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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Voyageurs National Park
360 Highway 11 East
International Falls, MN 56649



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Closure Order # 26-003

NOTICE OF CAMPSITE AND HOUSEBOAT SITE CLOSURE ORDER

Effective Date: August 20, 2026, at 12:01 a.m.

Closure Order – Campsites, Camping, and Day Use Area: Under the authority provided to the Superintendent in 36 CFR § 1.5(a)(1) (Closures and public use limits), the following restrictions are in effect beginning August 20, 2026, at 12:01 a.m., and will remain in effect until rescinded:

- All campsites, houseboat (HB) sites, and the day use site on Dryweed Island and adjacent islands are closed. Campsites, houseboat sites, and the day use site covered by this closure are:
 - R6 - Breakwater Cove campsite
 - R11 - Dryweed Island campsite
 - R44 - Harrison Bay HB site
 - R53 - Makinen Point campsite
 - R61 - Harrison Bay campsite
 - R64 - Mio Beach campsite
 - R67 - Stones Point campsite
 - R71 - Loon Cove campsite
 - R72 - Rock Shelf campsite
 - R73 - Dryweed Island North campsite
 - R75 - Harrison Bay SW HB site
 - R76 - Harrison Bay SE HB site
 - R82 - Dryweed Island S HB site
 - R93 - Lyle Mine Island campsite
 - R101 - Tango Channel campsite
 - R107 - Harrison Bay E day use site
- Dryweed Island is closed for all overnight uses, including houseboat mooring.

Authority: 36 CFR 1.5(a)(1)

Notice: This administrative order applies to all individuals within the boundaries of Voyageurs National Park who are subject to National Park Service (NPS) regulations, including visitors, government employees, concession employees, park residents, and stakeholders, except as follows:

- Authorized NPS employees and agency partners performing critical functions.
- Visitor groups with existing reservations occupying campsites as of August 19, 2026, may continue to occupy those sites until their reservation ends.

Finding: The National Park Service is issuing this order in response to unsafe bear-human interactions at campsites on Dryweed Island. This closure is necessary to maintain public health and safety. The

closed areas will be signed and monitored to ensure compliance. This closure will remain in place until further notice.

Approval: **BRIAN HARMON**

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Acting Superintendent

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