

# LEAVE NO TRACE CAMPING PRACTICES

## Fires

Build campfires in fire receptacles where provided or on a sand beach near the water's edge, below the vegetation line. Fires are not allowed on beaches on Raspberry Island, Julian Bay, and Presque Isle Bay on Stockton Island, or on beaches within 150 feet of campsites where fire receptacles are provided. Beach and camp fires may not be larger than 3 feet in height or diameter. To prevent transporting invasive species, do not transport firewood to or between islands in the national lakeshore. Use dead wood on the ground for firewood. Chain saws cannot be operated in the national lakeshore.

Do not leave fires unattended. Extinguish fires before leaving the area. Fires are not permitted in portable grills or stoves on docks, or topside areas of boats tied to public docks. Open fires will be prohibited when fire danger is high.

## Tent Pads

Place tents on tent platforms or within tent pads where they are provided at sites.

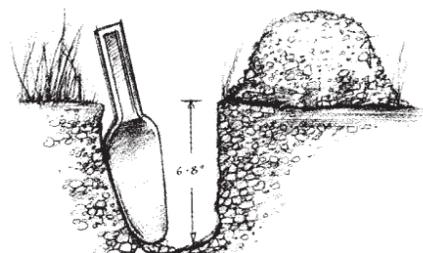
## Garbage/Refuse

Carry your garbage/refuse out of the park. Do not dispose of garbage in toilets, bury it, burn it, or throw it in the lake.

## Human Waste

Use vault toilets or stump privies where provided. Otherwise, take care to dispose of human waste properly.

1. Be 200 feet from the nearest campsites and the nearest body of water.
2. Dig a hole at least six inches deep.
3. Cover your hole thoroughly when finished.
4. Bag toilet paper and pack it out.



## Water

Potable water may be available at Little Sand Bay, Sand Island, and at Presque Isle Bay on Stockton Island. Be prepared to boil water from the lake for at least two minutes or filter it with an adequate filter (0.4 microns pore size) before use to eliminate waterborne organisms such as Giardia l., a microorganism which causes a severe intestinal disorder. Please do not use or dispose of any type of soap within 100 feet of any water source.

## Pets

Pets must be kept on a leash that is six feet or shorter, and never left unattended. Pet excrement must be immediately collected and disposed of in the nearest trash receptacle or buried in a forested area using a small hole dug in soil at least six inches deep, at least 200 feet from any trail, campsite, beach, dock, or water source. Pets are not allowed in public buildings or on scheduled Apostle Islands Cruises trips (except assistance animals with proper certification).



## Quiet Hours

To insure a quality camping experience, quiet hours are enforced from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

## Insects and Ticks

Biting insects can be prevalent from June to September. Wearing pants and long sleeved shirts provides some protection from mosquitoes, flies, and ticks. Insect repellents are helpful. The tick that transmits Lyme disease and Ehrlichiosis is found in the park, so check yourself frequently. If you notice a rash, flu-like symptoms, or pain in the joints following a tick bite, call your physician.

## Protecting Your Park

Beaches and sandspits are some of the park's most popular attractions. They also support fragile plant communities. Please use established trails, boardwalks, and sand ladders. Do not trample beach grasses and lichens. The islands provide homes for many bird and animal species. Please observe wildlife from a distance. Help keep the area's historic record intact by leaving artifacts where you find them.

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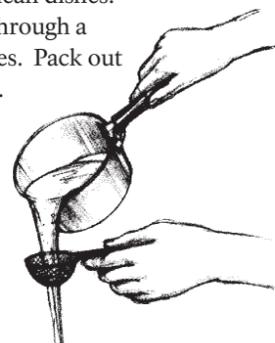
## BEAR PRECAUTIONS

Black bears may be on any of the Apostle Islands, but are most common on Oak, Sand, Manitou, and Stockton islands. To avoid a close encounter:

- Make noise when you hike. Travel in groups on established trails.
- Watch for bear signs such as tracks, scat, claw marks on trees, diggings, and torn-up stumps.

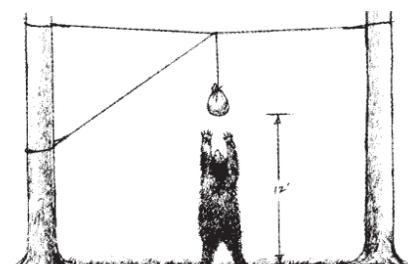
## Reduce Food Odors

- Avoid strong smelling foods.
- Do not cook in, or take food, garbage, dish towels, or toiletries into a tent.
- When cooking, wipe your hands on a small hand towel and store it with your food.
- Separate kitchen and sleeping areas.
- Wash dishes and clean the site after cooking.
- Wastewater from cleaning dishes attracts bears. Use minimal amounts of water to clean dishes.
- Wastewater must be filtered through a strainer to remove food particles. Pack out food scraps with other garbage.
- Strained wastewater must be broadcast on the ground at least 50 yards from camp or disposed of in a vault toilet.



