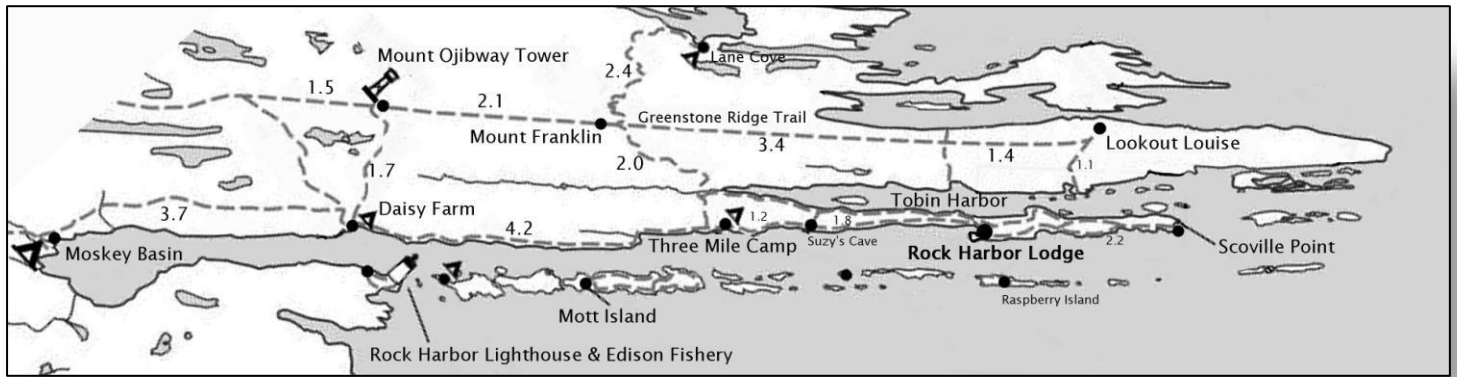


**ISLE ROYALE National Park *ACTIVITIES for ROCK
HARBOR LODGE GUESTS* by Captain Ben Kilpela,
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Bring a map and binoculars to identify geographical features, especially at scenic lookouts.
Follow all National Park advice, rules, and regulations.

HIKING

Practice no-impact hiking and boating. Leave no trace. Leave only footprints, take only pictures.

Difficulty scale: 1 = easy in seasonal weather for a moderately fit person carrying 15 pounds; 5 = difficult for same

To Scoville Point	4.4 mile loop	difficulty 2
	superb trail - wildlife seen - great harbor views - sensational rocky point	
Raspberry Island	1.0 loop (accessible only by boat)	difficulty 1
	interesting terrain - boardwalk across a bog - great shoreline views	
To Lookout Louise from Hidden Lake	2.2 miles out & back	difficulty 2
	wildlife seen - great view at lookout - basic tour of ecosystems of Isle Royale	
Mott Island	2.3 mile loop (accessible only by boat)	difficulty 2
	peaceful trail - many kinds of terrain - small ups and downs - stone beaches and rocky cliffs	
To Suzy's Cave or Three Mile Campground	3.6 mile loop to cave - 6.0 mile loop to camp	difficulty 3
	loop via Tobin Harbor Trail - roots and rocks - small ups and downs - wildlife seen - many coves and cobblestone beaches	
To Mount Franklin	10.0 mile loop	difficulty 3
	loop via Tobin Harbor Trail - changing terrain and ecosystems - great views at top - wildlife seen	
To Mount Ojibway	16.1 mile loop or 14.4 miles out & back	difficulty 4
	loop via Rock Harbor Trail - rocky along ridge - many ups and downs - great views	
To Daisy Farm	14.4 miles out & back	difficulty 3
	superb trail along Rock Harbor - wildlife - great views - coves and cobblestone beaches	
To Moskey Basin	21.8 miles out & back	difficulty 4
	after Daisy Farm more rocks and roots - many ups and downs - wildlife - peaceful trail with varying terrain	
To Lane Cove	14.8 miles out & back	difficulty 5
	gentle up to Mt. Franklin, steep down to north shore - wide, dense swamps - wildlife seen - great views on ridge and at shore	
To Lookout Louise from Lodge	20.0 miles out & back	difficulty 4
	challenging and remote - changing terrain, from forests to swamps to ridge-tops - roots and rocks - great views - wildlife seen	

