAW WORKSHOPS							
The Isle Royale & Keweenaw Parks Association (IRKPA) promotes the public’s understanding and appreciation of Isle Royale National Park and Keweenaw National Historical Park through education and research.			During the summer months, IRKPA hosts multi-day workshops focused on local botany and night sky photography. More Workshop Information: <a href="http://www.irkpa.org/workshops">www.irkpa.org/workshops</a>				

# Isle Royale Resorts

## Rock Harbor

### Lakeside Lodge Rooms

Sixty rooms available; each accommodates four and offers private bath. Open 6/7 through night of 9/9.

### Housekeeping Cabins

Twenty duplex cottages accommodate six and are furnished with kitchenettes, utensils, dishware, private bath, double bed, and one bunk bed. Open 5/27 through night of 9/9.

### Gift Shop and Dockside Store

Handcrafted gifts, apparel, postcards, souvenirs, daily fishing licenses, and tackle. Store offers camping, hiking, and boating supplies, groceries, freeze-dried foods, fishing tackle, stove fuel, showers, laundry, and sundries. Gift Shop open 6/7 through 9/9; Dockside Store open 5/27 through 9/9.

### Lighthouse Restaurant and Greenstone Grill

Hearty meals, including lake trout. Everyone welcome for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Food service open 6/7 through lunch on 9/10.

### Marina

450 feet of dock space, accommodating boats up to 65 feet. Electrical and fresh water hook-up, sewage pump-out, gasoline and diesel fuel, motorboat, canoe, and kayak rental. Services open 5/27 through 9/9.

### Fishing Charters

Charters are fully equipped for catching lake trout and salmon. Open 6/7 through 9/9.

### Water Taxis

Provides drop-off and pick-up services between Rock Harbor and McCargoe Cove on the north shore and Rock Harbor and Malone Bay on the south shore. Available 5/27 through 9/9.

## Windigo

### Windigo Store and Marina

Groceries, cold sandwiches, camping supplies, stove fuel, daily fishing licenses, tackle, gifts, and sundries. Marina offers gasoline, diesel, pump-out service, and motorboat, canoe and kayak rental. Showers and laundry available. Open 6/7 through 9/10.



### Windigo Camper Cabins

Two rustic cabins; each accommodates up to six and is furnished with table, chairs, full size futon, bunk beds with mattresses, electrical outlets and lighting. Each has a picnic table and propane grill. Water spigot and privy are nearby. Open 6/7 through night of 9/10.



## Contact Isle Royale Resorts

[www.rockharborlodge.com](http://www.rockharborlodge.com)

Summer Phone: 906-337-4993

Winter Phone: 866-644-2003

Email: [info@isleroyaleresorts.com](mailto:info@isleroyaleresorts.com)



From Houghton, Michigan



From Copper Harbor, Michigan



From Grand Portage, Minnesota



From Grand Portage, Minnesota



From Michigan & Minnesota



See websites for COVID-19 specifics related to each transportation provider.

Fares and schedules are subject to change.

Ranger III

6 hours one-way to Rock Harbor, NPS owned and operated.

Schedule (eastern time)  
Outbound Island Trips

Houghton to Rock Harbor 9:00 am 5/31 – 9/13	T, F
Except Windigo Trip Days	
Houghton to Windigo 9:00 am 6/7, 7/12, 8/2	T

Inbound Island Trips

Rock Harbor to Houghton 9:00 am 6/1 – 9/14	W, Sat
Except Windigo Trip Days	
Windigo to Houghton 9:00 am 6/8, 7/13, 8/3	W

Fares

One-Way

Adult.....	\$70.00
Child (1 – 15).....	\$35.00
Infant (under 1).....	Free
Boat (less than 18'01").....	\$100.00
Boat (18'01" to 20'00").....	\$150.00
Canoe/Kayak.....	\$30.00
Canoe/Kayak (over 18ft/80lbs).....	\$60.00
100 lbs. gear per passenger.....	Free
Freight after 100 lbs.....	\$9.50/100wt.

Reservations

Payment required for confirmed reservation. Reservations accepted on or after January 2.

Cancellations

Refunds, minus a 15% processing fee, if cancellation received 3 days prior to sailing. No refund within 3 days of sailing.

Amenities

Free parking • Orientation and permits issued onboard • Programs

Contact Information

[www.nps.gov/isro](http://www.nps.gov/isro)  
(906) 482-0984  
ISRO\_Ranger3Reserve@nps.gov

No Ranger III Grill for 2022

Bring your own food and beverage for the 6-hour voyage.

Isle Royale Queen IV

3.75 hours one-way to Rock Harbor, concession operated.

