



# THE GREENSTONE

## 2025

### Your Guide to Isle Royale National Park

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## Enduring Service

Throughout history, ancestors of the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa crossed Gichigami (Lake Superior) in birch bark canoes. They traveled 14 miles over the largest freshwater lake in the world, and landed on a place that would come to be known as Minong – Anishinaabemowin for “the good place.” From their mainland homes, the North Shore Anishinaabe would return to Minong again and again – hunting, fishing, trapping, foraging, and sugar bushing. As Europeans colonized the region, Anishinaabe lifeways were altered, but they never vanished – and today, the descendants of these early peoples visit Minong often, to practice the teachings of their ancestors – the original stewards of this land.

Since 1916, the American people have entrusted the National Park Service (NPS) with the care of their most special places. Wallace Stegner, writer and historian, called national parks “America’s best idea – absolutely American, absolutely democratic, they reflect us at our best rather than our worst.” This idea – that these American spaces are for everyone, they should be preserved for the enjoyment of all, is a lesson in persistence. Every April, snow or shine, the RANGER III breaks ice in Rock Harbor Channel and lands on Minong, delivering its latest crop of rangers. These stewards leave their homes and families for six months, isolated on a remote island. Some come in search of work, some in search of adventure, but all to serve a mission – protect and preserve the land unimpaired for future generations.

How do park rangers protect and preserve Isle Royale National Park? They build trails and dig privies. They fight wildfires and search for lost hikers. They monitor inland lakes for harmful algae blooms and repair historic structures like Rock Harbor Lighthouse. They help visitors plan their trips, and assist when their ferries or seaplanes are cancelled due to weather. All of these tasks not only serve a mission, they also support a connection. A human connection to place – one that has endured for centuries, exemplified by the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, and also cultivated by the thousands of visitors each year who connect with Isle Royale’s peace, solace, and sanctuary.

What is life without connections like these? Nature, art, history – national parks have it all; “America’s best idea,” indeed – the NPS preserves and protects places that tell our nation’s greatest stories of endurance, upheaval, persistence, and renewal – all themes we experience in our own lives.

Minong will go on with or without us – each spring, the snow will melt, loons will return, orchids will bloom, waves will crash upon its rocky shoreline. But will peace, solitude, and sanctuary persist?

With your support, it's possible.

Bridget Byrne, Isle Royale National Park Ranger, 2017-2025



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## A Wilderness Worth Protecting

What makes Isle Royale a place worth protecting? When the National Park was established in 1940, its enabling legislation set apart a remote island archipelago and the surrounding Lake Superior waters “for the benefit and enjoyment of the public and to preserve and protect its wilderness character, cultural and natural resources, scenery, and ecological processes.” As Isle Royale National Park celebrates its 85th anniversary in 2025, we work to ensure sustainable operations and resources for the next 85 years.

For National Park Service staff, being entrusted with the care of your public lands is a job we love. To do it well we need – and welcome – everyone: Volunteers, who donate their time to paint camp shelters and survey trails. Nonprofit partners, who fund special projects and support initiatives like lessening dependence on fossil fuels. Concessions, who provide transportation and services like fishing charters. And yes, visitors, who return to Isle Royale again and again to camp, hike, fish, boat, and paddle.

Whether you are visiting Isle Royale virtually, for the first time, or the tenth time, I trust your experience will be rewarding! Isle Royale presents both opportunities and challenges, some that may surprise you. Be safe, enjoy your explorations, and when you ask yourself “how can I help Isle Royale persist?” listen with your head, heart, and all your senses.

Denice Swanke

Isle Royale National Park Superintendent



## Generational Stewards

The Johns family is one of many families who have deeply connected with Isle Royale for generations, embracing its history and wilderness. Their story began in 1861, when John F. Johns established a small fishing camp in the Washington Harbor area. In 1996, the family-led restoration of the Johns Hotel (the first hotel on the island) began when it was added to the National Register of Historic Places.

