

# Rendezvous

## Voyageurs National Park 1975-2000

“ It was a beautiful day. Great cumulous clouds hung overhead, reflecting on the clear, sky-blue lakes below, all framed in with the majestic, rockbound and pine-clad shores. We could easily imagine the voyageurs of a bygone era, paddling their great canoes over these same waters, singing their songs as they viewed the majestic scenery that we were privileged to enjoy in its unspoiled magnificence. ”

ELMER L. ANDERSEN DESCRIBING THE 1962 TRIP TO PROPOSED PARK, 1970



“ It is the responsibility of this generation to preserve and protect our precious heritage of land and trees and water for the benefit of our own time and for future generations. ”

MINNESOTA SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY, 1970

“ National population trends indicate that it is important to set aside a...preserve now...Our environmental problems nationally make it imperative that we take adequate steps now to preserve for posterity those few areas of our country which still remain environmentally pure.

The land... (of) this proposed park is one of those few remaining areas. ”

MINNESOTA CONGRESSMAN DONALD FRASER, 1962



“ It would make one of the world's best...national parks. It is one of the most beautiful and attractive areas I have seen. ”

CHARLES LINDBERGH,  
AVIATOR AND CONSERVATIONIST



“ We presently have before us a unique opportunity to create a long-sought national park in Minnesota...a park which recognizes recreation as a use no less significant than any other, a park which will provide a natural environment for the growing number of urban residents who wish to recreate in an environment unspoiled by man-made development, a park which will combine the mysteries of geology, the wonders of nature and the significance of our historic past for all people to see and understand... ”

MINNESOTA GOVERNOR HAROLD LEVANDER 1970



“ We have to give up something now for the future, otherwise there will be nothing left in a hundred years, we've got to protect the resources. ”

GEORGE ESSLINGER,  
LOCAL BUSINESSMAN





# What makes a national park?

*Our nation's fifty-four national parks protect for the American people — and the world — wonderful and evocative scenery and varied natural systems that represent the singular and diverse character of our nation's rich natural heritage. They also provide a setting in which we can connect with our cultural roots and history.*

And so it is with Voyageurs: its four big lakes and over 500 pine-covered islands are a product of the levelling action of the glaciers. We can understand the course of the glaciers in Voyageurs in the vistas of deep blue water that contrast so obviously with the green of the boreal forest and the dark surfaces of rocks and ridges. Voyageurs is, in fact, the essence and embodiment of the Great North Woods. Voyageurs is the only unit of the national park system that is wholly within the Arctic watershed of Hudsons Bay. But its values and significance are not limited to what we see or can sense — its past and our connections to that past are equally part of why Voyageurs is a national park.

The native people of the north and the first Europeans — the fur traders and their paddlers, the French Canadian voyageurs — explored and settled this part of North America using the waters as roads, and canoes as transport. In such ways, we share much of

our natural and cultural history with the people of Canada. The boundary between Canada and the U.S. in this area — which is also the northern boundary of the park for over 50 miles — is defined by international treaty as the historic route of the voyageurs.

As a water-based national park, Voyageurs provides a window for current park visitors into what it means to depend on water for transportation. The park has fewer than 8 miles of paved roads in its 218,000 acres — so our access today is by boat, canoe, or kayak in summer and by snowmobile, ski, or snowshoe in the winter.

The beaver the fur traders came to exploit have returned. They seem to be everywhere and can be watched — swimming purposefully, building dams, stripping trees, and rearing their young — throughout the park. Over time, their dams and tree-felling will open meadows, build soil, and contribute to ecological succession — just as they did when Voyageurs was the water route of the fur traders.

In subtle ways, each aspect of Voyageurs' natural and historic richness tells a story of the ecology, wildlife, and history of this area and its relationship to the present. The eagles and wolves of Voyageurs give us a view of our wild past; Kettle Falls and the Little American gold mine show a different kind of wildness. We hope you will take the time to look beyond the obvious in this wonderful park, to find meaning, relevance, and pleasure in the subtle and hidden values preserved and protected here. Celebrate the treasures we have preserved in Voyageurs National Park.

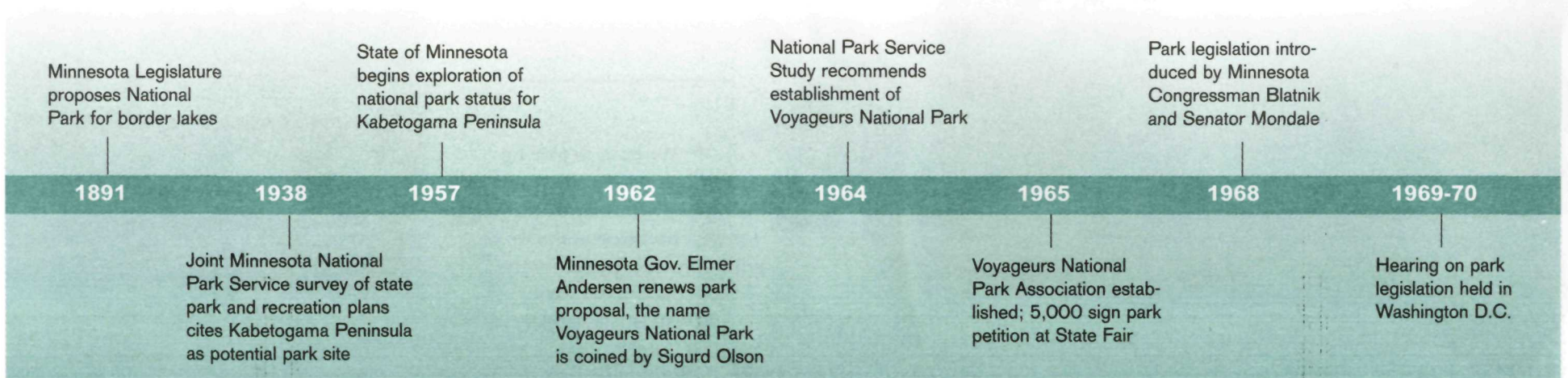
## 25th Anniversary Events

*Come celebrate 25 years of Voyageurs National Park, 1975-2000.*

*An extraordinary landscape with an exciting history calls for a unique anniversary celebration.*

- May - September** Express yourself in images of lake, sky, tree and rock in the park's anniversary Amateur Photo Art Contest. Photographs will be displayed at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center; for entry details call (218) 286-5258. Vote for your favorite photos during August at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center.
- April 8** It's the park's birthday and you are invited to the party. Park partners and community members will celebrate with cake and exhibits at Rainy Lake, Kabetogama and Ash River visitor centers and the Crane Lake Ranger Station.
- April 8** Show your park pride with a special park anniversary cancellation stamp. This unique memento to send or save will be offered by U.S. Postal Service at Rainy Lake Visitor Center from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- May 12 & 13** Join Minnesota's Jesse Ventura for the Governor's Fishing Opener at Crane Lake. With the help of re-enactors La Compagnie and storyteller Terry O'Brien the park will celebrate the fur trade era with an early spring encampment and north canoe rides. For times and location call (218) 286-5258.
- August 4, 5 & 6** This is the grand event! Come celebrate the park's anniversary with old and new friends, national and state dignitaries, refreshments, entertainment, public speakers, and a voyageur encampment at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center.