Schedule (eastern time)

Copper Harbor 8:00 am	
Rock Harbor 2:45 pm	
5/16 – 6/3	M, F
6/6 – 6/30	M, T, Th, F, Sat
7/1 – 7/31	M, T, Th, F, Sat, Sun
8/1 – 9/10 (no trip 8/31)	Every Day
9/12 – 9/30	M, F

Fares	One-Way
Low Season (5/16 – 6/30, 9/12 – 9/30)	
•Adult.....	\$67.50
•Child (1 – 15).....	\$55.00
High Season (7/1 – 9/10)	
•Adult.....	\$75.00
•Child (1 – 15).....	\$57.50
All Season	
•Infant (under 1).....	Free
•Canoes/Kayaks.....	\$30.00
•Double Kayaks.....	\$40.00
•Inflatable Boats.....	\$15.00
•70 lbs. gear per person.....	Free

Reservations

Online reservations available at [www.isleroyale.com](http://www.isleroyale.com). Phone reservations also taken. Full-fare deposit required. Canoes and kayaks require reservations.

Cancellations

Refund is 85% if received prior to 2 weeks before sailing. No refund within 2 weeks of sailing. If canceling a group of 10 or more, one month notice is required.

Miscellaneous

Parking fee • Freight, canoes, etc. carried for passengers only • Baggage limited to 70 lbs. per passenger

Contact Information

The Isle Royale Line, Inc.  
[www.isleroyale.com](http://www.isleroyale.com)  
(906) 289-4437  
isleroyalequeen@gmail.com

Voyageur II

2 hours to Windigo one-way, 5 hours Windigo to Rock Harbor one-way, concession operated.

Schedule (central time)

Grand Portage to Rock Harbor via Windigo/McCargoe Cove/Belle Isle 7:30 am (8:30 am EDT)	
5/14 – 5/28	W, Sat
5/30 – 9/17	M, W, Sat
9/21 – 9/28	W
Rock Harbor to Grand Portage via Daisy Farm/Chippewa Harbor/Malone Bay/Windigo 8:00 am (9:00 am EDT)	
5/15 – 5/29	T, Sun
5/31 – 9/18	T, Th, Sun
9/22 – 9/29	Th
Windigo Round Trip	
9/24 – 10/2	Sat, Sun
Grand Portage to Windigo	8:00 am
Windigo to Grand Portage	1:00 pm
	(2:00 pm EDT)

## Fares

	One-Way
Grand Portage to Windigo	
•Adult.....	\$81.00
•Child (4 – 15).....	\$72.00
•Child (3 and under).....	Free
Grand Portage to any same-day stop beyond Windigo or any same-day stop beyond Windigo to Grand Portage	
•Adult.....	\$105.00
•Child (4 – 15).....	\$100.00
Inter-island travel between various same-day island stops	
•Adult.....	\$66.00 – 80.00
•Child (4 – 15).....	\$65.00 – 74.00
All Season	
Canoe, Kayak.....	\$42.00
40 lbs. gear per passenger.....	Free
Additional freight..\$42.00 up to 100 lbs.	

Reservations

Payment required for confirmed reservations.

Cancellations

Refund is 85% of fare, provided cancellation is received at least 2 full weeks prior to departure.

Miscellaneous

Parking fee • Fishing poles must be in protective cases

Contact Information

Grand Portage-Isle Royale Transportation Line, Inc.  
[www.isleroyaleboats.com](http://www.isleroyaleboats.com)  
(218) 600-0765 (May - Oct)  
reservations@isleroyaleboats.com

Sea Hunter III

1.5 hours one-way to Windigo, concession operated.

Schedule (central time)

Grand Portage to Windigo 8:30 am (9:30 am EDT)	
6/8 – 7/9	W, F, Sat
7/13 – 8/14	W, Th, F, Sat, Sun
8/17 – 9/3	W, F, Sat
Windigo to Grand Portage 2:00 pm (3:00 pm EDT)	
6/8 – 7/9	W, F, Sat
7/13 – 8/14	W, Th, F, Sat, Sun
8/17 – 9/3	W, F, Sat

Fares

One-Way

Adult.....	\$81.00
Child (4 – 15).....	\$72.00
Child (3 and under).....	Free
Canoe, Kayak.....	\$42.00
40 lbs. gear per passenger.....	Free
Additional freight. \$42.00 up to 100 lbs.	

Same-Day Round Trip

Adult	\$92.00
Child (4 – 15)	\$85.00
Child (3 and under)	Free

Reservations

Payment required for confirmed reservations.

Cancellations

Refund is 85% of fare, provided cancellation is received at least 2 full weeks prior to departure.

Miscellaneous

Parking fee • Fishing poles must be in protective cases • Sightseeing en route

Contact Information

Grand Portage-Isle Royale Transportation Line, Inc.  
[www.isleroyaleboats.com](http://www.isleroyaleboats.com)  
(218) 600-0765 (May - Oct)  
reservations@isleroyaleboats.com

Seaplane

From Hancock, Michigan

Schedule

35 - 45 minutes to Windigo or Rock Harbor each way, concession operated Cessna 206 and DeHavilland Beaver. 5/22 – 9/17	Daily
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Fares (per person)

Round trip	\$360.00
One-way	\$250.00
Inter-island	\$142.00
Infant (under 2)	Free

From Grand Marais, Minnesota

Schedule

30 minutes to Windigo each way, 45 minutes to Rock Harbor each way, concession operated Cessna 206. 5/22 – 9/17	Daily
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Fares (per person)

Grand Marais to Windigo	
Round trip	\$316.00
One-way	\$218.00
Grand Marais to Rock Harbor	
Round trip	\$414.00
One-way	\$285.00
Arrive Rock Harbor, Depart Windigo	\$366.00
Arrive Windigo, Depart Rock Harbor	\$366.00
Inter-island	\$142.00
Infant (under 2)	Free

Reservations

Payment required for confirmed reservation • Reservation changes..\$25

Cancellations

Full refund of fare, provided cancellation received at least fifteen days prior to departure.