BOATING

Rental boats and motors available through the Lodge

NE Rock Harbor	many beautiful islands - great views - use care because of greater exposure to open lake
SW Rock Harbor	access to Raspberry and Mott Islands - access to RH Light - stone or gravel beaches - coves and inlets
	many splendid islands (some with private cabins) - peaceful - great views - use care because of greater exposure to open lake
SW Tobin Harbor	many islands - very peaceful - great views - wildlife seen

CANOEING - KAYAKING

Rental canoes and kayaks available through the Lodge

NE Rock Harbor	many small islands - many coves and channels - cobblestone beaches - great views - use care because of greater exposure to open lake
SW Rock Harbor	access to Raspberry and Mott Islands - access to RH Light - many stone or gravel beaches - many coves and inlets - near Rock Harbor Trail - near campgrounds to hike out from
NE Tobin Harbor	many beautiful islands (some with private homes) - peaceful - cobblestone beaches - great views - use care because of greater exposure to open lake
SW Tobin Harbor	many islands - very peaceful - great views - near Tobin Harbor Trail - wildlife

FISHING

Charter Fishing	a Lodge service - speak to the captains - lots of success - Lodge will cook your catch
Lake Superior (open lake off Rock Harbor)	use great care - great depths - many shoals - underwater ridges - troll for trout & salmon
Rock Harbor (inside harbor)	deep waters - many shoals and shallow ridges - trolling for trout and salmon
Tobin Harbor	deep waters - many shoals and shallow ridges - shallow coves - trout and other fish

Shore casting is good anywhere along Rock and Tobin Harbors.

SIGHTS to SEE

Scenic Cruises aboard the <i>Sandy</i>	variety of superb boat tours - a Lodge service - captain's narration - weekly schedule
Hidden Lake - Lookout Louise	small lake is a moose haunt - great views at lookout - fine, easy trail up and over Greenstone Ridge
Siskiwit Mine	history - forests - long but fine hike
Rock Harbor Lighthouse	fine museum - superb setting with great views
Edison Fishery	history - interpretive activities - pleasant harborside setting
Passage Island Lighthouse	rugged, magnificent island - history - great views all around - short trail is difficult at points

PHOTOGRAPHY

Plan ahead. Scout locations while hiking or boating. Best shooting from 30 minutes before to 2 hours after sunrise and 2 hours before to 30 minutes after sunset. All times EDT.

Early morning	look east over Rock Harbor and its outer islands - many coves and inlets east and west of Lodge		
Late evening	look west over Tobin Harbor, its islands, and high ridges - many coves and inlets east and west of Lodge		
June 21	Sunrise 5:51 Sunset 10:00 (longest day)	August 1	Sunrise 6:28 Sunset 9:31
July 1	Sunrise 5:55 Sunset 9:59	August 15	Sunrise 6:48 Sunset 9:08
July 15	Sunrise 6:08 Sunset 9:51	September 1	Sunrise 7:11 Sunset 8:35

WILDFLOWERS

Wildflowers seen on all trails near the Lodge. Never pick flowers in national parks. Spring flower season runs roughly from June 1 to late July. Autumn flowers in late summer.

BERRY PICKING

Wild berries found along all trails near the Lodge.

Strawberry Season: Late June to mid-July	Blueberry Season: August 1 to late summer
Raspberry Season: August 1 to late summer	Thimbleberry Season: mid-August to mid-September

WILDLIFE

Moose	found on all trails and harbors near Lodge - active most early mornings and late evenings
Wolves	unlikely to be seen - some recent sightings along Rock Harbor
Birds	along all trails - eagles - ospreys - hawks - woodpeckers - more
Water-birds	along all shorelines - loons - ducks - diving birds
Other	squirrels - foxes - more

Never feed or disturb wild animals.

ROCK HOUNDING

Search for rocks at the many cobblestone beaches along all trails and harbors near the Lodge. Look, but do not take -- it's the law in national parks.