*Throughout the year, three unique exhibits will be on display at the visitor centers and special commemorative items will be for sale at the bookstores.*





# Rules For Your Visit

**National park rangers enforce a wide spectrum of federal laws and regulations and a variety of state statutes. Familiarize yourself with the following park rules.**

Destroying or collecting natural and cultural resources of the park including cutting live trees, harassing wildlife and collecting any natural or cultural resources except berries and nuts is prohibited.

Operating a boat or snowmobile while under the influence of drugs or alcohol is prohibited.

**Hunting** is not allowed in the park.

**Chain saws, firearms, fireworks and archery equipment are prohibited.** Except chain saws can be used to cut ice-fishing holes.

Private floatplanes are allowed on the four major lakes—Rainy, Kabetogama, Namakan, and Sand Point. They are also allowed on Locator, War Club, Quill, Loiten, Shoepack, Mukooda and Little Trout lakes.

**Know Canadian fishing and customs regulations** before you go into their waters.

## Quiet Time:

**10 p.m.-6 a.m. Parkwide.**

## Public Use Closures:

Check at visitor centers and boat ramp bulletin boards for areas closed for protection of visitors or park resources. Closed areas are posted with signs.

## CAMPING

All food, garbage, and equipment used to cook and store food must be kept in a vehicle, vessel, bearproof locker or hung 10' high and 10' out from a pole or tree. This regulation applies throughout the park.

Camping is permitted at designated campsites on a first come/first served basis. Camping is also permitted at undeveloped sites under the following conditions:

- ▲ The site is not within 200 yards of a developed campsite,
- ▲ The site is not on private or leased lands,
- ▲ The site is 1/4 mile away from any park-developed area.

Between May 15 and September 15, camping is limited to 14 days at a specific site and 30 days in a calendar year within the park.

Leaving property in a campsite unattended for **24 hours** is illegal.

## HOUSEBOATS

Houseboats may overnight at houseboat sites provided for their use and anywhere else except:

- ▲ Campsites or within 200 yards of a marked tent campsite,
- ▲ Day Use sites,
- ▲ Public docks,
- ▲ Private or leased land.
- ▲ The site is within 1/4 mile away from any park-developed area.

## PETS

Pets are allowed in developed areas, around visitor centers, boat launch ramps, picnic areas, and campsites on the four main

lakes. They must be restrained on a leash not more than 6' long and under your control. Pets are not allowed on park trails or in the backcountry.

## FIRES

Cutting live trees or dead standing trees is prohibited. Use dead **and** downed wood including driftwood for campfires except within developed areas and in areas where posted. Best to bring your own wood.

Campfires are permitted in metal fire rings or existing rock rings. Construct no new rock rings. Campfires must be completely extinguished when you are not at the site.

## FISHING & BOATING

Each person in a watercraft must have a USCG wearable life preserver readily available for use.

Use of "personal watercraft" is prohibited within Voyageurs National Park.

Overnight docking is permitted at Kettle Falls, but no overnight docking at visitor's centers.

The U.S. Coast Guard boating regulations and State of Minnesota fishing and water-skiing regulations apply within Voyageurs National Park. They are enforced by park rangers, state conservation officers, deputy sheriffs and U.S. Coast Guard officers.

## For Your Protection

*Be aware of precautions needed regarding Lyme disease and Minnesota advisories on mercury content of fish.*

## KNOW THE SIGNS

Sites in Voyageurs National Park are marked for different uses.

### REMEMBER:

Tenters may not camp in houseboat sites or day use sites and houseboats may not stay overnight in tent sites or day use sites.



Day Use Site



Tent Campsite



Houseboat Site

## EMERGENCIES Call 911

## Facilities

**Voyageurs National Park Headquarters**  
(218) 283-9821  
TTY-(218) 286-5261

**RAINY LAKE VISITOR CENTER**   
(218) 286-5258

OPEN DAILY: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
May 11 - September 30

WINTER HOURS: Wed. - Sun. 9 a.m. - 4:30  
October 1 - May 10

**KABETOGAMA LAKE VISITOR CENTER** 

(218) 875-2111

OPEN DAILY: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
May 11 - September 30

**ASH RIVER VISITOR CENTER**   
(218) 374-3221

OPEN DAILY: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
May 11 - September 30

**CRANE LAKE RANGER STATION**  
(218) 993-2481

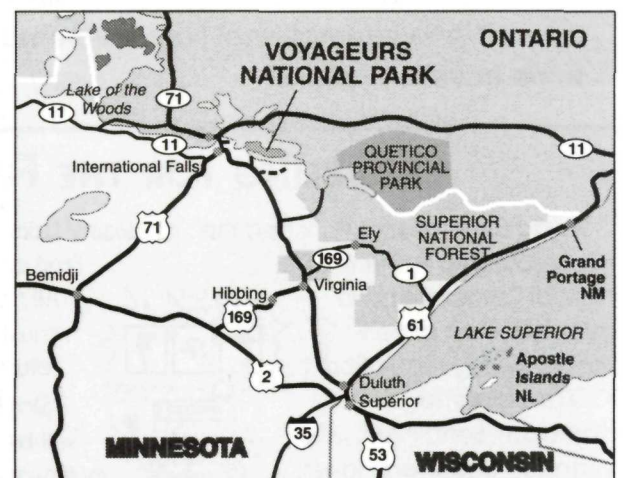
## Concessioners

**Kettle Falls Hotel**   
(888) 534-6835

Trading Post, food, lodging, gas, portage service, and water-taxi service from the mainland.

**Sight-Sea-Er Boat Tours** 

Reservations: (218) 875-2111



## Getting to the Park

Roads approach the park from four points along U.S. 53 between Duluth and International Falls. There is scheduled airline service to Hibbing, International Falls and Fort Frances, Ontario, Canada. Car rentals are available at airports or arrange transportation and lodging at one of the park's gateway communities.

President Nixon signs Voyageurs National Park bill

1971

Myrl Brooks becomes first park manager

Park biologists begin monitoring bald eagle populations

1973

Transfer of state lands to Park Service

Voyageurs National Park established as 36th National Park

1975

Kettle Falls Hotel added to National Register

Federal Court affirms park jurisdiction over waters

1977

Parks first visitor center opens on Highway 53, International Falls

1978

Black Bay Ski Trail opens

Vic Davis buys Little Cranberry Island & challenges land acquisition program

1980

First Master Plan and Final Environmental Assessment for park completed



# Sharing The Waters

## Park Boating 2000

Some things changed when Voyageurs National Park was created 25 years ago. But one thing has remained unchanged for thousands of years, to experience this area people must travel by water. Watercraft are essential to visiting the park.