From homesteading in 1891 to maintaining a strong partnership with Isle Royale National Park today, the Johns family knows a thing about persistence. This ethos became a cornerstone of their legacy, passed down through generations.

Today, the Johns family continues to persist on Isle Royale – not as settlers, but as stewards of the Johns Hotel Historical Point Association. They spearhead the hotel restoration and lead educational tours of the Hotel, which contains original artifacts, providing public access. For the family, each visit deepens their understanding of Isle Royale as a place of persistence and renewal – for humans and nature, history, the present and the future.

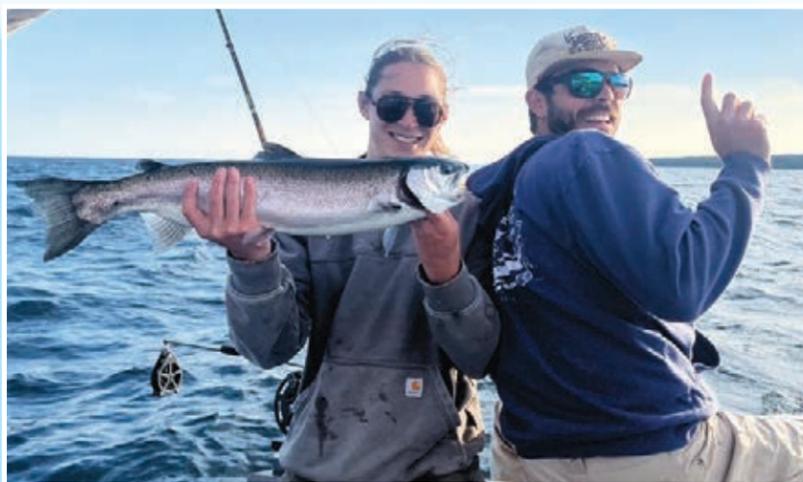
Through the Johns family, Isle Royale’s persistence story comes alive, reminding visitors that wilderness and family heritage can endure in harmony.

Susanna Johns, Johns Family Historical Point Association



## Fishing for the Future: Participate in the 2025 Creel Survey

To help Isle Royale National Park staff preserve the persistence of the Isle Royale fishery, researchers will conduct a creel survey in 2025. With this research, staff hope to gain insights into Isle Royale-Lake Superior fish populations, fishing patterns, and angler preferences. A “creel” is a basket used to hold caught fish. The last Isle Royale creel survey was conducted in 1998.



To accomplish this survey, the park is partnering with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to gather data from anglers on the water, at docks, and on RANGER III. Participation in the survey is voluntary – anglers will be asked to report on their catch rates, species, and fishing methods. The survey results will inform management strategies to enhance fishing experiences, while also preserving the ecological integrity of the Isle Royale-Lake Superior fishery.

This collaboration between DNR and NPS highlights the shared commitment to understanding and preserving Michigan’s natural resources. Be on the lookout for creel clerks this summer – your participation is invaluable!

## Resilience in Ecosystems

As an opportunistic and often omnivorous carnivore, red foxes are no strangers to persisting. Known as curious creatures, many Isle Royale visitors share gleeful stories about “camp foxes” – foxes that are frequently sighted around busy campgrounds, intrepidly observing human activities, and wondering if they may be the lucky benefactor of a forgotten granola bar, or a salty, sweaty (delicious!) sock.

When wolves were reintroduced to Isle Royale in 2018, island carnivores had no choice but to re-establish forgotten relationships. Recent research from the NPS and the Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Wisconsin – Madison, examined the impacts of wolf reintroduction, revealing insights into the persistence of species who must adapt to change within an isolated island ecosystem.

After reintroduction, wolves initially limited where foxes went – they naturally wanted to avoid the larger and more dominant predators. In response to these newly imparted limitations, foxes started to more frequently exploit camp areas and the food resources that are associated with humans.