ISLE ROYALE National Park

DAY TRIP GUIDE

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- * Schedule: Crossing takes 3.5 hours over, 3.5 hours back. Weather on Lake Superior can lengthen the crossings.
- * Departure from Copper Harbor, 8:00 AM, return from Rock Harbor, Isle Royale, 2:45 PM
- * Time on Island: 3 hours. You must attend an orientation talk and reserve time for return check-in.
- * Actual time for activities: up to 2.5 hours.

ACTIVITIES

Hike Scoville Point Trail

4.4 miles to Scoville and back, out along Rock Harbor, back along Tobin Harbor. 2.0 miles to first loop and back. 3.0 miles to second loop and back. Superb trail. Spectacular views at rocky Scoville Point. Trail has roots and rocks, but is relatively easy. Many coves, forest glades, cobblestone beaches, and overlooks to stop at.

Hike Rock Harbor Trail

3.6 miles to Susie's Cave, out along Rock Harbor back along Tobin Harbor Trail. Hike any distance out and back on Rock Harbor or Tobin Harbor Trail. RH Trail more difficult with many ups and downs, lots of hiking on bedrock, loose rocks, and roots. Wonderful views of RH at every turn. TH Trail easier, gravel bed, a few roots and rocks, and a couple of moderate climbs up and down. TH is a very serene trail.

Explore the Lakeshore

On the Scoville Point, Rock Harbor, and Tobin Harbor Trails are dozens of places to stop, explore the forests and shores, enjoy the views, and just relax.

Fish

Along all trails there are many places to fish from shore. There are docks to fish from in Snug Harbor, where the Queen IV docks, and in Tobin Harbor at the Seaplane dock.

Have Lunch

The Rock Harbor Lodge offers delicious lunches at the Lighthouse Restaurant. Excellent lighter lunches and sandwiches are offered at the Greenstone Grill next door.

Ranger Talks

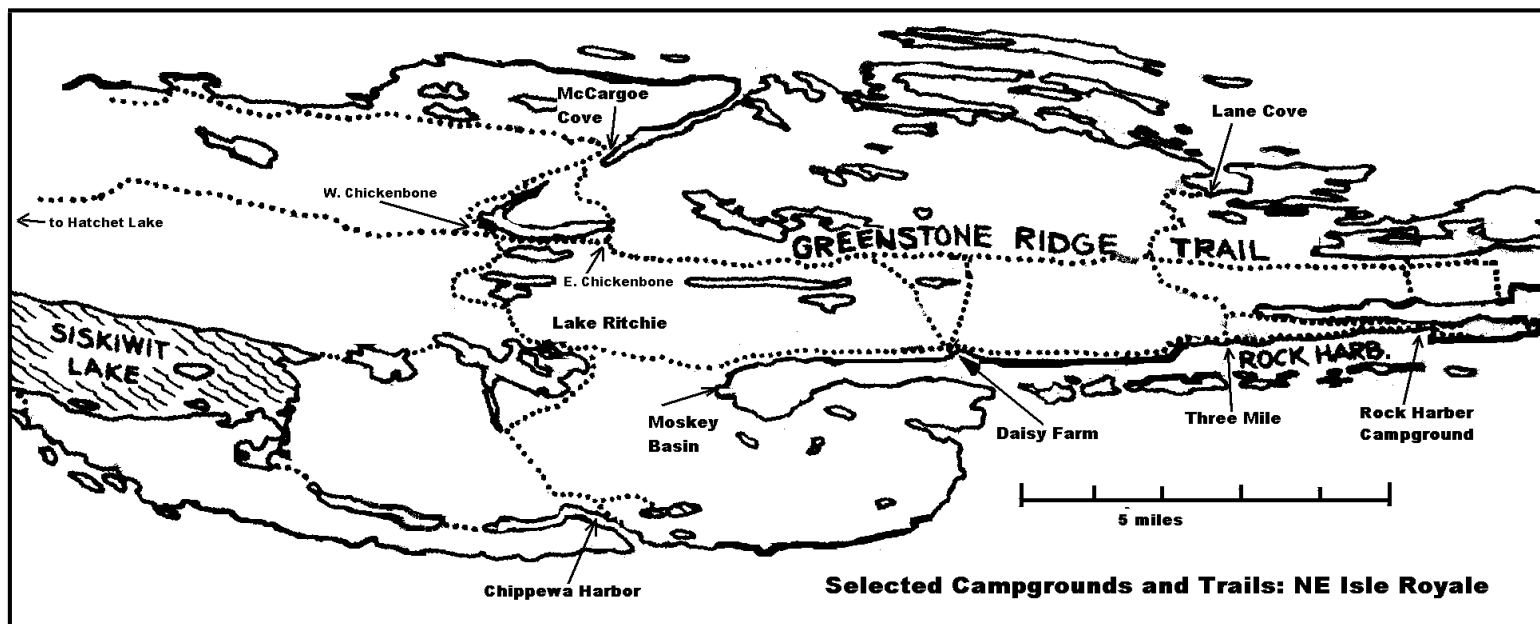
On most days the Queen sails, at 1:30 PM, NPS rangers offer talks about aspects of Isle Royale and its history outside the Visitors Center on the main dock.