**Summer 1975** - Few rock markers existed. Emergency communication was limited to marine radio. The ultimate fishing boat was 14 to 16 feet with a 25 horsepower motor. Fishing boats shared the waters with houseboats. Canoeists continued a thousand-year-old tradition.

**Summer 2000** - Buoys mark hazardous rocks (see "Navigation" section below). Visitors are increasingly using cell phones in emergencies. Fishing boats are bigger, faster and with lots of electronics. The ultimate fishing boat is now 17-18 feet with a 150 horsepower motor, fish-finder, automatic pilot steering, electronic trolling motor and Global Positioning System. Fishing boats still share the waves but a new boat has appeared; sea kayaks are increasingly popular.

**With increased number and types of boats in park waters, it is even more important to be courteous to your fellow visitors.**

- Powerboats give canoes and kayaks a broad berth; waves from your vessel may swamp paddlers.
- Canoes and kayaks can be difficult to see and should avoid main channels.
- Currently powered and now-powered vessels must put in at the same locations. Please watch out for each other.






### Set Sail For Safe Boating

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Navigation lights at night</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Fire extinguisher</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Whistle or horn</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Navigational maps</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Anchor, paddles or oars and share line</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Spare propeller and shear pin</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight and first aid kit</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Type IV throwable cushion or ring</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A wearable life preserver readily accessible for each person</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Don't overload the boat.</li> <li> All passengers should stay seated or within boat while boat is moving.</li> <li> Watch the weather — get off the lake during thunderstorms.</li> <li> Watch for hypothermia from cold water and wind.</li> <li> Know where you can refuel.</li> <li> Avoid prolonged exposure.</li> <li> Boat sober — operating a boat under the influence of drugs or alcohol is illegal.</li> </ul> |
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### Navigation You Need to Know

**The U.S. Coast Guard Buoy System:** The park has a numbered red and green buoy system used to guide boaters and mark hazards (see below). To use this system you need to know the direction of lake flow. Namakan, Sand Point and Crane lakes all flow north or downlake toward Kettle Falls. Kabetogama Lake flows east or downlake to Namakan and Kettle Falls. Rainy Lake flows west or downlake to International Falls. **Remember red buoys to your right while traveling uplake.**

### Aids to Navigation: Learn these important markers!

-  Can buoys are green with odd numbers. Keep them to the left when going uplake.
-  Nun buoys are red with even numbers. Keep them to the right when going uplake.
-  Diamond shape warns of danger. Cross in diamond means boats must keep out.
-  **5 MPH** Circled mark means a controlled area. It may carry a speed limit, for example.
-  Divers flag warns of the presence of divers, who may be just under the surface.

### GAMBLING FOR THE FUTURE








Voyageurs National Park and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources have established an experimental fishing regulation for Kabetogama, Namakan, Sand Point, Little Vermilion and Crane lakes.

**Kabetogama Lake - Walleye:** All less than 13" or larger than 17" must be immediately returned to the water, except 1 over 23" is allowed in a possession limit.



**Rainy Lake - Walleye:** Possession limit of 6, with only 1 over 25". All from 17" through 25" must be immediately returned to the water. "Slot limit" measuring tapes will be available at area businesses and visitor centers so anglers can accurately measure from the tip of the nose to the tip of the compressed tail. This experimental regulation is aimed at increasing the number of reproduction-age walleyes in the lakes.

### Anglers, First Aid For Fish

-  Play fish as rapidly as possible. Do not play to total exhaustion.
-  Keep fish in water as much as possible when handling and removing hook.
-  Remove hook gently — do not squeeze fish or put fingers in gills or eyes. Use barbless hooks.
-  If deeply hooked — cut line — do not pull hook out. Most fish survive with hooks left in them.
-  To resuscitate a stunned fish, move fish forward and backward forcing water past its gills.
-  Release fish only after its equilibrium has been restored.
-  Release fish in quiet water close to the area where it was hooked.





## Clean boats, clean waters...

If you are a water recreationist — boater, angler, sailor, or canoeist — there are some

important things you can do to prevent the harmful spread of exotic species from one lake or river to another. In Minnesota and Ontario it is illegal to transport harmful exotic species.



Purple Loosestrife

### At the boat launch before leaving the waterbody...

- ✓ **Empty** your bait bucket on land. Never release live bait into a waterbody, or release aquatic animals from one waterbody into another.
- ✓ **Inspect** your boat, trailer, and boating equipment (anchors, centerboards, rollers, axles) and remove any plants and animals that are visible.
- ✓ **Drain** water from the motor, livewell, bilge and transom wells while on land.



Eurasian Water Milfoil

### Once you're home...

- ✓ **Wash/dry** your boat, tackle, downriggers, trailer and other equipment to kill harmful species that were not visible at the boat launch. Some aquatic nuisance species can survive more than 2 weeks out of water, so it is important to:
  - **rinse** your boat and equipment that normally get wet with *hot* (at least 40° C or 104° F) tap water; **or**
  - **spray** your boat and trailer with high-pressure water; **or**
  - **dry** your boat and equipment for at least five days, before transporting to another waterbody.
- ✓ **Learn** what these organisms look like (at least those you can see). If you suspect a new infestation of an exotic plant or animal, report it to your natural resource agency.
- ✓ **Consult** your natural resource agency for recommendations and permits before you try to control or eradicate an exotic "pest." Remember, exotic "pests" species thrive on disturbance. Do-it-yourself control treatments often make matters worse and can harm native species.



American Smelt

## CAMPING... THEN AND NOW

Over the first 25 years millions of people have camped at Voyageurs National Park, yet the resources show less wear and tear than they did 25 years ago. We have learned to leave no trace when we are camping.

In the early days the park had two full-time maintenance workers just to pick up garbage left from years of messy camping and thoughtless actions. They would routinely walk shorelines to pick up flotsam and jetsam that had been thrown carelessly in the water.

Today, the park provides over 210 developed sites

for campers, houseboats and day-users. These sites have been constructed to protect the resource yet provide the visitor with a high quality, low impact camping experience. Tent pads are provided to prevent campsite spread, bear lockers protect you and keep bears wild and away from garbage, vault privies protect the water quality, small fire rings provide a place for an intimate campfire and a picnic table stops the lashing together of primitive tables or the abandoning of an old card table.

Let's take a look at how park users have come a long way toward low impact use of the resources...

### In 1975...

Denuded campsite by cutting saplings to roast marshmallows . . . . .  
 Burned trash in the fire pit leaving burnt bottles, cans & glass . . . . .  
 Left food on the table; lost it to a bear . . . . .  
 Cook over a big fire with cast iron & burnt everything . . . . .  
 Brought everything but the kitchen sink . . . . .  
 Dipped water from the lake to drink . . . . .  
 Washed in the lake . . . . .  
 Lash a log between two trees for a toilet seat . . . . .  
 Camp anywhere impacting a new area each trip . . . . .  
 Left bags of garbage or trash on the ground. . . . .  
 Brought a chain saw, cut live trees & broke off lower limbs of trees . . . . .  
 Built a rip roaring fire then left the site . . . . .  
 No visitor centers; no visitor information . . . . .