## Store Food Securely

- All food, beverage containers, garbage, cooking materials, condiments, utensils, and toiletries (such as toothpaste or soap) must be secured from wildlife. Bear proof lockers are provided for this purpose at all designated campsites.
- Where lockers are not available, campers should hang their food and related items in a tree away from their tent, at least 10-12 feet from the ground and five feet away from the trunk. Suspending the food cache



between two trees or counterbalancing two bags over a branch are effective methods.

- Cook stoves may not be left unattended until they have been cleaned of food scraps.
- Never leave food or water bottles unattended.

## If You Encounter A Bear...

- Never approach a bear, even to take pictures. Keep at least 50 yards away.
- Never feed a bear.

## ...In The Backcountry

- Walk away while facing the bear.
- Do not look directly in the bear's eyes.
- Speak quietly, act passively, letting the bear know you are not a threat. Leave the area.
- If the bear approaches, wave arms and talk louder so the bear can identify you as a human.

## ...In A Visitor Use Area (campsite, dock, picnic area)

- Make yourself look as big as possible. Show that you are in charge by using a loud/strong voice.
- Bang pots, yell, make noise until the bear leaves the area.
- Put food and trash away.
- Throwing small rocks in the direction of the bear should be done with caution. Do not try to hit the bear.
- Report the encounter to park staff as soon as possible.

## ...And The Bear Acts Aggressively Towards You

- Leave the area immediately. Do not run.
- Report the encounter to park staff as soon as possible.

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# CAMPING in the Apostle Islands



Camping permits are required for all camping in Apostle Islands National Lakeshore. A fee is charged for camping in the park. The permit system allows campers to reserve campsites in advance. Camping reservations can be made on-line at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov). Photos and descriptions of campsites at Apostle Islands National Lakeshore are included on the park's website at [www.nps.gov/apis/planyourvisit/campsite-directory.htm](http://www.nps.gov/apis/planyourvisit/campsite-directory.htm) and at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov). Use the information on the following pages to help plan your visit.

## Camping Fees:

Reservation Fee	\$10/trip
Individual Campsites (1-7 campers)	\$15/night
Primitive Camping Zones (1-5 campers)	\$15/night
Group Campsites (8-21 campers)	\$30/night

To make camping reservations on-line, go to [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov), and search for "Apostle Islands National Lakeshore Camping Permits".

To make reservations by phone, call 877-444-6777 between 9 am and 9 pm (Central Time), or

For help planning a trip, call 715-779-3397 ext. 2 between 8 am and 4:30 pm (Central Time).

# CAMPING IN THE LAKESHORE

## Permits, Fees, and Reservations

Reserve individual campsites, group campsites, or primitive camping zones, before you depart for the islands. Each camping permit may cover up to 14 consecutive nights. All permits are for the specific campsite assigned on the permit, except Stockton Presque Isle campsite 2-19. For those campsites, the permit guarantees a campsite, but they are occupied on a first come, first served basis.

Individual campsites accommodate up to seven campers (all ages) and three tents. They may be reserved starting 30 days before the start of a trip for a fee of \$15/site/night. Group campsites accommodate a party of 8-21 campers. They may be reserved beginning in January for \$30/site/night. There is a \$10 reservation fee for each trip. Fees must be paid when the reservation is made.

Permits may be printed online once you make the reservation. The confirmation email from recreation.gov is not the actual camping permit. Printing the permit confirms the trip, so any changes made after printing the permit will be an additional charge. We recommend waiting until a week before the trip to print the permit, but make changes at least eight days before the trip. If the permit is not printed at least two days before a trip starts, it must be picked up in person at the Lakeshore's headquarters visitor center.

Permits are non-transferrable. If anyone in the party fails to comply with the conditions of the permit, legal responsibility will be applied to the individual, group, organization, or commercial entity whose name appears on the permit.

## Refunds and Itinerary Changes

A 50% refund of the nightly camping fees may be issued for a cancellation of an entire trip, if cancelled eight days or more before the start of the trip. The \$10 reservation fee is non-refundable. No refunds are issued for partial cancellations. No refunds are issued after a trip starts.

