



Alien Invaders

Sunday, March 20,
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Alien species, also called exotic, non-native, or invasive species, are living things not found naturally in Voyageurs National Park. Become a CSI agent and assist ranger naturalist Lisa Maass in solving the case of alien invaders in Voyageurs National Park. As a detective, you will discover what alien invaders look like, where they live and the “crimes” they’ve committed. Find out how you can prevent future alien invasions! Recommended for ages 10 and up.



Family Movie Day

Sunday, March 27,
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Join us for a family friendly movie, *Eight Below*. Popcorn and refreshments provided.

National Park Week Open House at Night

Saturday, April 23,
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.



Come celebrate National Park Week. A host of activities are scheduled for the park after dark. Go on an evening hike and stay to see the stars with the park’s new telescopes (weather permitting.)

Rainy Lake Visitor Center Rental Equipment

(A valid driver’s license is required for all equipment check-out.)

Free Snowshoe Loan Program

Voyageurs National Park has many snowshoe sizes and shapes available free-of-charge during visitor center hours. Call the Rainy Lake Visitor Center (218) 286-5258 for availability.

Adult Cross-Country Ski Rental & Free Children Ski Loan Program

Voyageurs National Park has adult-sized skis, poles, and boots available during visitor center hours for \$5.00 a day. Children’s skis, poles, and boots available free-of-charge during visitor center hours. Call the Rainy Lake Visitor Center at (218) 286-5258 for availability.

Ski equipment courtesy of the International Falls Community Education Department and Friends of Voyageurs National Park.

Free Discovery Pack Loan Program

Voyageurs National Park has five Discovery Packs for families to check out and discover the park on their own. Pick from; Voyageurs and the Fur Trade, Plants and Animals, Winter, Scenery, and Geology.

Free Binocular Loan Program

Binoculars are available free-of-charge during visitor center hours.

Programs are Weather Permitting

Ranger Naturalists are hardy folks used to all kinds of weather, but safety comes first. Occasionally programs will be cancelled due to weather or extreme cold.

If in doubt, call the visitor center to check on conditions and ask if a program will continue.

All programs are held at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center unless otherwise noted.

Hours of Operation

Wednesday through Sunday

October 1 - December 31,
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

January 2 - Mid-May,
10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

(218) 286-5258 or (888) 374-2873

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Winter and Spring Programs

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Night Light Snowshoe Hike

Friday, January 14,
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Come celebrate Ice Box Days on the Oberholtzer Trail. Snowshoe an easy one-mile trail by headlamp. Afterwards, enjoy a warm campfire with friends. Snowshoes are provided; bring a headlamp. Fun for the entire family! **Meet inside the Rainy Lake Visitor Center.**

Paint Pictures with Words



Sunday, January 23
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

From picture books to young adult novels, Mary Casanova's books depict vivid settings - some set in Voyageurs and others in the north woods. Join Mary at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center for a writing workshop focused on capturing the natural world and creating memorable settings in any genre.

Mary will be available for booksigning following the workshop. Selected titles of Mary's books are available for purchase from Jefferson National Parks Association's bookstore, or you can bring copies you already own.

MinnAqua Ice Fishing

Sunday, January 30,
1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Join Nadine Meyer and try one of Minnesota's favorite winter pastimes: ice fishing. Starting inside the visitor center, families will learn about fish in the winter and winter safety through hands-on activities. Participants will also make their own jiggle sticks to use and take home. Dress warmly and wear appropriate foot gear for the outdoors. All participants will be able to fish without a fishing license for this catch and release activity. Bait and tackle will be provided.

MinnAqua is an aquatic education program for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources that combines lessons on sport fishing with information on ecology, resource management, and conservation.



Pictures in the Park

Sunday, February 6,
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Enhance your experience while visiting Voyageurs National Park by learning to take photographs you can be proud of. Bring your camera or just follow along as photographer Jackie Briggs gives basic tips to get the best nature shots of the park. Recommended for ages 8 and up.

Enjoy Jackie's gallery of photos after the program.

Family Movie Day

Sunday, February 13,
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Join us for a family friendly movie, *Iron Will*. Popcorn and refreshments provided.



Fishing in Voyageurs

Sunday, February 20,
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Join ranger naturalist Mike Williams to discover the importance of fishing in this area from the first inhabitants, to the commercial fishermen of the early 1900s, to the sports fishermen (and women) of today. Learn about the ways different groups of people went about catching their next meal.

Winter Survival

Sunday, February 27,
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



The weather gets brutally cold here this time of year - how do the animals survive without houses, heaters, and coats? Join ranger naturalist Megan Wilkins to learn how our wild neighbors make it through the winter. You may be surprised how similar they are to us after all. Recommended for ages 7 and up.

Wonders of the Night Sky

Sunday, March 6,
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Have you ever wondered how to identify the constellations in the night sky, why there are so many colors in the Northern Lights, or why we do not see the moon every night? Come spend a family friendly afternoon with ranger naturalist Kim Reich learning the answers to these questions and more. Recommended for ages 7 and up.



Birch Bark Weaving

Saturday, March 12,
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Come and weave a birch bark basket! With the aide of John Zasada, you will prepare the bark for weaving and make a basket in the old Scandinavian/Russian style. Baskets are diagonally woven and the entire basket is several layers thick.

This class is limited to ten participants and costs \$25 per person for materials. Reservations and fees are required in person at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center.