Cleaned fish in campsite & fed the entrails to animals . . . . .

### In 2000...

Bring metal roasting sticks  
 Repacked food into reusable containers & pack out garbage  
 Use a bear food locker or hang food 10' up and 10' out  
 Use a cookstove  
 Travel light  
 Use a water filter  
 Washed dishes and self 200' from water  
 Use a vault toilet & left toilet paper flowers  
 Camp in developed sites & enjoy the facilities  
 Take out the trash we create and pick up what others have left  
 Use a handsaw & cut only dead trees that are downed trees  
 Build a small intimate fire; put it out when we leave  
 Pick up the latest camping information at the visitor centers or dockside bulletin boards  
 Clean fish away from campsite & dispose of entrails in deep water so less bear-human conflicts

## Camping with Bears:

*Approximately 200 black bears live in Voyageurs National Park. These bears symbolize the wilderness quality of northern Minnesota and can be an enjoyable part of your visit. Unfortunately, each summer numerous human-bear incidents cause significant property damage. Troublesome bears result in campsite closures and the trapping and relocation of bears.*

**F**ood odors and garbage attract bears to campsites, picnic areas, cabins and even boats and cars. Wild bears are naturally afraid of humans, and the presence of humans will keep them away at first. But ultimately the temptation of an easy food source will draw them in. Once habituated, they lose their wildness and become threats to people, property and themselves. The solution is prevention. Please do your part by following these preventative measures.

When camping in Voyageurs National Park, food must be properly stored in a bear locker or hung from a

tree. Store or hang anything that has a strong smell (toothpaste, bug repellent, soap, etc.). Clothes worn while cooking foods with strong odors should also be stored or hung. Even store or hang items that a bear might think is food, such as fuel containers and water jugs. Do not cook food near your tent, as food odors on a tent may attract a bear.

Store or hang all garbage, including shore lunch grease, empty cans and jars, aluminum foil and plastic wrap. Pack out your garbage when you leave; don't bury it. Keep a clean site by picking up food scraps and wiping off picnic tables. Don't camp at a site with recent bear signs. Report garbage-strewn sites at a visitor center.

If a bear approaches your site, do not feed it. Pack up your food and trash. Frighten the bear by yelling, banging pans together or

throwing rocks. Make sure the bear has an escape route. If the bear is persistent, retreat slowly to a secure area. Report any bear incidents to a park visitor center.

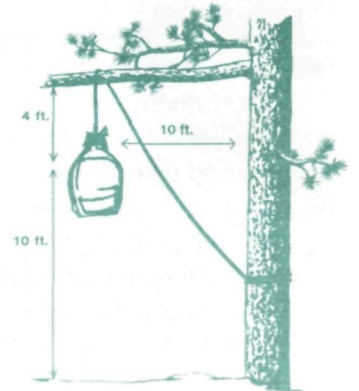
When boating at Voyageurs National Park, do not leave food or garbage unattended on boats. Houseboats should store food and garbage inside. (Bears are excellent swimmers and "island hop" in search of food.) Do not feed bears or any wildlife. Dispose of fish entrails in deep water. Pack out shore lunch grease in an old coffee can.

Anytime you see a bear, do not toss food or approach it. If it changes its natural behavior, woofs, snaps its jaws or slaps the ground, you are too close. Retreat slowly. Act with mild aggression; yell and wave your arms. Never surround or corner a bear or run from a bear. In the extremely rare case of an attack, fight back using whatever is avail-



able. Playing dead is not appropriate for black bear attacks.

Voyageurs National Park tries to provide an environment where bears can live with minimal human interference. Please do your part. Help prevent these incidents from occurring by following these procedures. If incidents do occur, immediately report them to a park visitor center.



Park designates winter wildlife protection areas to protect the gray wolf and eagle

Blind Ash Bay Trail built

Sight-Sea-Er begins tours



Congressional hearings on greater motorized use and movement to declassify Voyageurs National Park



Echo Bay Trail completed

First Artists in Residence program

Federal Court affirms park service's mandate to manage park wildlife

Work on new General Management Visitor Use & Facilities Plan begins

Federal Court affirms park service's jurisdiction over park waters again

1991  
Second Wilderness Recommendation sent to Secretary of Department of Interior

1992  
Little American mine trails & exhibit open; gold rush celebration

1993  
Park begins to install vault toilets at campsites

1994  
Park designates areas open to aircraft use

1995  
Friends of Voyageurs National Park established

1996  
First Annual March For Parks

1997  
Park works with Federal mediators to resolve outstanding issues

1998  
Bear research begins



1999  
Ash River Visitor Center Road dedicated

2000  
Park has constructed 214 campsite/day use sites, 25 miles of hiking trails, 110 miles of snowmobile trails, 15 miles of ski trails

25th Anniversary



# Voyageurs Destinations

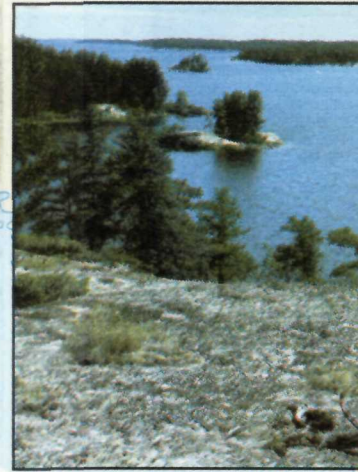
**Black Bay Beaver Pond Trail** a short 2/3 mile walk to a rocky overlook of an active beaver pond. In winter the Black Bay Ski Trail provides 11 miles of groomed trails.



Oveson's Fish Camp



**Anderson Bay Overlook** is the northern terminus of the Cruiser Lake Trail. A two-mile loop leads to the top of the cliffs overlooking Rainy Lake. Cruiser Lake Trail System provides access to Peary and Brown lakes on the northern half of the 9 mile trail system.



- Unpaved road
- Cross-country ski trail
- Ranger station
- Boat launch
- Lodging
- Picnic area
- Food service
- Campground
- Gas station
- Hiking trail/portage
- Resort area (gas, lodging, meals)
- Pullover/Trailhead

**Rainy Lake Visitor Center**

**Oberholzer Trail** follows the edge of a cattail marsh to scenic views of Black Bay. The 1/2 mile trail begins near the Rainy Lake Visitor Center and is fully accessible for the first 1/4 mile.



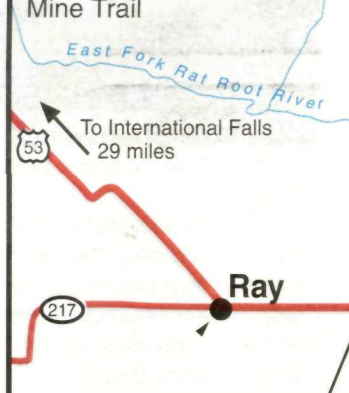
**Ellsworth Rock Gardens** built in the 1940s by retired Chicago contractor Jack Ellsworth, over 150 rock sculptures and 52 beds gardens

**Kettle Falls Hotel** - Built in 1912, this National Register site was at one time a transient community of over 200 people. Lumberjacks from nearby camps, fish buyers, prospectors and bootleggers.



