



Getting to Voyageurs

Voyageurs National Park is in northern Minnesota on the Canadian border. The nearest airport is at International Falls. The park is about a five-hour drive from Minneapolis/St. Paul: take I-35 to Duluth, then US 53 north. See map below for detailed routes to visitor centers and points of interest.



Exploring Voyageurs National Park



Kettle Falls Hotel



North Canoe paddlers



Oberholtzer Trail



Aurora borealis



Canoe campsite, Sand Point Lake

Stop first at one of the visitor centers: Rainy Lake, Kabetogama, and Ash River. Each has information, exhibits, park movie, bookstore, Junior Ranger programs, boat ramps, hiking trails, and more. Visitor centers are open daily in summer; Rainy Lake operates year-round.

Voyageurs is a water-based park. Travel to the 500-plus islands and 655 miles of shoreline is by watercraft. "Don't Miss" destinations include Anderson Bay, Ellsworth Rock Gardens, Hoist Bay, Kettle Falls, and Little American Island. But with 218,054 acres of land and water, there are countless out-of-the-way places to find your own adventure.

For detailed information, get a copy of the park newspaper *Rendezvous* or visit www.nps.gov/voya.

THINGS TO SEE AND DO

Scheduled Programs and Boat Tours Paddle a canoe on the Voyageurs Highway. Watch wildlife by day and stars by night. Explore historic Kettle Falls and Hoist Bay. Check the *Rendezvous* newspaper or park website for a current list of these activities and many more. Reservations are highly recommended for boat tours; visit Recreation.gov.

Boating Travel park waters by motorboat, kayak, canoe, sailboat, houseboat, or tour boat. Public boat launch ramps and parking are available at park visitor centers, Crane Lake

ranger station, and the two state forest campgrounds, Ash River and Woodenfrog.

Kabetogama Lake flows east and Rainy Lake flows west. Water flows from Crane Lake through Sand Point and Namakan lakes to Kettle Falls. Use nautical charts and monitor a weather radio for NOAA broadcasts. Use marine band channel 16 in emergencies.

Camping, Houseboating, and Day Use The park has over 240 designated boat-in campsites, houseboat sites, and day-use sites scattered throughout. There are no

"drive to" sites in the park. Check at a visitor center for up-to-date information on camping permits.

Fishing These waters are world-renowned for walleye, northern pike, smallmouth bass, and other freshwater species. Fishing in park waters requires a Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR) license. In Canadian waters you'll need an Ontario license; contact US Customs for border crossing regulations.

Hiking The park's 14 trails offer something for everyone—easy, moderate, and strenuous. Some trails or trail sections are mobility accessible. For details check out individual trail maps at a visitor center or visit www.nps.gov/voya.

Winter From mid-November to late March, snow dominates the landscape. In winter you can drive your car on the lakes' ice roads, which begin at the visitor centers. Winter travel elsewhere in the park is by snowmobile, cross-country skis, or snowshoes. You can rent snowshoes and skis at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center.

MORE INFORMATION

International Border Always know where you are on the water. Check with Canadian and US Customs before crossing the border. Canadian Customs services are available by water at Portage Bay on Sand Point Lake and by vehicle at the Crane Lake Public Landing and at the International Falls Bridge. For detailed navigation information, scan this code or visit www.nps.gov/voya/plan_yourvisit/lake-navigation.htm.



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Accessibility We strive to make our facilities, services, and programs accessible to all. For information go to a visitor center, ask a ranger, call, or check our website.

For a Safe Visit Know and follow all state and federal boating regulations. Boaters must

carry one PFD (personal flotation device) for each passenger. Children under 10 must wear them on board vessels. • Treat lake water by boiling for five minutes before consuming. • Don't depend on cellphones; coverage is spotty in the park. • All food, garbage, and cooking equipment must be kept in a vehicle, vessel, bear-proof locker, or hung 10 feet high and 10 feet out from a pole or tree. • Use only dead and downed wood. Firewood that is brought in must be MNDNR approved. • All natural and cultural features in the park are protected by federal law. Do not damage or collect them. • For a full list of

safety and protection regulations, see the *Rendezvous* or visit our website.

Voyageurs National Park is one of over 390 parks in the National Park System. To learn more about national parks and National Park Service programs in America's communities, visit www.nps.gov

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