Human resources and space use can have a strong role in shaping carnivore interactions. On Isle Royale, humans likely shielded foxes from wolves by providing a consequence-free alternative food resource, as opposed to scavenging wolf kills. The pervasive and persistent impact of human presence in an isolated, wilderness ecosystem can have enduring impact – when examining fox tissue, research reflected a diet made up largely of human foods.

As the Isle Royale ecosystem responds to new or forgotten dynamics, and fox resume their typical behaviors in the presence of wolves, this research imparts key lessons. The first is crucial: never feed wildlife and always properly secure your food. The second, less apparent yet equally significant, is that persistence in the face of change ensures survival.

Johnathan Pauli, Department of Forest & Wildlife Ecology - University of Wisconsin



# Camping & Food Storage Requirements

In order to protect wildlife and visitors, new regulations are in place within Isle Royale National Park. "Food storage" refers to any food, trash, scented items, cooking supplies and utensils, fish, etc.

### New for 2025

Animal-resistant containers are now required for overnight camping. [Containers on this list](#), typically known as "bear-resistant canisters," are approved. Containers not on this list are not guaranteed to be in food storage compliance.

Do not leave belongings unattended.

Boaters must secure items in boat cabin or container.



Example of a compliant animal-resistant container.

### Food Storage Lockers

Throughout the 2025 season, park staff will be implementing food storage lockers at every campground throughout Isle Royale. Installation is ongoing and lockers may or may not be in place at the time of your trip.



Food storage lockers are not for full packs; put food and items in animal resistant container and place in locker.

Do not leave trash in lockers or abandon items.

If in a shelter, keep container in shelter in order to save space in food storage locker.

### Wolf / Human Conflict Management

Park staff and partners will be conducting operations to haze wolves out of developed areas and campgrounds. These activities could utilize noise producing devices, visual deterrents, fencing, paintball markers, pyrotechnics, and non-lethal shotgun rounds. The intention of these activities is to adversely condition wolves to human presence in these areas.

For more food storage information, visit:

<https://www.nps.gov/isro/planyourvisit/food-storage.htm>

Recreation	Food Storage Regulations
Campers, Backpackers, Paddlers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Store items in animal-resistant container.</li> <li>2. If in a shelter, keep container in shelter.</li> <li>3. If in a tent site, place container in food storage locker.</li> <li>4. If no food storage locker, hang container 12 feet high, 6 feet from tree trunk. If unable to hang, secure container to a boulder, log, or tree 200 feet from camp.</li> </ol>
Cross-Country Campers	Hang container 12 feet high, 6 feet from tree trunk. If unable to hang, secure container to a boulder, log, or tree 200 feet from camp.
Boaters	Secure items in boat cabin or container.
Daytrippers, Lodge Guests	Use backpack storage areas.



Lake Superior and the island's wilderness present challenges and hazards to the inexperienced or ill-prepared.

Always check [current conditions](#) prior to your trip.

## 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

### 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.

Cellphone 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/Ozaagaateng. 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. Purification 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/Ozaagaateng, 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. Animal-resistant containers are now required for overnight camping. [Containers on this list](#), are approved. Containers not on this list are not guaranteed to be in food storage compliance.

**Trash:** All trash and leftover food (including peels, cores, and nutshells) must be packed out in animal-resistant container. Do not burn, bury, or place in outhouses.

**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 is 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

LAKE SUPERIOR

**Voyageur II**

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

**Sea Hunter III**

Grand Portage, MN, to Windigo/Ozaagaateng  
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**

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

- Trail
- Campsite
- Overnight dock
- Showers
- Quiet/no wake zones
- Fire tower
- Day-use only dock
- Lodging
- No wake zones
- Lighthouse
- Marina
- Dining