Historic dam tenders cabin

**Little American Island - Gold Mine Trail**



**Echo Bay Hiking Trail** wanders 2.3 miles through aspen forests, rocky pine-covered ridges and past beaver ponds. In winter, 3.5 miles of trails are groomed for skiing.



**Locator Lake Trail** is a two-mile hike into the "Chain of Lakes," crossing the ridge and valleys of the Kabetogama peninsula. In summer, watercraft are available for visitors and in the winter the Chain of Lakes is a backcountry snowmobile route.

**Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center**

**Ash River Visitor Center**

**Kabetogama Lake Overlook**, a short, level fully accessible trail through a pine forest with a spectacular view of Kabetogama Lake.

**Blind Ash Bay Trail** For 2.5 miles the trail follows the pine-covered ridge that forms the southern shore of Kabetogama Lake. In winter, the trail is tracked for snowshoeing.



In winter, a one-mile long snowshoe trail is tracked along the north side of Sullivan Bay.

**Beaver Pond Overlook** on the Ash River Visitor Center road is fully accessible to the first overlook of the beaver pond. The trail then climbs a large granite ridge for a treetop view of the beaver pond and wildlife watching.

**Cruiser Lake Trail** offers nine and a half miles of trail over ridges, past beaver ponds and lakes. Pretty little Agnes Lake is a 1/4 mile hike from the Lost Bay dock. Cruiser Lake is five miles but its deep, cold clear waters offer lake trout fishing. The Cruiser Lake trail system starts from Anderson Bay on Rainy Lake or from Lost Bay on Kabetogama Lake.



**Grassy Bay Cliffs** of pink to light gray rock wall of Lac La Croix granite.



**Crane Lake Ranger Station**



## Boats on Interior Lakes

Adventure into the solitude of a remote lake on the Kabetogama Peninsula. Voyageurs National Park provides, free of charge, boats and canoes on the following lakes: Locator, Quill, Cruiser, Little Shoepack, Shoepack, Brown and Peary. Watercraft are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations can be made one week in advance at a park visitor center. To use the watercraft, fill out a visitor use agreement and pick up a key at a visitor center. Ask about arranging for transportation service to reach the trailheads.



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# Activities, Hikes, and Programs

## JUNE 12-SEPTEMBER 4

### Birds B4 Breakfast (hike)

7-9 A.M. Sundays through July 30

Wondering what's singing those sweet songs? Bring binoculars and bug protection and **meet at Echo Bay Trailhead** to find out.

### Morning Canoe Trip

9-11 A.M. Daily except Sundays and Tuesdays through August 16, then Fridays, Saturdays, and Wednesdays only.

Paddle among islands and bays for a loon's view of Lake Kabetogama. We supply canoes, paddles, life preservers, and training. **Meet at the Woodenfrog boat Launch.** Weather dependent.



### Kids Explore Voyageurs

1:30-2:30 P.M. Daily except Wednesdays.

Learn about the world around you and/or become a Jr. Ranger. **Meet at Woodenfrog Beach, or if raining, the Woodenfrog Refectory.**

### Evening Campfire Programs

7:30-8:30 P.M. Sundays, Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays.

Relax after dinner while Rangers and Guest Speakers unravel mysteries and history of the northern lake country at historic **Woodenfrog Refectory.**

### Stargazer Cruise

August 6-August 27, 9:00-11:00 P.M. Sundays.

Get away from earthly lights for a heavenly delight on a starry night to perchance see the northern lights. **Meet at Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center.**

### Blind Ash Bay Trail Hike

1-3 P.M. Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Amble beneath tall pines, enjoy flowers and critters, and witness breathtaking views. **Meet at Kabetogama Overlook near Ash River Visitor Center.**

### Kids' Afternoon Adventure

3-4 P.M. Tuesdays and Fridays through August 18.

Feel daring? Romp with a Ranger or join an activity. Who knows what we'll do, but you can bet on fun! **Meet at Ash River Visitor Center.**

### Beaver Pond Explore

8-9 P.M. Thursdays and Saturdays.

What are your chances of seeing a beaver, otter, or moose? Ever get wolves to respond to your howling?

**Meet us at the Beaver Pond Overlook parking lot near Ash River Visitor Center** and we'll see what happens.



### Junior Ranger Program

3:00-4:00 P.M. Monday-Saturday.

Kids participate in fun activities to become a Voyageurs National Park Junior Ranger. **Meet at Rainy Lake Visitor Center.**

### North Canoe Voyage

9:00-11:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. Tuesday-Saturday.

Paddle back in history with voyageurs in full regalia aboard a 26-foot *Canoe du Nord*. Weather dependent. **Meet at Rainy Lake Visitor Center.**

### Morning Canoe Adventure

9:30-11:30 A.M. Sunday & Monday.

Paddle among beautiful bays and islands on a Ranger-led canoe trip. Weather dependent. **Meet at Rainy Lake Visitor Center.**

### Evening Canoe Adventure

7:00-8:30 P.M. Saturday.

Enjoy a tranquil trip serenaded by frogs and loons. Weather dependent. **Meet at Rainy Lake Visitor Center.**



### Patio Talks

Time Posted Daily. Enjoy a short Ranger talk on unique features of Voyageurs National Park.

**Meet on the Rainy Lake Visitor Center patio.**

### Wildlife Walks

(Time Posted Daily) Take a Ranger-guided hike to discover the park's rich biodiversity. **Meet at Rainy Lake Visitor Center.**



## SIGHT-SEA-ER BOAT TOURS

For Reservations, call: (218) 875-2111.

Due to limited space, reservations are strongly encouraged.

Cancellations due to weather will be announced at least one hour prior to departure.



## DEPART KABETOGAMA LAKE VISITOR CENTER

### Kettle Falls Cruise

June 11-September 4, 10:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.

Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays.

Voyage through a scenic maze of pine-covered islands to the historic Kettle Falls Hotel. Dine in yesterday's ambiance or bring a picnic lunch.

Adults: \$30  
Under 16: \$20  
Under 2: Free



### Back Bays Wildlife Adventure

June 15-August 24, 5:00-8:00 P.M.

Thursdays.

Venture into peaceful, picturesque bays and look, listen, and learn about outstanding wildlife and geology. Bring binoculars and camera — we stop for photo opportunities.

Adults: \$14; with picnic: \$20  
Under 16: \$10; with picnic: \$14



### Sunset Wildlife Cruise

June 12-September 1, 7-9 P.M. through

July 31, then 6:30-8:30 P.M.

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays.

