

Campgrounds

	CONSECUTIVE NIGHTS STAY*		INDIVIDUAL TENT SITES		SHelters	GROUP TENT SITES	SPECIAL INFORMATION	DEPTH AT DOCK IN FEET IN
Beaver Island	3	0	3	0		B-C-S	2' - 5'	
Belle Isle	5	1	6	0		B-C-F	13'	
Birch Island	3	1	1	0		B-C-S	5'	
Caribou Island	3	1	2	0		B-C-CR	10'	
Chickenbone E.	2	3	0	1		TS	—	
Chickenbone W.	2	6	0	3		C-ST	—	
Chippewa Harbor	3	2	4	1		B-C-FT	7'	
Daisy Farm	3	6	16	3		B-C-ST	9'	
Desor N.	2	3	0	0		ST	—	
Desor S.	2	7	0	3		ST	—	
Duncan Bay	3	1	2	0		B-C-F	6'	
Duncan Narrows	3	1	2	0		B-C-F	6'	
Feldtmann Lake	2	5	0	2		ST	—	
Grace Island	3	0	2	0		B-C-S	3'-4'	
Hatchet Lake	2	5	0	3		ST	—	
Hay Bay	3	1	0	0		B-C-S	5'-7'	
Huginin Cove	3	5	0	0		ST	—	
Intermediate Lake	2	3	0	0		C-S	—	
Island Mine	3	4	0	2		FT	—	
Lake Richie	2	4	0	2		C-ST	—	
Lake Richie/Canoe	2	3	0	0		C-S	—	
Lake Whittlesey	2	3	0	0		C-S	—	
Lane Cove	3	5	0	0		C-ST	—	
Little Todd	2	3	0	0		FT	—	
Malone Bay	3	2	5	1		B-C-FT	6'-7'	
McCargoe Cove	3	3	6	3		B-C-CRT	7'	
Merritt Lane	3	1	1	0		B-C-S	8'	
Moskey Basin	3	2	6	2		B-C-ST	8'	
Pickereel Cove	2	1	0	0		C-F	—	
Rock Harbor	1	11	9	3		B-C-TWS	5'-10'	
Siskiwit Bay	3	4	2	3		B-T-CR-F	5'-7'	
Three Mile	1	4	8	3		B-C-S-T	9'	
Todd Harbor	3	6	1	3		B-FT	4'	
Tookers Island	3	0	2	0		B-C-S	7'	
Washington Creek	3	5	10	4		C-STW-B	—	
Wood Lake	2	3	0	0		C-S	—	

CR-Fires in community ring only

S - Self contained stoves only

T - Trail access

W- Treated water supply

B - Boat access

C - Canoe/Kayak access

F - Campfires allowed

WARNING: Depth at dock may fluctuate as much as one foot. Know your boat's draft.

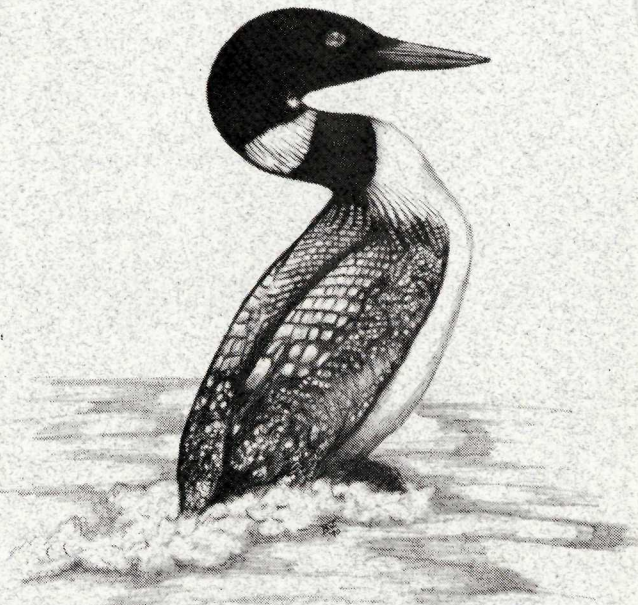
ISLE ROVALE

AN ISLAND WILDERNESS

Camping - Hiking - Boating



ISLE ROVALE NATIONAL PARK
an international biosphere reserve



Water Transportation

Vessel Voyageur II travels clockwise around the Island; arrangements can be made to be dropped off or picked up at trail heads, but should be done prior to arrival on the Island.... For further information see park transportation brochure "Getting There".... Water-Charter service is offered by the concessioner from Rock Harbor Lodge to most docks.

