

Beaver Basin Wilderness

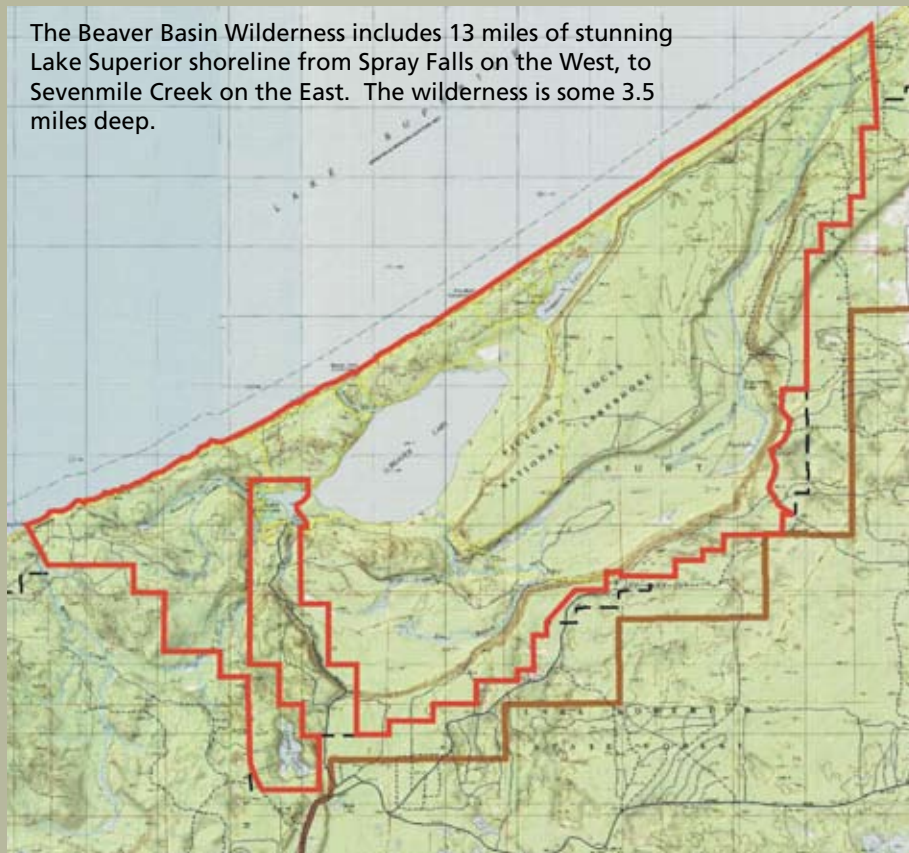
Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore



On March 30, President Obama signed the Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009 into law. This Act created the Beaver Basin Wilderness within Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. The designation of this 11,740 acre wilderness fulfills an important element of the park's 2004 General Management Plan and provides permanent legal protection for this spectacular part of the park.



The Beaver Basin Wilderness includes 13 miles of stunning Lake Superior shoreline from Spray Falls on the West, to Sevenmile Creek on the East. The wilderness is some 3.5 miles deep.



Attributes of the Beaver Basin Wilderness:

- Continued opportunities for quiet, solitude, wilderness recreation and spiritual renewal.
- Includes 8.4 miles of the North Country National Scenic Trail, 8.5 miles of other park trails and 6 overnight backcountry campsites.
- Remains open for hunting, fishing, day-hiking, overnight backpacking, canoeing, kayaking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and more. Electric boat motors may continue to be used on Little Beaver and Beaver Lakes. Motorboats on Lake Superior may continue to beach along the waterfront adjacent to the designated wilderness.
- Excellent examples of glacial geology including post-glacial meltwater channels, escarpments and ancient beach ridges.
- Extensive beech-maple upland hardwood forest. Wonderful spring wildflowers.
- Extensive wetlands and clear streams providing habitat for native coaster brook trout, largemouth and smallmouth bass, northern pike and other fish.
- Excellent habitat for black bear, grey wolf, fisher and American marten, migrating songbirds, waterfowl and upland game birds.

Enjoy the Beaver Basin Wilderness - leave nothing but footprints, take nothing but photos...