Cruise Lake Kabetogama and view bald eagles and other wildlife. Stroll among the stone sculptures of Ellsworth Rock Gardens before relaxing to a golden sunset.

Adults: \$12  
Under 16: \$8  
Under 2: Free

## DEPART WOODENFROG BOAT LAUNCH

### Kids' Safari Cruise

June 21-August 23, 1:30-3:30 P.M. Wednesdays.

Hop aboard for a fun ride to the other side. Learn to read the tales written on the land. Hike Locator Trail to hear the slap of a beaver tail.

Under 16: \$8 (Under 10 must be with an adult)  
Under 2: Free  
Mom or Dad: \$12 or both for \$20

### Walleye Shorelunch

June 20-August 22

Enjoy a mouth-watering fish dinner; our traditional Northwoods shore lunch. Local guides will share years of experience on navigating the lakes to find fishing hotspots and family fun places. Two-hour boat tour and meal included. (Reserve 24 hrs. ahead)

Adults: \$24  
Under 16: \$16  
Under 2: Free



## WAIT THERE'S MORE:

Additional programs/cruises may be offered —  
Check at the visitor centers.



# Lake States Interpretive Association

The non-profit Lake States Interpretive Association sells books, maps, posters and other interpretive items at visitor centers in Voyageurs National Park and the Chippewa, Superior and Nicolet National

Forests and the new Northern Great Lakes Regional Visitor Center in Ashland, Wisconsin. The association also publishes interpretive books and materials about these areas.

All profits from sales support the educational and interpretive projects of these agencies.

## 25th Anniversary Items Available

Come in & check out the new 25th Anniversary four-season poster, commemorative mugs, T-shirts and a lot more.



Voyageurs National Park Book .....\$8.95

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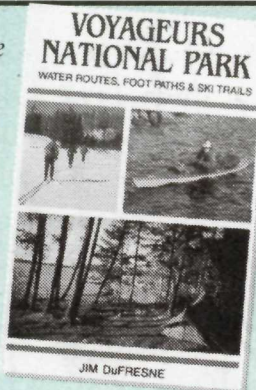
Gold Town to Ghost Town: Boom and Bust on Rainy Lake .....\$6.95

Kettle Falls: Cross Road of History .....\$5.95

Voyageurs National Park Poster .....\$5.50

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[www.nps.gov/voya/lsia](http://www.nps.gov/voya/lsia)

Prices subject to change.



## Join the Lake States Interpretive Association!

Members receive the following benefits:

- 10% discount at Lake States sales outlets (except maps).
- Discounts at other cooperating associations.
- Issues of park and forest newspapers.
- An opportunity to help educate visitors about the natural, cultural and historic heritage of this region.

Special gifts for first time members:

- FAMILY members receive a set of "Sensitive Plant Notecards."
- SUPPORTING members receive the book, *Voyageurs National Park*.
- CONTRIBUTING members receive the *Portage into Past* by J. Arnold Bolz.

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Please enroll me as a member:  Individual \$10  Family \$20  Supporting \$50  Contributing \$250

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My Check is enclosed for: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail checks payable to:

Lake States Interpretive Association  
3131 Highway 53  
International Falls, MN  
56649-8904

Fax (218) 285-7407 or CALL 218-283-2103

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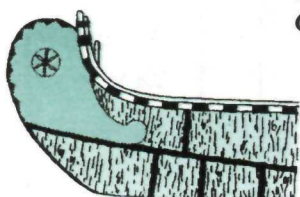
Help make a difference at Voyageurs National Park! Invest in its future! Invest your time, become a volunteer! Or, contribute financially in donation boxes located at park visitor centers. Both time and financial donations help provide visitor services and facilities, and protect park resources.

Join the Friends of Voyageurs National Park in sponsoring outreach that

enhances natural, historical and educational activities at the park. Thanks to a generous gift, the "Friends of Voyageurs National Park Fund" has been established through the National Park Foundation. Your contribution in donations envelopes found at the visitor centers will go directly to that fund. The Friends hope to see the fund grow so they can increase support for the many valuable natural, cultural and educational projects at Voyageurs National Park.

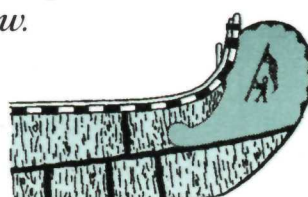
Friends of Voyageurs National Park sponsors the Audubon Christmas Bird Count, Earth Day March for Parks, as well as "Paddlers Regattas" and "Soup and Ski" trips in the park. Donations from members and others developed the Echo Bay Trail, purchased bike racks and recycling bins for all the Voyageurs' visitor centers, snowshoes and software for education programs and repaired the nickelodeon at Kettle Falls Hotel. Join the friends at the April 29, 2000 March for Parks Bio Blitz to help us discover the biodiversity in Manka Woods while we raise funds for environmental education stations on the community trail as well as funds for projects at Voyageurs National Park.

The Friends need your help to accomplish its mission.  
You can show you care about Voyageurs by joining the Friends.  
Contact them at the address below.



Friends of Voyageurs National Park

P.O. Box 945  
International Falls, MN 56649



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Thanks go to the following individuals and businesses who have joined together to publish this newspaper, the main source of recreational information about the park.

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# VOYAGEURS

## Kabetogama Lake

Kabetogama Tourism Bureau  
 9707 Gamma Rd., Lake Kabetogama, MN 56669  
 (218) 875-2621 or (800) 524-9085  
 www.kabetogama.com

