

Just the Facts - 2014

Wild Beauty on the Lake Superior Shore

Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore
National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior



Legislation

Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore was authorized by Public Law 89-668 passed by Congress on October 15, 1966. The Lakeshore was formally dedicated on October 5, 1972. The Lakeshore is located in Alger County, within Michigan's First Congressional District.

Park Base Budget

FY 2014 \$2.6 million FY 2013 \$2.5 million
FY 2012 \$2.6 million FY 2011 \$2.7 million

Park Staffing - Full Time Equivalency (FTE)

FY 2014 40 FTE FY 2013 32 FTE
FY 2012 37 FTE FY 2011 36 FTE

Park Area

The Lakeshore is managed in two zones for a total of 73,235 acres (114.5 square miles). The Shoreline Zone is owned by the National Park Service and includes 33,929 acres. The Inland Buffer Zone is a mixture of State of Michigan, Forestland Group, and other private lands encompassing 39,306 acres.

Park Length

42.8 miles

Park Depth

At its widest point 5.75 miles

Miles of Hiking Trail - Approximately 111

Jurisdiction

The park is primarily proprietary jurisdiction though some concurrent and exclusive jurisdiction exists in specific areas.

Wilderness

The Beaver Basin Wilderness is 11,740 acres, established in 2009.

Research Natural Area

Grand Sable Dunes Research Natural Area

National Register Sites

Schoolcraft Blast Furnace, Au Sable Light Station

List of Classified Historic Structures - 36

Museum Collection Objects

Park Total: 51,276

Midwest Archeological Center Total: 36,100

Park Visitation

2013 575,450 2012 593,587 2011 561,104
2010 499,281 2009 448,215 2008 400,621

Approximately 11,000 registered backcountry annually

Origin of Visitation by State - Ranked

Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Ohio, Minnesota, Indiana

Drive-in Campgrounds

Three - Little Beaver (8 sites), Hurricane River (22 sites), and Twelvemile Beach (36 sites)

Hike-in Campgrounds

Fourteen - Cliffs (3 sites), Cliffs Group (1), Potato Patch (3), Mosquito River (5), Chapel Beach (6), Coves Group (1), Coves (5), Beaver Lake (4), Beaver Creek (6), Trappers Lake (5), Trappers Group (1), Pine Bluff (5), Sevenmile Creek (5), Sevenmile Group (1), Benchmark (6), Au Sable Point East (6), Masse Homestead (3), Grand Sable Lake boat-in site (1).

Watersheds

Most of park lands drain into the Lake Superior watershed. Within the Lake Superior watershed are Munising Falls Creek, Miners River, Bridalveil Creek, Beaver Creek, Mosquito, Hurricane, Sevenmile Creek, Chapel River, Sapper Creek, Sullivan's Creek, and Sable Creek.

Six Major Lakes

Miners, Little Beaver, Beaver, Trappers, Chapel, Grand Sable

Biota

Mammals - 42 species

Birds - 179 species

Amphibians and Reptiles - 17 species

Fish - 57 species (26% are non-native)

Butterflies and Moths - 103 taxa

Dragonflies and Damselflies - 60 taxa

Other Invertebrates - 233 taxa and counting

Vascular plants - 755 taxa (14% are non-native)

Lichens, Bryophytes, and Mosses - 408 taxa

Algae - 207 taxa and counting

Threatened and Endangered Taxa

| | Federal | State |
|-----------------|---------|-------|
| Vascular plants | 1 | 12 |
| Fish | 0 | 1 |
| Birds | 1 | 10 |
| Mammals | 0 | 1 |



Au Sable Point