**Campgrounds**

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

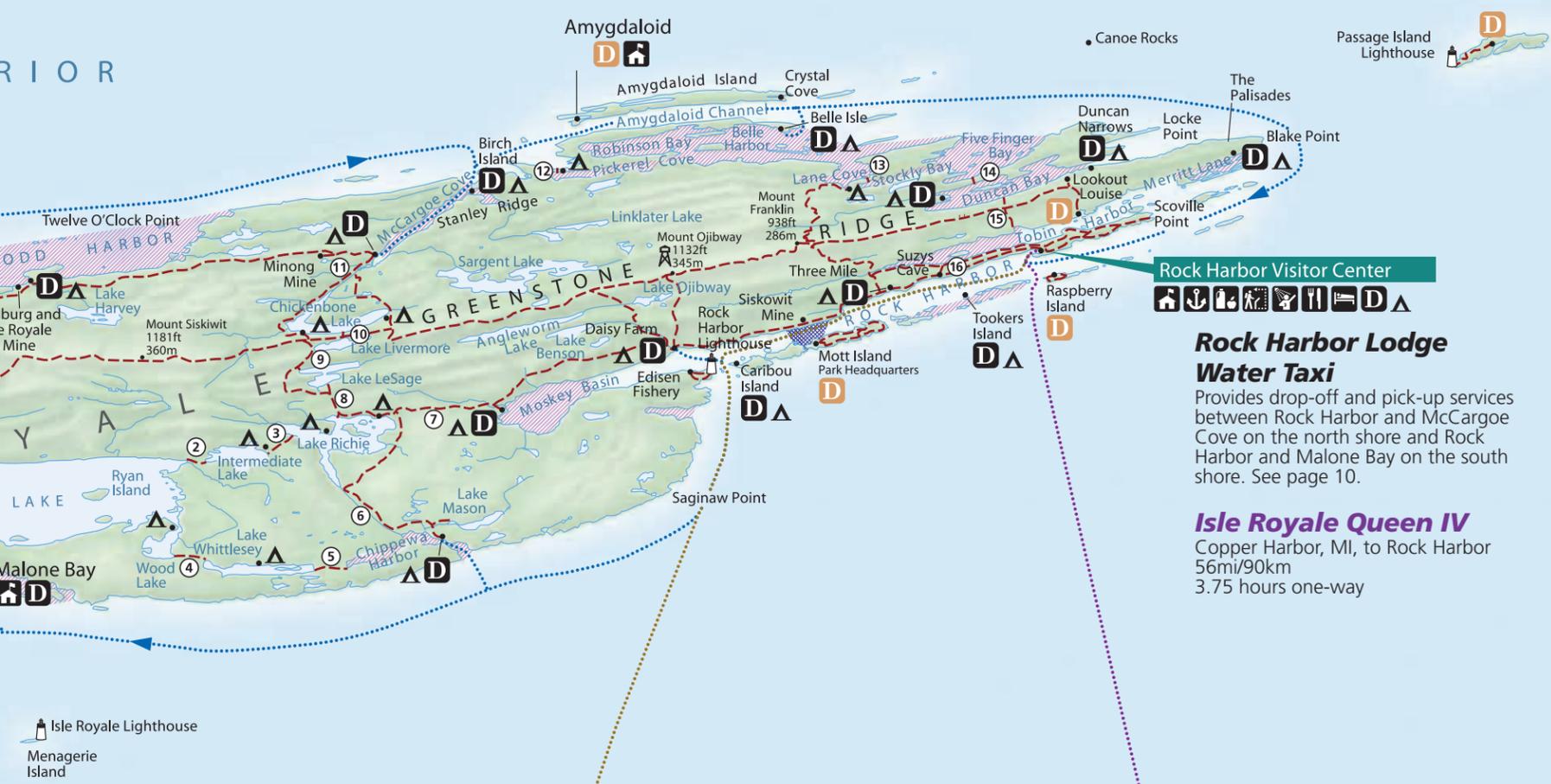
	Consecutive Nights Stay Limit (7/1 - Labor Day (some exceptions))	Individual Tent Sites	Shelters	Group Tent Sites	Special Information	Depth at Dock Normal Conditions	On-board Generator Use Allowed
Beaver Island	3	0	3	0	S	2' - 5'	yes
Belle Isle	5	1	6	0	F	13'	yes
Birch Island	3	1	1	0	S	5'	no
Caribou Island	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/Ozaagaateng)	3*	5	10	4	S-W	-	-
Windigo/Ozaagaateng 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 - 9/21.