Special Notice

Please dispose of fish remains properly:

- **At Rock Harbor** - use fish cleaning station.
- **At Windigo** - bag your fish remains in plastic and put in trash cans.
- **Other areas** (i.e. interior or shore-based back-country campsites):
 1. Cut fish remains into small pieces (less than 4") and puncture the air bladders.
 2. Dump in the deep waters of Lake Superior (50ft. plus).
 3. Or place remains on shore (above wave action and below vegetation line), and at least 100ft. from campgrounds, docks, trails or other development.

While on public waters, you may not possess mutilated fish that cannot be measured or identified.

A Wilderness Park

Isle Royale National Park was authorized by Congress in 1931 “to conserve a prime example of Northwoods Wilderness.” The park was designated part of the National Wilderness Preservation System in 1976, under the Wilderness Act, and remains today as an example of primitive America. In 1981 Isle Royale was designated a Biosphere Reserve by the United Nations, giving it international significance.

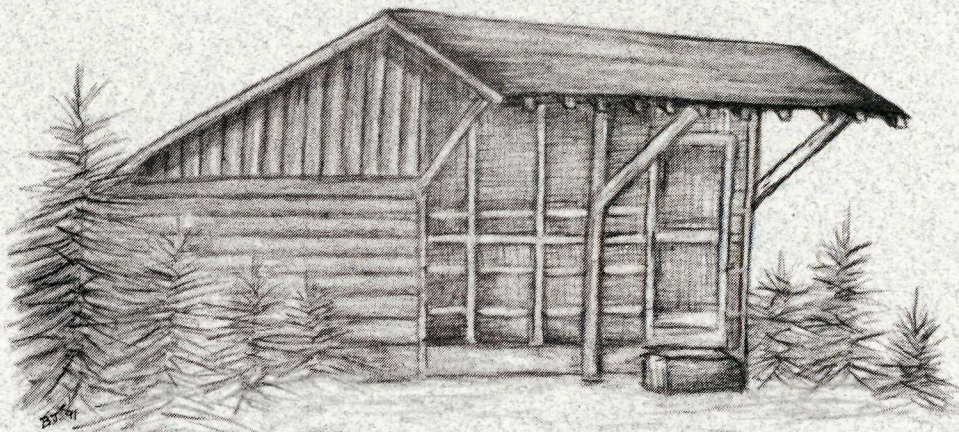
While national parks are accessible for public use, they must also be protected for future generations. The Isle Royale wilderness has been impacted by increasing boating and backpacking activity. Rewarding wilderness experiences will be available in the future only if each visitor takes responsibility for reducing their own impact. For this reason we emphasize **low impact camping** at Isle Royale. Keep this in mind when planning, and during, your visit.

LOW IMPACT CAMPING Isle Royale may seem rugged but it is also fragile. To help preserve it, follow low impact camping practices wherever you go. Using equipment of subtle natural tones instead of bright colors and hanging clothing and gear to air and dry out of sight of others will lessen the visual impact of your activities. To help prevent erosion on trails be sure to use the switch backs without shortcutting. To aid in erosion control in the campgrounds, do not dig trenches or otherwise disturb the soil. Backpacking stoves are lightweight, dependable, efficient, and have less impact on the environment than campfires.

SOLITUDE Among Isle Royale’s important backcountry values are its natural sights and sounds. You can enhance your own and other’s solitude by keeping quiet in campgrounds and on docks and trails, traveling in small parties and avoiding unnecessary noise like sing-alongs or the use of radios and tape decks. Refrain from group games like frisbee and tag which often lead to shouting and extra noise. Enjoy the sights and sounds of the island around you.

NATURAL FIRE Lightning caused forest fires are a natural and historic part of the Isle Royale environment. Some plant and animal species require fire to survive. Some, such as moose, actually thrive in recently burned areas. Therefore, the park’s policy is to closely monitor natural fires if certain qualifying conditions are met. Fire is a powerful force. Help protect the island from human-caused fires by being careful with cigarettes, campfires and campstoves.

HAZARDS Beware of open mine pits at Island Mine, Todd Harbor, Siskowit Mine, Daisy Farm, Minong Mine and other areas throughout the park. Be prepared for rapid and dramatic changes in weather. Know signs and symptoms of hypothermia and heat related difficulties. It is often hot and dry on the ridges; carry plenty of drinking water. Watch your footing on wet and slippery trails.



There are 86 of these three-sided sleeping shelters on Isle Royale. They provide a valuable source of shelter, especially during bad weather, and the front of each shelter is screened to provide relief from the biting insects. Availability is on a first-come, first-served basis.