NOTE on boating: renting boats, canoes, or kayaks is possible, but not practicable because of limited time.

Trails and Hiking Routes: Northeast Isle Royale

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A brief guide to hiking the northeast end of Isle Royale National Park.



Consult these sources for photos, trip information, links and official information:

Isle Royale Queen IV Web Site: www.isleroyale.com

The NPS Isle Royale National Park Web Site: www.nps.gov/isro/

Selected TRAIL SUMMARIES

My subjective difficulty scale: *1 = easy with a 40-pound pack, 5 = tough with a 40-pound pack.* For more information on trails and campgrounds, consult the latest official Isle Royale National Park camping brochures, National Geographic's Isle Royale Topographic map, the Isle Royale Queen IV Offices, and rangers at the Isle Royale National Park Headquarters and Rock Harbor Information Center.

Ben's opinion on hiking the Greenstone Ridge Trail: I strongly recommend a loop route on the northeast trails, especially for first-time visitors. Many visitors think they will "miss" Isle Royale if they don't hike the entire Greenstone Ridge from Rock Harbor to Windigo. One of suggested loop routes will be at least as good as the Greenstone Ridge Trail, if not better in most cases. All trails have abundant possibilities for wildlife viewing.

TRAIL	APPROX. MILEAGE	NOTES	DIFFICULTY
Rock Harbor to Daisy Farm	7	Nice trail - roots and rocks - runs close to harborside - moose often seen	2
Daisy Farm to Moskey Basin	4	A bit higher up the ridge than Rock to Daisy - roots and rocks - wildlife	3
Moskey Basin to Lake Ritchie	2	Wide, flat trail - beautiful, forested path - good shore fishing at Ritchie	1
Lake Ritchie to Chippewa Harbor	4	Up and down gently sloping ridges - through deep forests - shore fishing at some locations	3
Tobin Harbor Trail (Rock Harbor to Three Mile)	3	Very fine trail - through dense forests and along the harbor all the way - moose seen	2
Three Mile to Mount Franklin	2	Winds up the Greenstone Ridge through open forests - across swamps - great views at top - moose seen	3
Mt Franklin to Chickenbone Lake (Greenstone Ridge Trail)	7	Many rock outcroppings - rocky open places - up and down ridges - tends up to Ojibway, down to Chickenbone - ridge-top views - hot at times - great views, especially from Ojibway and its fire tower	3
Mount Franklin to Lane Cove	4	Diverse trail from ridge top to Lake Superior on Isle Royale's north coast - through broad swamps - one steep, high ridge - 2 difficulty going north, 4 difficulty going south	3
Chickenbone Lake area to McCargoe Cove	3	Lovely trails near water and through dense forests - more difficult going south and up the north sides of ridges - many shore fishing possibilities	2
Lake Ritchie to Lake LeSage, Lake Livermore, and other lakes	4	A series of lovely trails going up gently sloping ridges - through broad swamps - along lakes - shore fishing at many locations - occasional moose	2
Chickenbone Lake area to Hatchet Lake (Greenstone Ridge Trail)	7	Open ridge tops - rock outcroppings - trail winds up and down ridges - some steep - hot at times - one section of trail is a steep switchback	3
McCargoe Cove to Todd Harbor	7	From lakeside to ridge-tops - up and down ridges - many rock outcroppings - through some dense forests - nice views along ridge	3

SUGGESTED TRAIL LOOPS, Isle Royale's Northeast Trails

There are many more loop routes. Follow one of these exactly or use them to get ideas for your route. Consult with the latest official Isle Royale brochures and the rangers at the Rock Harbor Information Center for current and official information on campgrounds, trail conditions, hiking routes, fishing, wildlife, restrictions, and regulations.