If itinerary changes are necessary during a trip, campers must contact park staff by phone (715-779-3397x2), or in person. There is no charge for changes due to severe weather conditions, campsite closures, or if the Apostle Islands Cruises Camper Shuttle is cancelled. Campers

choosing to make itinerary changes for other reasons within seven days of the beginning of the trip or during the trip will be charged a \$15 fee each time they change the itinerary. There is no fee if changes are made eight or more days before the trip starts, as long as you have NOT printed the permit already. To change the date of entry into the park you must cancel your current permit and reserve a new permit (cancellation fee applies).

## Primitive Camping Zones

Camping is available outside of individual or group campsites on all islands except Devils, Eagle, Gull, Long, and York. Primitive camping zones have been established on the rest of the islands for visitors seeking a remote backcountry experience. Primitive camping zone maps are available on the park's website at [www.nps.gov/apis](http://www.nps.gov/apis). A fee of \$15/party/night will be charged. Only one camping party will be allowed per night in most camping zones. Primitive camping zones on Oak, Outer, and Stockton islands can have two parties per night. Parties camping in primitive camping zones are limited to a maximum of five campers. Use backpacking stoves for cooking and practice "Leave No Trace" camping techniques, including not camping in the same spot recently used by someone else.

The following areas are CLOSED to camping:

- \* Areas excluded from primitive camping zones and closed to camping to protect sensitive natural and cultural resources.
- \* Areas posted as closed to protect bird nesting areas and threatened or endangered species.
- \* Areas in view of any designated trail.
- \* Areas within 1/4 mile of any building, historic structure, individual or group campsite, or another camping party.
- \* Areas within 100 feet of a flowing stream.
- \* Private land or lease holdings.