We encourage you to do your part in keeping these shelters in good condition. Vandalism such as carving and writing on the walls and ceilings is illegal. To prevent damage to the screens and the doors, be careful with your camping gear, and close doors softly.

Camping

Three types of camping are available at Isle Royale: Three-sided shelters (maximum 6 people), tent sites (maximum 6 people) for one to three tents, and group sites (for parties of 7 to 10 people). To ease overcrowding, consecutive night stay limits are in effect from June 1 through Labor Day. Consequently, long term campground stays are not available and "Base Camping" is impractical. Come prepared to be mobile.

HUMAN WASTE Use pit toilets to dispose of human waste.... If not available: 1. Select a spot at least 100ft. from trails, streams, lakes or dry stream beds. 2. Dig a hole six inches deep. 3. Cover the hole tightly with duff after use.... Carry out sanitary napkins and tampons.

TRASH Trash is a continual problem in the park. The rule is simple: CARRY OUT WHATEVER YOU CARRY IN.... There are no trash cans in the backcountry. Do not bury, burn or scatter trash and do not put it into pit toilets.... As you hike, help maintain trails by picking up litter dropped by other visitors.

NOISE Quiet hours at all campgrounds and docks are 10 pm to 6 am EDT.

WILDLIFE Keep wildlife wild.... Feeding wildlife upsets the natural food chain and makes them dependent on humans.... Respect the needs of birds and other animals for undisturbed territory.... Feeding, touching, teasing, trapping, molesting, or intentional disturbance of any wildlife or of their homes, nest, or activities is prohibited.

FISHING A Michigan Fishing License is required to fish in Lake Superior.... No license is needed to fish in the inland lakes and streams, but Michigan size and possession limits apply.... Licenses are available at Rock Harbor, Windigo, Amygdaloid and Malone Bay.... When cleaning fish, at Rock Harbor, use fish cleaning station... at Windigo, bag your fish remains in plastic and put in trash cans. Other areas, 1. Cut fish remains into small pieces (less than 4") and puncture the air bladders. 2. Dump in the deep waters of Lake Superior (50ft. plus). 3. Or place remains on shore (above wave action and below vegetation line), and at least 100ft. from campgrounds, docks, trails or other development. Artificial bait and lures only are allowed in inland lakes and streams, live bait (including non-preserved fish eggs) is prohibited. Digging for bait is not allowed.

INSECTS Expect mosquitoes, black flies, gnats, and other insects to peak in June or July.... They are part of your Isle Royale experience.... bring plenty of insect repellent.

PETS Dogs, cats, and other pets may not be brought within park boundaries.... **This includes keeping pets onboard boats....** Visitors bringing pets to Isle Royale will be required to leave immediately.... Pets can disturb and be a source of disease for wildlife.

WEAPONS Firearms, fireworks, or any implements designed to discharge missiles in the air or water are prohibited.

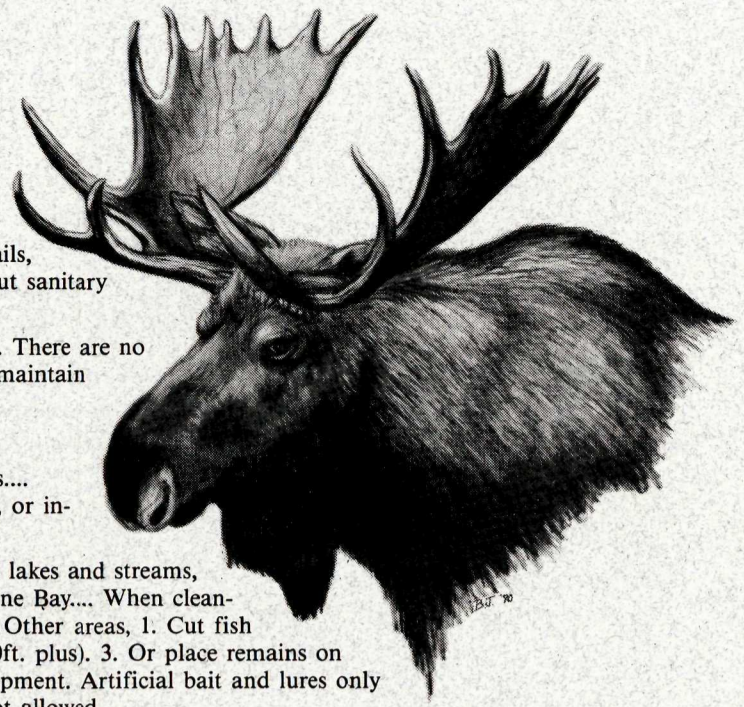
WHEELED VEHICLES/DEVICES Use of wheeled vehicles (except for wheelchairs) or any other mechanical forms of transportation are not allowed on trails.... This includes bicycles and canoe portage devices.