Length of stay: 3 Days 2 Nights (Distances in Miles)

1 st Camp + distance from Rock Harbor	2 nd Camp + distance from last camp	Return distance to Rock Harbor	Total Hike
Three Mile 2.7	Daisy Farm 4.4	7.1	14.2
Daisy Farm 7.1	Lane Cove 7.2	6.9	21.2
Daisy Farm 7.1	Moskey 3.9	11.0	22.0
Moskey 11.0	McCargoe 8.6	15.4	35.0

Length of stay: 4 Days 3 Nights (Distances in Miles)

1 st Camp + distance from Rock Harbor	2 nd Camp + distance from last camp	3 rd Camp + distance from last camp	Return distance to Rock Harbor	Total Hike
3 Mile 2.7	Daisy 4.4	Lane Cove 7.2	6.9	18.2
3 Mile 2.7	Moskey 8.3	Daisy 3.9	7.1	22.0
Lane Cove 6.9	Moskey 11.1	3 Mile 8.3	2.7	28.0
Daisy Farm 7.1	Chippewa 9.7	Moskey 6.2	11.0	34.0
Moskey 11.0	McCargoe 8.6	Lane Cove 13.3	6.9	39.8
Lane Cove 6.9	McCargoe 13.3	Hatchet Lake 10.5	22.5	51.2

Length of stay: 5 Days 4 Nights (Distances in Miles)

1 st Camp + distance from Rock Harbor	2 nd Camp + distance from last camp	3 rd Camp + distance from last camp	4 th Camp + distance from last camp	Return distance to Rock Harbor	Total Hike
Three Mile 2.7	Lane Cove 4.6	Daisy Farm 7.2	Three Mile 4.4	2.7	21.6
Daisy Farm 7.1	Chickenbone 7.9	Chippewa 7.9	Moskey 6.2	11.0	40.1
Lane Cove 6.9	Moskey 11.1	McCargoe 8.6	Daisy Farm 8.2	7.1	41.9
Daisy Farm 7.1	McCargoe 8.2	Chippewa 10.6	Moskey 6.2	11.0	43.1
Moskey 11.0	Chippewa 6.2	Hatchet Lake 15.2	Daisy Farm 15.4	7.1	54.9
Lane Cove 6.9	Chippewa 17.1	Todd Harbor 17.3	Daisy Farm 14.9	7.1	63.3

