

dead wood. Do not mar or injure living trees. Soak down campfires, stir, and soak down again. See that coals are cold and wet before leaving. Never leave a fire unattended. Campfires will not be permitted in the interior of the park during excessively dry periods.

CAMP SITES. While hiking on Isle Royale, plan your overnight stops at designated campsites. Overnight stops at other than designated campgrounds are limited to one night only. In establishing an overnight wilderness camp, please limit yourself to small cooking fires and establish the camp not closer than 100 feet to, and out of sight of the trail. It is required that all campers in the interior of the park burn all their refuse, pack out noncombustibles, and bury their latrines adequately. The establishment of wilderness camps will not be permitted within one-half mile of a designated campground, on any island, or on the shores of Rock Harbor, Washington Harbor, or Tobin Harbor.

TRAILHEADS. Those who depart from Michigan ports normally arrive at Rock Harbor on the northeast end of the island, and people departing from Minnesota ports enter at Windigo on the southwest end. Occasionally back packers will enter the park at McCargoe Cove on the north shore and at Malone Bay on the south shore. It is necessary for visitors hiking into the interior of the park to check in and out at a ranger station. Your overnight stops *must* be listed when you obtain your campfire permit.

Starting at Rock Harbor or Windigo, many hikers travel the length of the main island, some 45 miles, on the Greenstone Ridge Trail. In addition to campsites at the termini, designated camps are provided at Hatchet Lake, Chickenbone Lake and Lake Desor. Although the trip can be made in less than three days, four or five days is recommended. Side trips to McCargoe Cove, Todd Harbor, Malone Bay, Chippewa Harbor or Camp Siskiwit are often made. An additional day should be planned for each side trip. The Motor Vessel Voyageur travels around the island three times weekly and arrangements may be made to be dropped off or picked

up at any major trailhead. The twin engine aircraft "Sky Ranger" flies a daily schedule between Rock Harbor and Windigo and Greenstone Ridge hikers frequently return to their starting point via this aircraft. For detailed information on trails, the booklet *Wilderness Trails* may be purchased from the Isle Royale Natural History Association, Isle Royale National Park, Houghton, Michigan 49931. The price is 50c plus 10c mailing cost.

MINONG RIDGE EMERGENCY FIRE ACCESS. This fire trail is not part of the developed trail system at Isle Royale and its use is discouraged. Sections of the trail are extremely rough and the trail is *not* well marked. Campsites are not provided and water is not available on this trail.

CANOEING

Isle Royale with its numerous deep bays and offshore islands provides miles of protected waters that can be ideal for canoes and small boats. In addition, there are many inland lakes, some of which can be reached by canoe portage trails. Canoeing at Isle Royale is not recommended for beginners. Landing places are often scarce and even within protected harbors, sudden winds can whip up wave action that will swamp a canoe. Canoeing in the open waters of Lake Superior is strongly discouraged at any time. If you have had canoeing experience by all means bring your canoe. Rental canoes are not available on the island.

PORTAGE TRAILS. A canoeist can work his way from Tobin Harbor to the north side of the island with minimum exposure to open lake water by linking the bays of the north shore on a system of portage trails. The longest portage is across the Greenstone Ridge to Duncan Bay, $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile. Other portages, much shorter, cross the narrow necks of land between Duncan Bay and Five Finger Bay, Stockly Bay and Lane Cove, and Pickerel Cove and Herring Bay. It is also possible to cross the interior of the island via the Indian Portage Trail between Chippewa Harbor and McCargoe Cove by canoe and portage.

Regulations for the protection of park values*

1. Dogs, cats and other pets are not permitted in the interior of the park.
2. You must obtain a campfire permit before camping, even if a portable camp stove is used.
3. Cigarettes, cigars, pipe heels, matches or other burning materials shall not be discarded until completely extinguished. Smoking while traveling on trails is prohibited.
4. Campers in the interior of the park are required to burn their refuse and *pack out noncombustibles*.
5. Pollution of park waters is prohibited.
6. Wilderness campers must bury their latrines adequately.
7. Wilderness overnight camps cannot be established: within one-half mile of a designated campground; on islands; on the shores of Washington Harbor, Tobin Harbor, or Rock Harbor; or within 100 feet of, or in sight of a trail.
8. Overnight stops at other than designated campsites are restricted to one night only.
9. Destruction, injury, or disturbance of trees, flowers, birds, or other animals is prohibited. However, fallen dead trees may be used for firewood, unless fuel is available from other sources. Removal of artifacts, geological specimens, beachstones, plants, trees, or flowers is prohibited.
10. Firearms are prohibited.
11. During periods of high fire danger, campfire permits will not be issued for the interior portion of the park.
12. Outboard motors are prohibited on all inland lakes.

**Group Leaders please review with all members of your party before arrival at the park.*

Courtesy, Isle Royale Natural History Association, 1968

Camping...
Hiking...
Canoeing...



"It was the Indian's way to pass through a country without disturbing anything; to pass and leave no trace, like a fish through the water or birds through the air."

Willa Cather

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