PERMITS All campers and boaters are required to get a camping permit upon arrival.... This permit should be returned, with itinerary corrections entered, when leaving the park.

WHERE TO CAMP Campsites and shelters cannot be reserved.... Sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis.... The number of tent or shelter sites is limited.... Be prepared to travel to an alternate campground in case the one where you plan to stay is full.... At peak times double up with another party using available tent pads, rather than camping outside established sites and causing campground sprawl, soil compaction and trampling.... Campers must stay in established campgrounds unless they make arrangements for off-trail hiking and camping when the camping permit is issued.... Off-trail hiking and camping is difficult at Isle Royale and recommended only for experienced campers.

CAMPFIRES Opportunities for campfires are limited so a self-contained fuel (backpacking) stove is a necessity.... Backpacking stoves are dependable, easier to use, and less damaging to the park than wood fires.... Backpacking stoves are also lightweight and eliminate the need for hatchets, axes or saws.... Where campfires are allowed a metal fire ring is provided.... Never build your own ring.... Use only wood that is down and dead. Please do not peel bark or cut live trees or branches. Always extinguish your campfire completely.

WATER Lake Superior is the main source of the park's drinking water. Campers and hikers also use water from inland lakes and streams. Please prevent pollution.... Wash dishes, clothes, and yourself at least 50ft. from lakes and streams.... Dispose of soapy or used water away from the shore and visitor use areas.... Dumping any foreign matter into park waters is prohibited.... **WARNING.... Water not obtained from spigots in Rock Harbor or Windigo must be considered contaminated with intestinal bacteria and the eggs of the hydatid tapeworm.... Boil water for at least two minutes or filter through an adequate filter (0.4 microns for bacteria; 25 microns for tapeworm).... Halizone tablets, bleach and other chemical purifiers WILL NOT kill tapeworm eggs although they may be effective against bacteria if used properly. BE SAFE!**



Group Camping

GROUP SIZE We consider a "group" any party of seven to ten people including leaders.... No group may be larger than ten persons. If your party is larger, it will be necessary to split into separate groups, each independent with separate travel plans.

GROUP LEADER The leader must be 18 years or older. Groups with members under 16 years of age must have at least one adult.... It is the leader's responsibility to get a camping permit at a Ranger Station; and stick to the planned itinerary.... Do not abandon a group member because of illness, injury or slowness.... **Ask for special information for groups** available from the park.

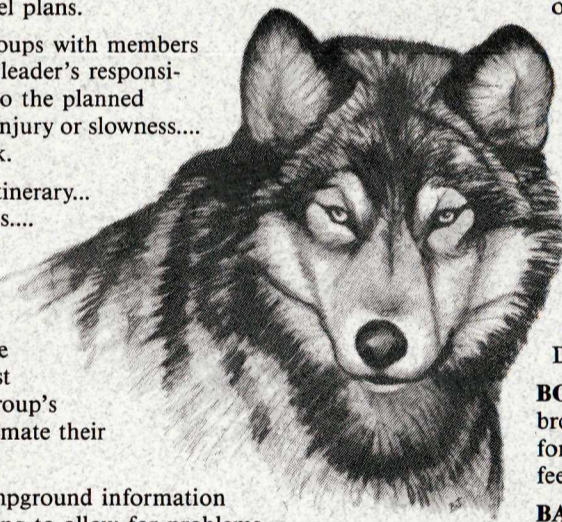
CAMPSITES Groups are **required** to follow their approved itinerary... Camping for groups is restricted to established group campsites... Groups may not stay in shelters or individual sites.

NOISE Travel quietly in the backcountry. You will see more wildlife and other hikers will appreciate the solitude.

KNOW YOUR GROUP'S LIMITATIONS Do a break-in hike with group **BEFORE** you come to the park.... Hike only as fast as your slowest member.... It is better to underestimate your group's ability and meet your goals with time to spare, than to overestimate their skill and end your trip in frustration.

FLEXIBILITY Be flexible upon arriving to use trail and campground information the registering ranger may recommend.... Be flexible while hiking to allow for problems with equipment, injury, or weather.