			Housekeeping Cabins & Rooms	Overnight Accommodations	American Plan	Public Dining	Lounge/Bar	Campsites & Services Available W-Water, E-Electricity, S-Sewer, D-Dump Station, B-Bath House	Boat Rentals: PO-Pontoon, K-Kayak F-Fishing, R-Runabout, C-Canoe, S-Sailboat, P-Paddleboat	Swimming: B-Beach, P-Pool	R-Recreation Room, P-Playground	Season of Operation
Arrowhead Lodge and Resort	875-2141		16	✓	✓	✓	✓	3WESDB	FCK	B	RP	May-Oct.
Birchem's Lakeview Resort	875-2471		9	✓					F	B	R	May-Sept.
Birch Grove Resort	875-2172		6	✓				4WEB	FCP	B		May-Oct.
Bunt's Kabinns	(888) 741-1020	875-2691	6	✓						B		All Year
Calm Bay's White Eagle Resort	(800) 349-4007	875-2341	11	✓	✓	✓	✓	4WE	FPOCP			All Year
Cedar Cove Campsites & Resort	875-3851		3	✓				20WESDB	FC	B		May-Sept.
Deer Horn Resort	875-3861		7						F			May-Oct.
Driftwood Lodge Resort	(888) 816-1529	875-3841	12	✓					FP		RP	May-Oct.
Dyrstad's Retreat	875-2532		2						FC	B		May-Sept.
Eagle Wing Resort	875-3111		4	✓					F	B		May-Oct.
Four Winds Resort	875-2821		10					2WESB	F			May-Oct.
Grand View Resort	875-2171		5	✓					FCPOP	B		May-Oct.
Herseith's Tomahawk Resort	875-2352		9					4WES	F	B	P	May-Oct.
Kec's Kove	(800) 777-8405	875-2841	7	✓	✓	✓	✓		FP		RP	All Year
Moosehorn Resort	(800) 777-7968	875-3491	8	✓				6WES	FCP	B	P	All Year
Narbo's Viking Retreat	875-2051		2	✓				4WES	F	B	P	May-Oct.
North Star Resort	875-2175		7	✓					F		P	May-Oct.
Northern Lights Resort & Outfitters	(800) 318-7023	875-2591	9						FCK	B	RP	May-Oct.
Park Point Resort	(800) 272-4533	875-0901	8					3WEB	F	B	P	May-Oct.
Pine Aire Resort	875-2161	(877) 875-2161	9	✓			✓	14WEB	FCPPO	B	RP	All Year
Pine Tree Cove	875-2070		4					3WED	F			May-Oct.
Pokorny's Resort & Campground	875-2481		6	✓		✓	✓	15WEDB	FP	B	RP	May-Oct.
Red Pine Lodge & Resort	(800) 435-7301	875-2441	16		✓	✓	✓	12WESB	F		R	All Year
Rocky Ledge Resort	875-3481					✓	✓		F			All Year
Rocky Point Resort	875-2411		11		✓	✓	✓	3WE	F	B	RP	All Year
Sandy Point Lodge & Outfitters	(800) 777-8595	875-2615	16	✓	✓	✓	✓	4WEB	FCPPO	B	P	All Year
Snyder's Idlewild Resort	875-3831		10					4WEB	FP	P	RP	May-Oct.
Tall Timber Resort	(800) 844-6502	875-2533	5						F			May-Sept. Dec.-March
Voyageurs Adventures Outfitting	875-2037		3	✓					FCK			May-Oct.
Voyageur Park Lodge	(800) 331-5694	875-2131	13	✓					F	B	RP	May 15-Oct.
Watson's Harmony Beach Resort	875-2811		22	✓	✓			3WEB	FCK	B	P	All Year
Woodenfrog Campground	State of Minnesota	757-3489						60W		B		All Year

## Crane Lake

Crane Lake Visitor and Convention Bureau  
 P.O. Box 15 VTB • Crane Lake, MN 55725  
 (800) 362-7405  
 www.cranelake.com

Anderson Outfitters	(800) 777-7186	993-2287	1	✓					FCK			May-Oct.
Beddow's Campground	993-2389		2	✓				25WESDB	F	B		May-Oct.
Berger's Trading Post	993-2376		6	✓					F	B		May-Sept.
Borderland Lodge & Outfitters	(800) 777-8392	993-2233	14	✓	✓	✓	✓		FC	P	P	All Year
Gateway Lodging	993-2415		4	✓					FCPOP	B		All Year
Handbergs Marine	993-2214											All Year
Lakeview Motel	993-2398		5	✓				1WE		B		May-Oct.
Mohr's Marine Service	993-2338								F			May-Oct.
Nelson's Resort	(800) 433-0743	993-2295	28	✓	✓	✓	✓		FPO	B	RP	May-Oct.
Pine Point Lodge & Resort	(800) 628-4446	993-2311	9	✓			✓		FCPR	B	RP	May-Oct.
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Pine Ridge Motel	(800) 777-7186	993-2287	4	✓								All Year
Sand Point Lodge	374-3891		5	✓		✓			FC	B		May-Oct.
Scott's Peaceful Valley Resort	993-2330		6	✓					F		P	May-Oct.
Scott's Resort & Sea Plane Base	(800) 993-8576	993-2341	4	✓		✓	✓		POFP	B	P	All Year
Trail's End Resort	(888) 844-2257	993-2257	10	✓		✓	✓		FC	B	P	All Year
Wildwood Escape	993-2379		1	✓								All Year
Voyagaire Lodge & Voyagaire Houseboats	(800) 882-6287	993-2333		✓	✓	✓	✓	DB	FCR	B	P	All Year
								12 Hotel Rooms • 30 Houseboats	PPOK			All Year



# ACCOMMODATIONS

## Rainy Lake & International Falls

International Falls Area Visitors & Convention Bureau  
301 2nd Avenue • International Falls, MN 56649  
(800) 325-5766 or (218) 283-9400

www.rainylake.org

			Housekeeping Cabins & Rooms	Overnight Accommodations	American Plan	Public Dining	Lounge/Bar	Campsites & Services Available W-Water, E-Electricity, S-Sewer, D-Dump Station, B-Bath House	Boat Rentals: PO-Pontoon, K-Kayak F-Fishing, R-Runabout, C-Canoe, S-Sailboat, P-Paddleboat, RB-Rowboat	Swimming: B-Beach, P-Pool	R-Recreation Room, P-Playground	Season of Operation
Arnold's Campground & RV Park	285-9100							24WESDB			P	April-Oct.
Birch Point Camp	286-3414		3					10EBW	F	B		May-Sept.
Budget Host Inn	(800) 880-2577	283-2577	31	✓								All Year
Camp Idlewood	286-5551		10	✓				3WESB	FCP	B	R	May-Sept.
Days Inn Motel	(800) 325-2525	283-9441	56	✓								All Year
Falls Motel	(800) 328-8435	283-8434	25	✓								All Year
Hilltop Motel	(800) 322-6671	283-2505	16	✓								April-Oct.
Holiday Inn	(800) 331-4443	283-4451	127	✓		✓	✓			P	R	All Year
International Voyageur RV Park	283-4679							60WESDB				May-Sept.
Island View Bed & Breakfast	(888) 848-8890	286-3085	1	✓							R	All Year
Island View Lodge	(800) 777-7856	286-3511	21	✓	✓	✓	✓		FP	B	RP	All Year
The Lake View	(800) 888-5737	286-5737	4	✓				3WESB		B		May-Sept.
Northern Houseboats of Rainy Lk.	(800) 854-7958	286-5221							FPOC	B		May-Oct.
Northern Lights Motel	(800) 889-6009	283-2508	22	✓								All Year
Rainy Lake Houseboats	(800) 554-9188	286-5391							F			May-Oct.
Rainy Lake Lodge	(800) 892-5604	286-5531	18	✓	✓	✓	✓		F	B	R	All Year
Rambler Motel	283-8454		22	✓								All Year
Sand Bay Bed & Breakfast	286-5699		2	✓								All Year
Sha-Sha Resort	286-3241		8	✓	✓	✓	✓		FC	B	RP	May-Oct.
Super 8 Motel	(800) 800-8000	283-8811	53	✓								All Year
Tee Pee Motel	(800) 850-1518	283-8494	39	✓								All Year
Thunderbird Lodge	(800) 351-5133	286-3151	25	✓		✓	✓		FCP		P	All Year
Voyageurs Motel	283-9424		25	✓								All Year
Woodport House Bed & Boat	(800) 824-3969	286-4034	2	✓					RB	B		All Year
Woody's Bed & Breakfast	286-5001		2	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	All Year