**Canoe Portages**

Distance • Elevation Change • Details

- 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



**Rock Harbor Visitor Center**  
 [Icons for accessibility: wheelchair, hearing, vision, etc.]

**Rock Harbor Lodge Water Taxi**

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. See page 10.

**Isle Royale Queen IV**

Copper Harbor, MI, to Rock Harbor  
 56mi/90km  
 3.75 hours one-way

**Ranger III**  
 Houghton, MI, to Rock Harbor  
 73mi/118km  
 6 hours one-way

**Seaplane**  
 Hubbell, MI, to Rock Harbor  
 71mi/114km  
 35-45 minutes one-way

- [Icon] Ranger station
- [Icon] Self-guiding trail
- [Icon] Store



**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	
-	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
16.4	15.0	22.5	22.5	20.0	-	20.1	8.1	14.7	5.5	18.2	27.3	15.5	10.8	17.7	20.5	29.4	9.9	26.7	11.8	11.3	Desor S
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
9.3	7.9	15.2	15.4	12.3	8.1	27.6	-	25.7	13.0	11.1	20.2	7.8	11.3	10.7	13.4	22.3	17.4	19.8	4.1	18.8	Hatchet Lake
30.3	29.1	36.4	37.3	14.4	14.7	12.8	25.7	-	10.0	32.3	41.2	19.1	24.9	31.8	34.6	44.4	14.4	41.7	24.8	4.0	Huginnin Cove
21.3	19.9	27.2	27.4	18.6	5.5	14.6	13.0	10.0	-	23.1	32.2	20.4	15.7	22.6	25.4	34.3	4.4	31.6	16.7	6.6	Island Mine
5.0	3.6	4.3	5.8	23.0	18.2	37.8	11.1	32.3	23.1	-	12.7	18.5	21.4	6.3	2.3	12.9	27.5	10.2	13.0	28.9	Lake Richie
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

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)

No reservations. All small-party campsites contain either tent sites or a three-sided shelter. 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. Parties with separate overnight permits, but sharing the same affiliation may not camp in the same campground at the same time.

Organizations may need a Commercial Use Authorization (see page 11). Organizations may not have more than twenty people camping on the island at any one time and are limited to eighty people a year.

### 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).
3. If staffing limitations continue, group camping reservations for next year will not be processed until April 2026.



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## 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 a permit ahead of time. Call 906-482-0984.

**Plan Ahead:** All boaters should become 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 [stopaquaticinvasives.org/prevention](http://stopaquaticinvasives.org/prevention).

**Day Use:** Boaters visiting the park or park waters for the day are required to pay entrance fees (see page 11) 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 ahead of time.

### Restricted Water Activities

- Water skiing and personal watercraft including vessels referred to as Jet Skis, Waverunners, or Sea-Doos 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/Ozaagaateng when Isle Royale Resort stores are open (see page 10).



## Customs

For updates on current requirements visit [www.cbp.gov](http://www.cbp.gov) or contact Grand Portage Customs and Border Patrol at 218-475-2244. If unable to clear customs prior to your island trip, you will be told to leave Isle Royale National Park.