MEDICAL FORMS We recommend group leaders carry small cards with medical information for each group member. These are extremely valuable to medical personnel during emergencies.... Record blood type, known allergies, and medications being used.... Carry a parental consent note for emergency medical treatment if 18 or under.



Hiking-Backpacking

A backpacking trip into the wilderness requires careful planning to make it a successful and enjoyable adventure. Your dreams of a pleasant experience can easily be shattered by an overloaded pack, forgotten or inadequate pieces of equipment, or sore muscles and blistered feet.

MAPS We recommend the Isle Royale Topographic Map for all hikers. Other information on trails is available through maps and booklets sold by the Isle Royale Natural History Association, Isle Royale National Park, Houghton, Michigan 49931.

COME PREPARED Come fully prepared.... There are no medical facilities on Isle Royale.... Sick or injured visitors may be stranded for days before assistance arrives Be in good physical shape.... Come fully equipped Know your limitations.... Carry a good first-aid kit.... Inexperienced backpackers should do a couple of "break in" overnight trips **BEFORE** coming to the Island.... Test your equipment.... Develop your endurance and confidence.

BOOTS Sturdy foot gear is a must....Be sure your boots are completely broken in **BEFORE** you come to the Island.... Expect blisters and prepare for them.... Bring extra socks, moleskin, and foot powder to help keep feet dry and comfortable.

BACKPACK Keep it light.... With lightweight gear, food and sensible packing, your backpack should not exceed one-fifth of your total body weight.

TRAILS There are over 160 miles of trail on the island offering a variety of options for trip length and difficulty. Trails are generally well defined and easy to follow. Most hikers average a two mile per hour pace and find a ten mile day to be plenty. Check with rangers when registering for advice on routes and trail conditions.... Rainy weather may require hikers to wade through wet, muddy areas.... Off-trail travel is very difficult. Ponds and swamps must be crossed and vegetation is thick. North facing slopes are steep.

Boating

REGISTRATION AND DOCKING Motorized vessels (sailboats, motor boats, canoes, etc.) must bring proper home State registration.... **ALL BOATS MUST OBTAIN A PERMIT UPON ARRIVAL.**

DOCKING AND ANCHORING Overnight docking is allowed only at campgrounds and docks as indicated in the park map brochure. From mid July to mid August expect a shortage of dock space. Overnight "anchoring out" is allowed and encouraged. Dock space cannot be reserved.

CHARTS All Isle Royale boaters should have Great Lakes Chart No. 14976.... This chart shows the Island and underwater features around it.... Study the chart and use it.... If you do not understand some part of the chart, ask a Park Ranger or an experienced boater.... Charts are sold at National Park Service facilities in Windigo, Rock Harbor, and Houghton.

CUSTOMS All vessels arriving from Canada (U.S. or Canadian) **MUST CLEAR U.S. CUSTOMS....** Customs service is available at Rock Harbor, Amygdaloid, Windigo, and Malone Bay Ranger Stations.

SAFETY Consult U.S. Coast Guard equipment lists for items required by law for your class of boat.... Federal and State Boating Laws are enforced.... Ranger stations have marine weather forecasts. Severe weather can arrive with little or no warning.... Stay at least 100ft. away from boats flying the divers' flag (red with diagonal white stripe). Shipwreck mooring buoys are for diver use only.

LIABILITY Boaters are legally responsible for any damage caused by the wake of their boats.... Observe "no wake" buoys and "no wake" zones.... Make no wake when passing docks and canoes.

FUEL Mid-May to late September gasoline and oil are sold at Windigo and Rock Harbor. Pre and post-season service available at Windigo and Mott Island for emergencies only. Diesel fuel is not available at Windigo.

PUMP OUT FACILITIES Head pump out facilities are located at Rock Harbor and Windigo when concession is open.... Pollution laws are enforced.... Trash barrels are not available at campsites.... Please carry everything (cans, bottles, foil, etc.) back to mainland.... No pump out at Mott Island.

COMMUNICATIONS Channel 16 marine band radio is monitored by Mott Island Ranger Station Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Windigo Ranger Station monitors channel 16 daily from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm during June, July and August.

WILDERNESS WATERS Motorized vessels are not allowed in inland lakes and streams. Water skiing and jet skis are prohibited.

CANOES/KAYAKS Harbors and lakes offer good paddling opportunities, but you should use caution in open Lake Superior waters.... See park canoeing brochure for suggested routes.

STAY LIMITS Consecutive night stay limits at docks are the same for the associated campground.

SHELTERS Please occupy only if you intend to sleep in them.