## Ash River

Ash River Commercial Club • Orr, MN 55771 • (800) 950-2061  
www.ashriver.com

Ash-Ka-Nam Resort	(800) 950-1081	374-3181	11	✓		✓	✓	✓	FC			All Year
Ash River Campground	State of Minnesota	757-3489						9W				May-Oct.
Ash Trail Lodge	(800) 777-4513	374-3131	17	✓	✓	✓	✓	12WESDB	FRCPPPO	B	P	All Year
Ebel's Voyageur Houseboats	(800) 253-5475	374-3571							FRCR			May-Oct.
Frontier Resort	(800) 950-2986	374-3311						14 Campsites w/Screenhouses	FRPO		P	All Year
Hidden Hills Campground	(800) 923-4412	374-4412						10WED				May-Oct.
Kettle Falls Hotel	(888) KF HOTEL		22	✓	✓	✓	✓	WESDB	FCK			All Year
Ebel's Voyageur Houseboats	(800) 253-5475	374-3571							FRCR			May-Oct.
Sunset Resort Campground	(800) 232-3161	374-3161	10	✓	✓	✓	✓	33WESDB	FCPO		RP	All Year

## Commercial Services

Businesses listed are authorized to provide services within Voyageurs National Park.

			Outfitters	Fishing Guides	Winter Guides	Camping & Canoeing Guides	Water Taxi & Boat Charter	Air Charter	Marine Repair & Towing	Ice Fishing Guide & Shelters
CRANE LAKE	Anderson Outfitters	(800) 777-7186	✓							
	Beckman, David	(218) 993-2453		✓						
	Borderland Lodge & Outfitters	(800) 777-8392	✓	✓						
	Bratrud, Andrew	(218) 993-2425		✓	✓					
	Eggen, Butch	(218) 993-2250		✓	✓					
	Galbraith, Butch	(218) 741-7122		✓	✓					
	Gunderson, Vic & Greg	(218) 741-0174		✓	✓					
	Jacobson, Lawrence	(800) 433-0743		✓	✓					
	Ostberg, Anders	(218) 993-2295		✓	✓					
	Parzyck, Frank	(218) 993-2260		✓	✓					
ASH RIVER	Pernat, Marshall	(218) 254-5532		✓	✓					
	Voyagaire Lodge	(800) 882-6287		✓	✓					
KABETOCAMA LAKE	Ash Trail Lodge	(800) 777-4513		✓	✓					✓
	Ebel's Voyageur Houseboats	(800) 253-5475		✓	✓					
	Arrowhead Resort	(218) 875-2141		✓	✓					
	Deer Horn Resort	(218) 875-3861		✓	✓					
	Driftwood Resort	(218) 875-3841		✓	✓					
	Harmony Beach Resort	(218) 875-2811		✓	✓					
	Herseth's Tomahawk Resort	(218) 875-2352		✓	✓					
	Idlewood Resort	(218) 875-3831		✓	✓					
	Lessard, Mike	(218) 875-2412		✓	✓					
	Manzke, Maynard	(218) 875-3781		✓	✓					
	Moosehorn Resort	(800) 777-7968		✓	✓					
	Northern Lights Resort	(218) 875-2591		✓	✓					
	Northern Memories Guide Service	(218) 875-2091		✓	✓					✓
	Oveson, Leverage	(218) 875-2671		✓	✓					
Stoskopf, Jason	(218) 875-2615		✓	✓						
Trandel, Jim	(218) 875-3071		✓	✓						
Voyageurs Adventures	(218) 875-2037		✓	✓						
RAINY LAKE	Arnold, Pat	(218) 285-9100		✓						
	Einarson's Flying Service	(218) 283-4461		✓						
	Island View Lodge	(800) 777-7856		✓						
	Miller, Tony	(218) 286-3199		✓						
	Northern Cross Kayaking	(888) 538-0505		✓						
	Rainy Lake Houseboats	(800) 554-9188		✓						
	Thunderbird Lodge	(880) 351-5133		✓						
Trask, Jeff	(218) 283-6146		✓							
Woody's Fairly Reliable Guide Service	(218) 286-5001		✓							



# Voyageurs Almanac



By following the seasonal rhythms of the northwoods you can discover the intricate patterns of life. This almanac is a compendium of useful and interesting facts that will increase your observations and enjoyment of this place called Voyageurs.

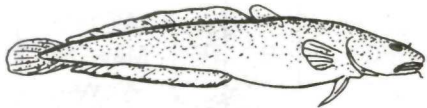


## January

In the tops of aspen trees, Evening and Pine Grosbeaks use their large crushing beaks to break off buds to eat.

## February

Burbot move from deep water to spawn. This odd looking fish, like an eel with a single chin whisker, was trapped in Minnesota and a few northern states by a receding prehistoric sea.



## March

As the days warm, millions of snowfleas or springtails pepper the snow. These minute insects scavenge in the soil and leaf litter.



## April

Bears leave their winter dens. A hungry sow and her cubs will feed on aspen or willow catkins until grass greens the meadows.



## May

The Cape May Warblers return from tropical winter homes. This colorful boreal forest nester feeds on spruce budworm.

## June

Like pools of sunlight on the forest floor, a newly born white-tail deer lays silently hidden by its spotted coat.



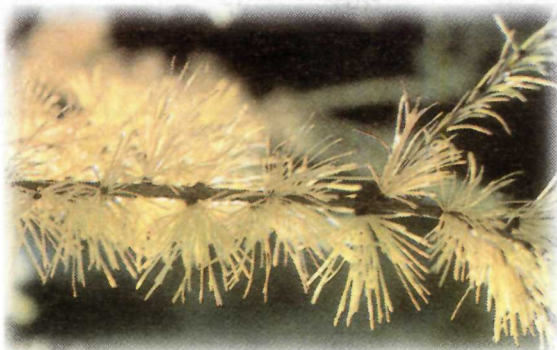
## July

Watch for the stealthy stalking of Great Blue Heron. In a flash it seizes a crayfish flips it in the air and swallows the prey headfirst.



## August

Amanita muscaria or fly amanita grow under pines or aspen. This is the species nibbled by Alice in Wonderland and is named for its fly-killing ability.



## September

Using four back legs to swim in whirling and gyrating motions on the water surface, large numbers of Whirligig Beetles raft together for warmth.



## October

Tamaracks turn to "smoky gold." As a deciduous conifer, this unique tree changes color and loses its needles each fall.

## November

Cobblestones of ice forming on shallow bays chase the last ducks, the goldeneyes, from the water forcing them to flight south. Listen for the whistling sound made by their wings in flight.



## December

"The snow means a return to a world of order, peace, and simplicity. Those first drifting flakes are a benediction and the day on which they come is different from any other in the year." Sigurd Olson, *The Singing Wilderness*