Isle Royale Trail Mileages	Chicken E.	Chicken W.	Chippewa	Daisy Farm	Desor North	Desor South	Feldtmann	Hatchet Lake	Huginnin	Island Mine	Lake Richie	Lane Cove	Little Todd	Malone Bay	McCargoe	Moskey	Rock Harbor	Siskiwit Bay	Three-Mile	Todd Harbor	Wash. Creek	Windigo
Chickenbone East		1.8	9.3	6.1	19.9	16.4	35.8	9.3	33.3	21.3	5.0	11.2	15.4	19.6	2.1	7.8	13.3	25.7	10.5	8.7	27.1	27.4
Chickenbone West	1.8		7.9	7.9	20.5	15.0	34.4	7.9	30.9	19.9	3.6	13.0	16.0	18.2	2.7	6.4	15.1	24.3	12.3	9.3	25.7	26.0
Chippewa Harbor	9.3	7.9		9.7	28.4	22.5	42.9	15.2	40.7	27.2	4.3	17.1	23.9	25.7	10.6	6.2	16.8	31.8	14.1	17.3	23.2	23.5
Daisy Farm	6.1	7.9	9.7		26.0	22.5	41.9	15.4	37.3	27.4	5.7	7.2	21.5	25.7	8.2	3.9	7.1	31.8	4.4	14.9	23.2	23.5
Desor North	19.9	20.5	28.4	26.0		18.0	21.7	12.3	14.4	18.6	24.1	31.7	5.7	23.2	17.8	26.4	33.2	23.0	30.4	11.2	12.6	12.9
Desor South	16.4	15.0	22.5	22.5	18.0		20.0	8.1	14.7	5.5	18.2	27.6	15.5	10.8	18.2	20.5	22.7	9.9	27.1	11.6	11.3	11.6
Feldtmann Lake	35.8	34.4	42.9	41.9	21.7	20.0		27.3	12.8	14.6	37.6	50.0	26.4	31.2	37.7	39.9	40.1	10.2	46.5	30.9	9.1	8.8
Hatchet Lake	9.3	7.9	15.2	15.4	12.3	8.1	27.3		22.7	12.8	11.1	20.3	7.8	11.3	10.5	13.2	22.5	17.4	19.8	3.9	18.8	19.1
Huginnin Cove	33.3	30.9	40.7	37.3	14.4	14.7	12.8	22.7		10.0	37.2	42.4	19.1	24.9	26.8	38.7	46.6	14.4	41.7	24.7	4.0	4.3
Island Mine	21.3	19.9	27.2	27.4	18.6	5.5	14.6	12.8	10.0		23.1	32.5	20.4	16.7	23.1	25.4	27.6	4.4	32.0	15.5	6.6	6.9
Lake Richie	5.0	3.6	4.3	5.7	24.1	18.2	37.6	11.1	37.2	23.1		13.0	19.6	21.4	6.3	2.3	12.8	27.5	10.1	13.0	28.9	29.2
Lane Cove	11.2	13.0	17.1	7.2	31.7	27.6	50.0	20.3	42.4	32.5	13.0		36.7	30.8	22.4	11.1	6.9	39.9	4.6	29.1	38.3	38.6
Little Todd Harbor	15.4	16.0	23.9	21.5	5.7	15.5	26.4	7.8	19.1	20.4	19.6	36.7		18.7	13.3	21.9	28.7	24.8	25.9	6.7	17.3	17.6
Malone Bay	19.6	18.2	25.7	25.7	23.2	10.8	31.2	11.3	24.9	16.7	21.4	30.8	18.7		21.4	23.7	25.9	21.1	30.1	14.8	22.0	21.8
McCargoe Cove	2.1	2.7	10.6	8.2	17.8	18.2	37.7	10.5	26.8	23.1	6.3	22.4	13.3	21.4		8.6	15.4	27.5	12.6	6.6	29.4	29.7
Moskey Basin	7.8	6.4	6.2	3.9	26.4	20.5	39.9	13.2	38.7	25.4	2.3	11.1	21.9	23.7	8.6		11.0	29.8	8.3	15.3	21.2	21.5
Rock Harbor	13.3	15.1	16.8	7.1	33.2	22.7	40.1	15.4	46.6	27.6	12.8	6.9	28.7	25.9	15.4	11.0		32.0	2.7	22.1	33.4	33.7
Siskiwit Bay	25.7	24.3	31.8	31.8	23.0	9.9	10.2	17.4	14.4	4.4	27.5	39.9	24.8	21.1	27.5	29.8	32.0		36.4	19.9	11.0	11.3
Three Mile	10.5	12.3	14.1	4.4	30.4	27.1	46.5	19.8	41.7	32.0	10.1	4.6	25.9	30.1	12.6	8.3	2.7	36.4		19.3	37.8	38.1
Todd Harbor	8.7	9.3	17.3	14.9	11.2	11.6	30.9	3.9	24.7	15.5	13.0	29.1	6.7	14.8	6.6	15.3	22.1	19.9	19.3		22.9	23.2
Washington Creek	27.1	25.7	23.2	23.2	12.6	11.3	9.1	18.8	4.0	6.6	28.9	38.3	17.3	21.5	29.4	21.2	33.4	11.0	37.8	22.9		0.3
Windigo	27.4	26.0	23.5	23.5	12.9	11.6	8.8	19.1	4.3	6.9	29.2	38.6	17.6	21.8	29.7	21.5	33.7	11.3	38.1	23.2	0.3	