# Things to Do

## 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

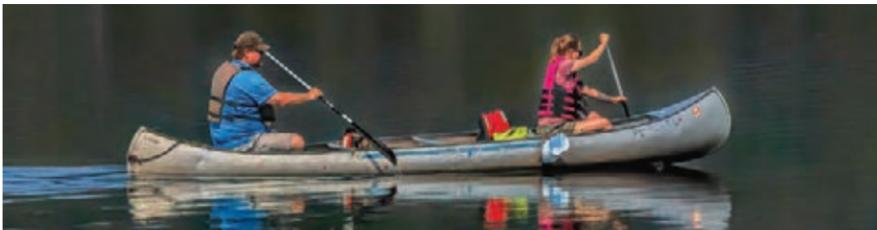
- Vessel owners are legally responsible for invasive species decontamination prior to entering park waters. Learn how to decontaminate your vessel at [stopaquaticinvasives.org/prevention](http://stopaquaticinvasives.org/prevention).
- Before moving from Lake Superior to interior waters, wipe down your 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:** 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/Ozaagaateng 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 16 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 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:** 24-hour licenses may not be available on island. 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. Fish in Lake Superior show elevated levels of PFAS (forever chemicals). [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 needs to permit at Houghton, Rock Harbor, or Windigo/Ozaagaateng 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).

## Community Science

Help Isle Royale 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 device** 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.



To learn more visit: [www.nps.gov/isro/getinvolved/community-science.htm](http://www.nps.gov/isro/getinvolved/community-science.htm)



## 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. Limit 3 in combination of splake and lake trout.	*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	25 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 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.



# Visitor Centers and Programs

All times eastern.

Due to ongoing uncertainties, all dates and times are subject to change. Check local boards and monitors for updated information and 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.	6/9 – 9/20: Daily 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Prior to 6/9 and after 9/20: Open intermittently						
MV 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.	Tours operate 6/6 through 9/12. Obtain tickets at the lodge office. Additional tours may be offered. Rates available at the lodge. Water Bus service available with some tours. Contact Rock Harbor Lodge.						
<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 5:00 pm Raspberry Island only		8:00 pm to sunset in June - July, 7:30 pm in Aug-September	
WINDIGO/OZAAGAATENG	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Windigo/Ozaagaateng Visitor Center</b> Information, books, maps, camping permits, dive permits, passes, ranger program schedules.	6/9 – 9/20: Daily 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Prior to 6/9 and after 9/20: 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.	4/15 - 5/24: Monday through Friday 10 am to 4 pm 5/26 - 9/20: Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm; Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm 9/21 - 10/31: Monday through Friday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm; closed federal holidays Closed for winter beginning 11/1/2025						
ISLE ROYALE & KEWEENAW WORKSHOPS	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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">www.irkpa.org</a> .						

## Isle Royale Resorts

### Rock Harbor

#### Lakeside Lodge Rooms

Sixty rooms available; each accommodates four and offers private bath. Open 6/6 through night of 9/12.

#### Housekeeping Cabins

Twenty duplex cottages accommodate six and are furnished with kitchenettes, utensils, dishware, private bath, double bed, and one bunk bed. Limited opening 5/23. Full service 6/6 through night of 9/12.

#### 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 6/6 through 9/13; Dockside Store open 5/23 through 9/12.

### Greenstone Grill & Lighthouse Restaurant

Everyone welcome for breakfast, lunch, and dinner (Lighthouse Restaurant: breakfast/dinner service only). Offering coffee, grab-and-go meals, and hearty specials. Food Cart providing morning coffee/pastries and evening beverage service on Guesthouse Deck. All open 6/6 through breakfast on 9/13.

#### 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 5/23 through 9/12.

#### Fishing Charters

Charters are fully equipped for catching lake trout and salmon. Open 6/6 through 9/12.

#### 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. Weather dependent. Available 5/23 through 9/12.

### Washington Harbor Store and Marina

Groceries, grab-and-go, quick service menu, camping supplies, and gifts. Marina offers gasoline, diesel, pump-out service, and motorboat, canoe and kayak rental. Showers and laundry available. Open 6/6 through 9/5.