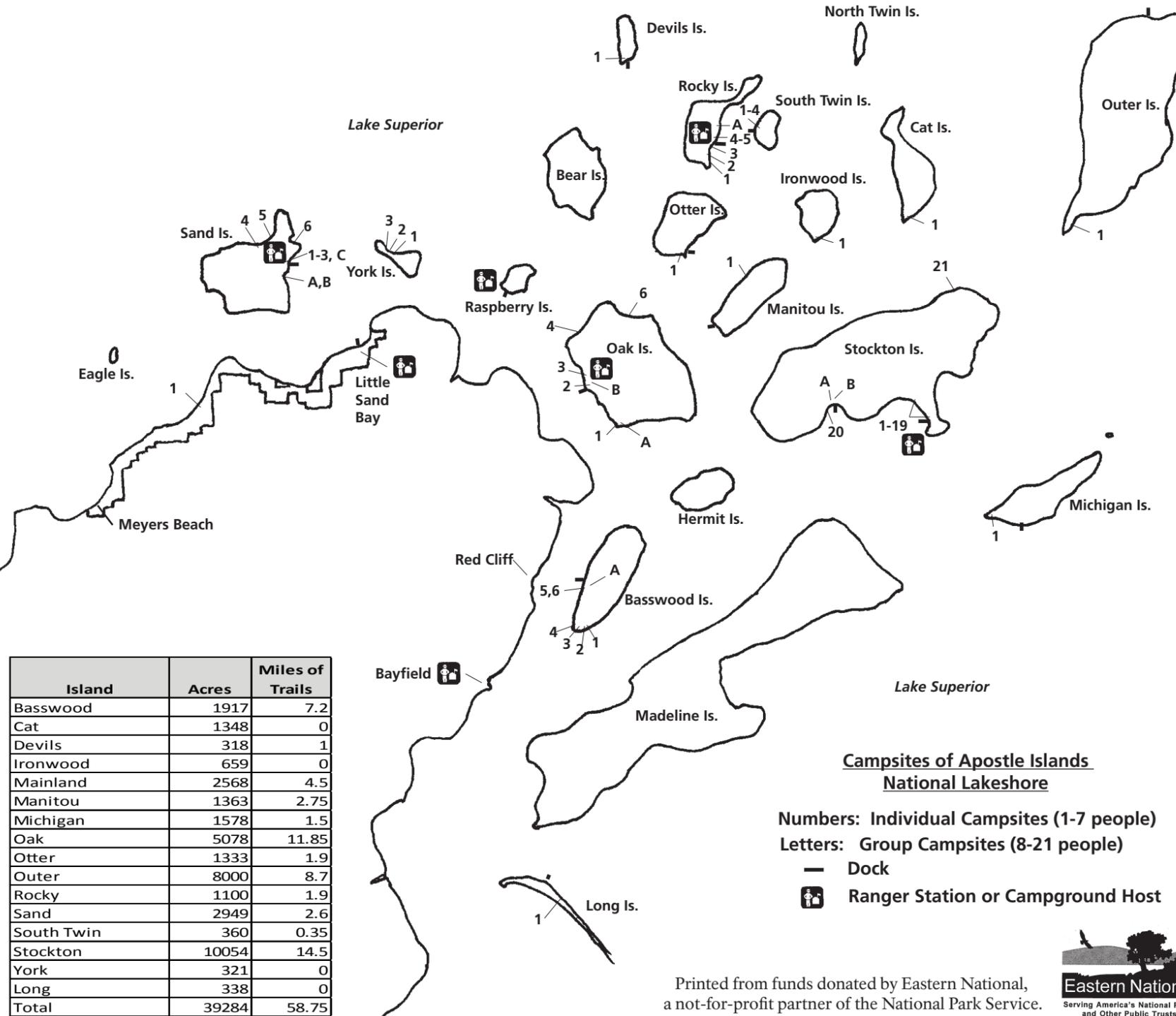
## Campsite Amenities

All individual and group campsites include a fire-ring and at least one bear proof box. Other amenities are listed in the chart to the right.

## Accessibility

Campsite #1 at Stockton Island's Presque Isle campground, campsite #3 at Sand Island East Bay, group campsite C at Sand Island East Bay, and group campsites A & B at Quarry Bay on Stockton Island feature accessible tent pads, picnic tables, fire rings, and bear proof boxes. A boardwalk leads from the docks at Presque Isle and Quarry Bay on Stockton Island and at East Bay on Sand Island to these accessible campsites. The routes from the campsites to the vault toilets are also accessible. Campers with mobility impairments should specifically request these sites when obtaining a permit.

Campsite	Side of Island	Water	Vault Toilet	Tent Pad	Picnic Table
<b>Basswood 1-4:</b> South end of island	South		X	X	X
<b>Basswood 5, 6:</b> 200 yards south of dock	West		X	X	X
<b>Basswood Group A:</b> 200 yards south of dock	West		X	X	X
<b>Cat 1:</b> Near sandspit	South		X	X	
<b>Devils 1:</b> Near dock	South		X		X
<b>Ironwood 1:</b> Near sandspit	South		X	X	
<b>Long 1:</b> 0.5 miles SE of LaPointe Light	North		X	X	X
<b>Mainland 1:</b> Lakeshore Trail, 5 mi. from trailhead	North		X	X	X
<b>Manitou 1:</b> Beach 2 mi. N of fish camp	NW		X		X
<b>Michigan 1:</b> Sandspit 1 mi. W of lighthouse	SW		X		X
<b>Oak 1:</b> Sandspit, 1.5 mi. SE of dock	South		X	X	X
<b>Oak 2:</b> 200 yards west of dock	SW		X		X
<b>Oak 3:</b> 0.25 mi. west of dock	SW			X	X
<b>Oak 4:</b> NW beach, 2.8 mi. from dock	NW		X	X	X
<b>Oak 6:</b> North bay, 3.9 mi. from dock	North		X		X
<b>Oak Group A:</b> Clearing near sandspit	South		X		X
<b>Oak Group B:</b> Near dock	SW		X		X
<b>Otter 1:</b> Sandspit near dock	South		X		X
<b>Outer 1:</b> East side of sandspit	South		X		
<b>Rocky 1-5:</b> Within 0.5 mi. of NPS dock	East		X	X	X
<b>Rocky Group A:</b> 0.25 mi. north of NPS dock	East		X		X
<b>Sand 1, 2:</b> East Bay	East	X	X		X
<b>Sand 3:</b> East Bay	East	X	X	X	X
<b>Sand 4, 5:</b> Lighthouse Bay	North		X		X
<b>Sand 6:</b> Justice Bay	NE		X		X
<b>Sand Group A, B:</b> East Bay	East	X	X		X
<b>Sand Group C:</b> East Bay	East	X	X	X	X
<b>South Twin 1-4:</b> Sandspit near dock	West		X	X	X
<b>Stockton 1-19:</b> Presque Isle Bay	South	X	X	X	X
<b>Stockton 20:</b> Quarry Bay	South		X	X	X
<b>Stockton 21:</b> Trout Point	NE			X	X
<b>Stockton Group A &amp; B:</b> Quarry Bay	South		X	X	X
<b>York 1-3:</b> North beach	North		X		



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