

COMMERCIAL USE AUTHORIZATION
TYPES OF AUTHORIZED COMMERCIAL SERVICES
Voyageurs National Park

GUIDE SERVICES

Fishing Guide:

Requirements:

- a. Guides must have current annual CPR certification.
- b. Guides must have current annual First Aid certification.
- b. Guides must be licensed by the U.S. Coast Guard for operation of "Uninspected" boats ("Six Pack License").
- c. No more than six (6) will be transported in a boat.

Winter Guide:

Requirements:

- a. Guides must have current annual CPR certification.
- b. Guides must have current annual First Aid certification.

Kayaking/Canoeing Guide:

Requirements:

- a. Guides must have current annual CPR certification.
- b. Guides must have current annual First Aid certification.

Camping Guide:

Requirements:

- a. Guides must have current annual CPR certification.
- b. Guides must have current annual First Aid certification.
- c. For summer camping guide service, guide must be licensed by the U.S. Coast Guard for operation of "Uninspected" boats ("Six Pack License").
- d. No more than six (6) will be transported in a boat.

Dog Sled Guide:

Requirements:

- a. Dog sled trips may only go on frozen lake surfaces and snowmobile safety portages. No travel is allowed on Mica Bay to Kettle Falls, from Net Lake to Spring Lake, Moose Bay Portage from Rainy Lake to Kabetogama Lake or within restricted use areas.
- b. Excrement from the dogs must be removed immediately from the park.
- c. All dogs must be vaccinated and have a certificate issued by a USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service certified veterinarian for canine distemper, infectious canine hepatitis, leptospirosis, canine parvovirus, canine coronavirus, and rabies, at least one (1) month prior to start of trips each year.
- d. All dogs will have a health certificate issued by a USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service certified veterinarian attesting that the dog is free from ectoparasites and does not show any evidence of disease. This examination will be performed within two (2) weeks of the start of trips each year.
- e. All dogs will have had a negative fecal parasite examination within two (2) weeks prior to commencing guided trips and retested annually. The examination will consist of the following tests, performed on three consecutive days:
 - Day 1 - Direct smear for protozoa.
 - Day 2 - Centrifugal sedimentation for trematodes, cestodes, coccidia, and nematodes.
 - Day 3 - Baermann technique for Strongyloides and lungworm.The dogs will be dewormed monthly by the operator for the remainder of the year.
- f. Guides must have current CPR certification.
- g. Guides must have current First Aid certification.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Water Taxi/Shuttle Service:

Requirements:

- a. This may be a scheduled service to park trailheads. All other services will be on an unscheduled basis.
- b. Services will be limited to six (6) passengers or fewer per trip.
- c. Water taxi or shuttle service to Kettle Falls will be permitted as follows:
 1. Rainy Lake - Only on the days the concessioner does not have scheduled trips to Kettle Falls or if referred by the concessioner to a water taxi service on days with scheduled trips.
 2. Kabetogama Lake - Only when service is not available from any of the concessioners.
 3. Namakan Lake - Services are permitted anytime.
 4. Sand Point Lake - Services are permitted anytime.All other requirements of this section will apply to all lakes.
- d. Passengers may only be dropped off or picked up on a given trip, i.e., continuous round trip, guided tour, or scenic rides are not authorized under this service.
- e. Shuttle service may be advertised provided advertisements are approved in advance by the National Park Service.
- f. Boat operator must have current CPR certification.
- g. Guides must have current First Aid certification.
- h. Boat operators must be licensed by the U.S. Coast Guard for operation of "Uninspected" vessels ("Six Pack License").
- i. Holders may not solicit or board new passengers at park visitor centers, ranger stations, Kettle Falls, or any other points designated by the Superintendent.

Boat Charter Service:

Requirements:

- a. Services will not be provided on a regular and/or publicized schedule.
- b. Service is permitted only on Namakan and Sand Point Lakes.
- c. Boat operators must have current certification in CPR.
- d. Guides must have current First Aid certification.
- e. Boat operators must be licensed by the U.S. Coast Guard. Operation of "Uninspected" vessels and transporting six (6) or fewer passengers requires a "Six Pack License" while the AU.S. Coast Guard Masters License" is required to transport more than six (6) passengers.
- f. Transportation of more than six (6) passengers will be done in vessels meeting U.S. Coast Guard inspection requirements. Additional liability insurance between \$500,000.00 and \$1,500,000.00 is required.
- g. Holders may not solicit or board new passengers at park visitor centers, ranger stations, Kettle Falls, or any other points designated by the Superintendent.

Aircraft Service

Requirements:

- a. Holder will comply with FAA recommendations, regulations and meet FAR Part 135 requirements.
- b. Holder must provide the park with copies of all aircraft and pilot licenses and registrations.
- c. Aircraft may not dock or operate within 500 feet of any of the park visitor centers.
- d. Holder will comply with park regulations involving aircraft (36CFR 2.17 and 7.33[c]).

OTHER SERVICES

Marine Repair & Towing:

Requirements:

- a. Equipment must be adequate to safely and professionally carry out responsibilities.
- b. Towed vessels must be unoccupied.

- c. Boat operator must be licensed by the U.S. Coast Guard for operation of "Uninspected" boats ("Six Pack License").

Ice Fishing Shelter Rental:

Requirements:

- a. Holder must comply with appropriate State and Federal laws and Authorization requirements.
- b. Ice blocks must be broken up as soon as they are cut to reduce hazards they impose upon other park users.
- c. Plowing of roads on ice surfaces require a Special Use Authorization, obtained in advance.
- d. All debris, refuse and other waste must be removed from the park.

Resort Related Tour Boat Services:

Requirements:

- a. This activity is authorized only as an incidental aspect of some other principle business activity located outside of park boundaries and is intended for the customers of that business.
- b. Services will not be provided on a regular and/or publicized schedule.
- c. Services will be limited to six (6) passengers or fewer at any one time.
- d. Holder may not solicit or board new passengers anywhere in the park.
- e. Tour vessel must leave from and return to principal business site.
- f. Advertising specifically for these services is not permitted.
- g. Boat operator must have current CPR certification.
- h. Guides must have current First Aid certification
- i. Boat operator must be licensed by the U.S. Coast Guard for operation of "Uninspected" boats ("Six Pack License").

Houseboat Support Services:

Requirements:

- a. Boat operator must comply with all U.S. Coast Guard requirements.
- b. Transportation and handling of food and alcohol must comply with State requirements
- c. Boat operations, fuel dispensing, fuel storage and spill containment must comply with State and Federal requirements.

Barging/Hauling Services:

Requirements:

- a. Boat operator must comply with all U.S. Coast Guard requirements.
- b. Boat operations, fuel dispensing, fuel storage and spill containment must comply with State and Federal requirements.

Other: Must specify services being provided or applied for. These services may be subject to further review and conditions.

Requirements:

- a. Holder must comply with all appropriate State and Federal laws and Authorization requirements.
- b. **Please specify below:**