### 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 outhouse are nearby. Open 6/6 through night of 9/6.

### Contact Isle Royale Resorts

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

#### Reservations

Phone: (877) 841-1064

#### On Island Services

Phone: (906) 337-4993

#### Email

IsleRoyale-CustomerService@aramark.com

Forgot a food storage container?

Washington Harbor and Rock Harbor Stores may have them for purchase.



## From Houghton, Michigan



## From Copper Harbor, Michigan



## From Grand Portage, Minnesota



## From Grand Portage, Minnesota



## From Hubbell, Michigan



Fares and schedules are subject to change.

### Ranger III

6 hours one-way to Rock Harbor, 5.5 hours one-way to Windigo/Ozaagaateng, NPS owned and operated.

#### Schedule (eastern time)

##### Outbound Island Trips

- No trip 7/4

Houghton to Rock Harbor 9:00 am  
5/27–9/12.....T, F  
Except Win/Oza Days

Houghton to Win/Oza 9:00 am  
6/17, 7/15, 8/12.....T

##### Inbound Island Trips

- No trip 7/5

Rock Harbor to Houghton 9:00 am  
5/28–9/13.....W, Sat  
Except Win/Oza Days

Win/Oza to Houghton 9:00 am  
6/19, 7/16, 8/13.....W

#### Fares One-Way

Adult.....\$80.00  
Child (1–15).....\$40.00  
Infant (under 1).....Free  
Boat (less than 18'01").....\$125.00  
Boat (18'01" to 20'00").....\$200.00  
Canoe/Kayak.....\$35.00  
Canoe/Kayak (over 18ft/80lbs)\$70.00  
100 lbs. gear per passenger.....Free  
Freight after 100lbs.....\$12.00/100wt.

#### 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

#### Ranger III Cafe

Lunch and snack items available for purchase. Card only.

#### 2026 Reservations

If staffing limitations continue, reservations will not be processed until April 2026.

### 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

5/12–6/1.....M, F  
6/2–6/30.....M, T, Th, F, Sat  
7/1–7/31.....M, T, Th, F, Sat, Sun  
8/1–8/31.....Every Day

•Except 8/20, 8/27  
9/1–9/14.....M, T, Th, F, Sat  
9/15–9/30.....M, F

#### Fares One-Way

•Adult.....\$87.50  
•Child (1–12).....\$62.50  
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/Ozaagaateng one-way, 5 hours Windigo/Ozaagaateng to Rock Harbor one-way, concession operated.

#### Schedule (central time)

- Grand Portage to Rock Harbor via Win-Oza/McCargoe Cove/Belle Isle 7:30 am (8:30 am EDT)

5/10–5/24.....W, Sat  
5/26–9/13.....M, W, Sat  
9/17–9/24.....W

•Rock Harbor to Grand Portage via Daisy Farm/Chippewa Harbor/Malone Bay/Win-Oza 8:00 am (9:00 am EDT)

5/11–5/25.....Th, Sun  
5/27–9/14.....T, Th, Sun  
9/18–9/25.....Th

•Win-Oza Round Trip  
9/20–9/28.....Sat, Sun  
Grand Portage to Win/Oza.....8:00 am  
Win/Oza to Grand Portage 1:00 pm  
.....(2:00 pm EDT)

#### Fares One-Way

Grand Portage to Win/Oza  
•Adult.....\$100.50  
•Child (15 and under).....\$90.50  
Grand Portage to any same-day stop beyond Win/Oza or any same-day stop beyond Win/Oza to Grand Portage  
•Adult.....\$100.50  
•Child (15 and under).....\$90.50  
Inter-island travel between various same-day island stops  
•Adult.....\$80.50 – 95.50  
•Child (15 and under).....\$75.50 – 90.50  
All Season  
Canoe, Kayak.....\$45.25  
40 lbs. gear per passenger.....Free  
Additional freight.....\$45.25 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 - Sept)

reservations@isleroyaleboats.com

### Sea Hunter III

1.5 hours one-way to Windigo/Ozaagaateng, concession operated.

