

Just the Facts - 2012

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 2012 \$2.6 million FY 2011 \$2.7 million

Park Staffing - Full Time Equivalency (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.

Watersheds

Most of the 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, Spray Creek, Sullivan's Creek, and Sable Creek.

Park Length

42.8 miles

Park Depth

At its widest point 5.75 miles

Miles of Hiking Trail

Approximately 111 miles

Wilderness

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

Six Major Lakes

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

Jurisdiction

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

Park Visitation

2011	561,104	2010	499,281	2009	448,215
2008	400,621	2007	443,370	2006	419,298

Approximately 11,000 registered backcountry annually

Origin of Visitation by State - Ranked

Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Ohio, Minnesota, Indiana

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

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

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
Herptofauna	0	0
Fish	0	1
Birds	1	10
Mammals	0	1
Invertebrates	0	1

Research Natural Area

Grand Sable Dunes Research Natural Area

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