Miscellaneous

Parking fee • Planes accommodate up to six passengers • Baggage is limited to 45 lbs. per person • Planes cannot carry stove fuel; selected fuels are available upon park arrival

Contact Information

Isle Royale Seaplanes  
[www.isleroyalseaplanes.com](http://www.isleroyalseaplanes.com)  
(906) 483-4991  
info@isleroyalseaplanes.com



### Your Fees at Work

Fees you pay to visit Isle Royale remain in the park and are primarily used for trail and dock maintenance.

### Projects Completed in 2021

Rehabilitated 7 miles of Huginnin Cove Trail including brushing, erosion control, and boardwalk repair.





# Contacts

## Isle Royale National Park

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### Facebook

[www.facebook.com/isleroyalnps](http://www.facebook.com/isleroyalnps)

### Instagram

[www.instagram.com/isleroyalnps](http://www.instagram.com/isleroyalnps)

### Email for General Information

ISRO\_ParkInfo@nps.gov

### Emergency use only

(440) 546-5945

## Rock Harbor Lodge

[www.rockharborlodge.com](http://www.rockharborlodge.com)

Summer Phone: 906-337-4993

Winter Phone: 866-644-2003

Email: [info@isleroyaleresorts.com](mailto:info@isleroyaleresorts.com)

## Weather Forecast

### for Isle Royale

[www.weather.gov/mqt](http://www.weather.gov/mqt)

## Keweenaw Convention and Visitors Bureau

[www.keweenaw.info](http://www.keweenaw.info)

800-338-7982

## Minnesota's Grand Marais

### Visitor Information Center

[www.visitcookcounty.com](http://www.visitcookcounty.com)

888-922-5000

# Support Our Parks

Isle Royale & Keweenaw Parks Association  
Visit [www.irkpa.org](http://www.irkpa.org) or call 906-483-8877



The Isle Royale & Keweenaw Parks Association (IRKPA) is the nonprofit partner of Isle Royale National Park and Keweenaw National Historical Park.

## Become a Member

Membership gives you the satisfaction of supporting the parks you love and provides you benefits, including a 10% discount on store purchases. Over the last five years, IRKPA has given more than \$100,000 to Isle Royale National Park and Keweenaw National Historical Park. Join online or at a visitor center.

## IRKPA Store Locations

- Calumet Visitor Center
- Houghton Visitor Center
- Rock Harbor Visitor Center
- Windigo Visitor Center
- [www.irkpa.org/shop](http://www.irkpa.org/shop)



## Your Purchases Support Isle Royale National Park

### Trip Planning Package



Color Foot Trails and Water Routes, National Geographic map, and a scenic DVD to plan your trip.....\$34.95



Full color book identifies Isle Royale's common plants. Photo index of flowers, leaves, and fruits; includes common and scientific names...\$29.95



Reduced size 12" x 36" waterproof USGS topographic Isle Royale map features trail mileage and campground details.....\$11.95

## New for 2022: Paying Park Fees? Credit Only.

Fees & Passes	Rates & Explanation
Daily Entrance Fee	\$7 per person per day to enter or remain in the park. Children 15 and younger are exempt.
Isle Royale Season Pass	\$60, valid from April 16 through October 31 of the year indicated. Pass covers fees for the pass holder and up to three adults traveling with the pass holder (four total).
Federal Lands Passes	Access, Annual, Military, and Senior Passes are honored. Pass covers fees for the pass holder and up to three adults traveling with the pass holder (four total).
4th Grade Pass	Through August 31, 2022, entrance fees will be waived for US students in 4th grade (and up to three accompanying adults). Student must present paper voucher or pass upon arrival. Go to <a href="http://everykidoutdoors.gov">everykidoutdoors.gov</a> to receive a voucher.

## Commercial Groups, Special Use & Filming

If you want to operate a business in the park, it's likely you will need a commercial use authorization (CUA).

Any individual, corporation, or organization that generates taxable income from providing services such as guided backpacking trips or fishing charters in the park, must first obtain a CUA. Non-profit and educational institutions may also require a CUA.

Commercial still photography and special events (e.g., weddings, scattering ashes) require a Special Use Permit.

Filming projects may require permission from the superintendent.

For more information visit <https://www.nps.gov/isro/getinvolved/dobusinesswithus.htm>

## Pay Park Fees Online

Visit [pay.gov](http://pay.gov) (search *Isle Royale*). Select the Individual Daily Pass or Season Pass Fees. Print your receipt and show upon park arrival.