#### Schedule (central time)

- Grand Portage to Win/Oza 8:30 am (9:30 am EDT)

6/11–7/12.....W, F, Sat  
7/16–8/10.....W, Th, F, Sat, Sun  
8/13–8/30.....W, F, Sat

•Win/Oza to Grand Portage 2:00 pm (3:00 pm EDT)

6/11–7/12.....W, F, Sat  
7/16–8/10.....W, Th, F, Sat, Sun  
8/13–8/30.....W, F, Sat

#### Day Trip Round Trip

Adult.....\$110.50  
Child (15 and under).....\$100.50

#### Fares One-Way

Adult.....\$100.50  
Child (15 and under).....\$90.50  
Canoe, Kayak.....\$45.25  
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. Check with office for group cancellation policy.

#### 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 - Sept)

reservations@isleroyaleboats.com

### Seaplane

35 - 45 minutes to Windigo/Ozaagaateng or Rock Harbor each way, concession operated Cessna 206 and DeHavilland Beaver.

#### Schedule

5/18–9/20.....Daily

#### Day Trip

35 - 45 minutes to Win/Oza or Rock Harbor each way, concession operated Cessna 206 and DeHavilland Beaver.

•Hubbell to Rock Harbor  
6/6–9/13.....Daily

•Hubbell to Win/Oza  
6/6–9/6.....Daily

#### Fares (per person)

Round trip.....\$396.00  
One-way.....\$275.00  
Infant (under 2).....Free

#### Reservations

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

#### Cancellations

Refund is 90% 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

Paying Park Fees? Credit Only.	
Fees & Passes	Rates
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, 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 Park Uses

A Commercial Use Authorization (CUA) is required if an operator provides any goods, activities, or services for park visitors that take place, at least in part, on lands managed by the NPS; use park resources; and result in compensation, monetary gain, benefit, or profit to the operator.

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

Filming, photography, audio recordings and special events (e.g. weddings, memorials, conferences/retreats) may require a permit.

For more information visit <https://www.nps.gov/isro/learn/management/special-use-permits.htm>



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



# Support Our Parks

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



## Contacts

### Isle Royale National Park

[www.nps.gov/isro](http://www.nps.gov/isro)

800 E. Lakeshore Drive

Houghton, MI 49931-1869

Phone: (906) 482-0984

Fax: (906) 487-7170

### 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)

### Reservations

(877) 841-1064

### On Island Services

(906) 337-4993

### Email

IsleRoyale-CustomerService@aramark.com

### Weather Forecast

### for Isle Royale

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

### Keweenaw Convention and Visitors Bureau

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

(906) 337-4579

### Minnesota's Grand Marais Visitor Information Center

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

(888) 922-5000

The Isle Royale & Keweenaw Parks Association (IRKPA) is the nonprofit cooperating association 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 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

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

### Membership Levels

Life (payable in installments).....	\$1,200
Patron.....	\$250
Sustaining.....	\$100
Supporting.....	\$50
Household.....	\$35
Individual.....	\$25

### Your Purchases Support Isle Royale National Park

#### Research Reads



Restoring the Balance.....	\$24.95
Wolf Island.....	\$24.95

#### Take Home A Memory



14 oz camper mug, handmade in Minnesota by Deneen Pottery.....	\$26.95
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#### Trail Information



Reduced size USGS map.....	\$11.95
National Geographic map.....	\$14.95
Foot Trails & Water Routes.....	\$17.95

# Protect the park you love

NATIONAL PARKS OF  
LAKE SUPERIOR  
FOUNDATION



National Parks of Lake Superior Foundation (NPLSF) protects, restores, and enhances Lake Superior's national parks. Join us and support Isle Royale National Park's future! Your investments help power the park with renewable energy, protect and interpret the island's natural and cultural resources, and support park staff and infrastructure needs.



Learn more at [www.nplsf.org](http://www.nplsf.org)