



# Rendezvous

A Visitor's Guide To  
Voyageurs National Park 2003



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# Voyageurs National Park in 2003

## Letter from the Superintendent

Welcome to Voyageurs National Park. We are so glad that you have chosen to spend time with us. Time is a precious and nonrenewable resource so the fact that you have decided to spend some of it experiencing the natural beauty and peace and quiet of Voyageurs means a great deal to us. We hope you will take some time to learn about the people who came here before you and experienced our magnificent landscape, as you will. There were native people who lived here and gave distinctive place names to many features in the park. Namakan comes from the Ojibwe word for sturgeon and Kabetogama may have been derived from the name of a chief, Kabataga. The suffix "ogema" means chief. So our Lake Kabetogama seems to have been named for Chief Kabataga. Chief Woodenfrog and Rottenwood Islands are both named for Ojibwe families who lived in what is now the park.

The French-Canadian Voyageurs who gave their name to the park plied these waters bringing trade goods that were exchanged with native people for furs and pelts. The contacts between these people changed both the Europeans and the native people and the land. It is the Voyageurs who named Lac la Pluie, which we know as Rainy Lake. Soldier Point was named for the place that British Army Colonel Garnet Wolseley and his 417 British Army soldiers, 800 workers and voyageurs, and 783 Ontario and Quebec militiamen camped during their 1870 trek to put down the Red River Rebellion near what is now Winnipeg, Manitoba. Surveyor's Island near Kettle Falls was named for the survey crew that marked the international boundary between the United States and Canada.

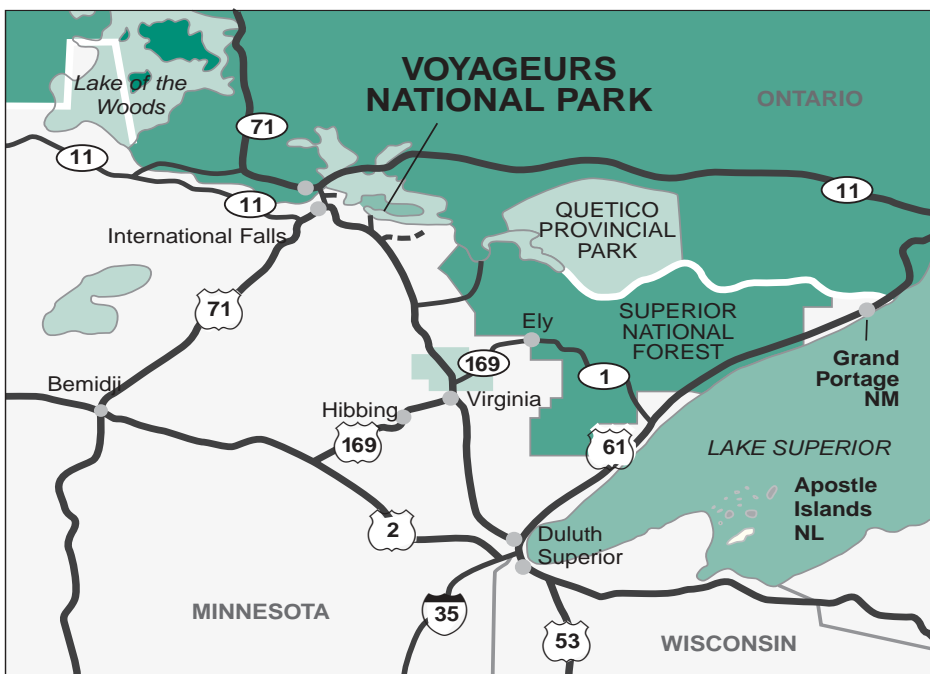
At the end of the 19th century, prospectors found gold on Rainy Lake. Although the ensuing gold rush was short-lived, it opened a transportation system that brought loggers in their wake. Many place names in the park go back to those days — Gold Portage, Hoist Bay, and Cutover Island.

In more recent times, some place names in the park are associated with illegal activities — like Jug Island where you could get a jug of whiskey or Blind Pig Island that got its name from a "blind pig" — a place where liquor was available during the Prohibition Era.

The animals and plants that are native to the park have given their names to a number of places — the Wolf Pack Islands, Fox Island, and Bald Eagle Island join Bittersweet, Yewbush, and Pin Cherry Islands. There are places named after bears, moose, deer, suckers, trout, and pike as well. And finally, a number of places in the park were named for people who lived or vacationed here before the park was created — homesteaders like Joseph LaBonty, Lydia Torry, and I.W. Stevens; commercial fishermen like Harry Oveson and William Randolph and vacationers like Ted Zollner and William P. Ingersoll.

What we hope you will experience and take home from Voyageurs is an understanding and appreciation for the interactions people have had with this landscape over time. Whether you come from far away or live nearby, your time here adds to the richness and variety of those experiences.

—Barbara West



### 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 International Falls, and Hibbing, Minnesota and Fort Frances, Ontario, Canada. Car rentals are available at airports. Transportation and lodging are also available at the park's gateway communities.

**EMERGENCIES Call 911**  
**Cellular phones MAY NOT**  
**work in the park.**



### RAINY LAKE VISITOR CENTER

(218) 286-5258  
TTY (218) 286-5261

OPEN DAILY: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

May 9 - September 30

WINTER HOURS: Wed. - Sun. 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

October 1 - May 8

(dates subject to change, call ahead)



### KABETOGAMA LAKE VISITOR CENTER

(218) 875-2111

OPEN DAILY: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

May 9 - September 30

(dates subject to change, call ahead)



### ASH RIVER VISITOR CENTER

(218) 374-3221

OPEN DAILY: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

May 9 - September 30

(dates subject to change, call ahead)



### CRANE LAKE RANGER STATION

(218) 993-2481

### HEADQUARTERS

Voyageurs National Park Headquarters

(218) 283-9821

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



### HISTORIC KETTLE FALLS HOTEL

(218) 374-4404

[www.kettlefallshotel.com](http://www.kettlefallshotel.com)

Open mid-May to September 30

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



# Boat Tours and Naturalist Programs

## 2003 Special Events

January – March,  
Wild Winter

**Rendezvous**  
(weekends) — Learn about ice cutting and travel by snowshoe or ski. These programs and more at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center.

Call (218) 286-5258, Wed. - Sun. for a schedule.

**June 6 – 8, Spring Birders Rendezvous** —

This celebration of spring migration offers naturalist-led walks and boat tours with regional ornithologists. **Schedule available in April, call (218) 286-5258.**

**June 20 – August 16, Special Speakers Series** (Fridays) —

sit back, relax and let a guest speaker intrigue you about the northwoods. Call (218) 875-2111.

**August 30 & 31 Welcome Autumn Rendezvous** —

Greet the change of seasons through nature walks, talks, boat tours and paddling. Create an autumn craft to remind you of your visit.

Schedule available in August, call (218) 875-2111.

## Other Program Notes

### Tour Boat Reservations:

- To make reservations for tour boat cruises call toll-free (888) 381-2873
- Reservations must be made with a credit card. (Visa or MasterCard only). You may pay cash once you board the boat.
- Cancellations must be made 24 hours prior to departure to avoid being charged.
- Reservations are highly recommended.
- Cruises require a minimum number of participants to go.
- See listed rates for cruises on program schedule at right.
- All trips are weather dependent.

### Group Tours:

Nonscheduled days are open for group tours and special trips.

### Canoe Programs:

- Reservations are recommended for all canoe trips.
- All canoe trips are weather dependent.
- Canoes, paddles, life jackets and instructions are provided.



## Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center • (218) 875-2111

= Tour Boat Cruise; Reservations recommended, call toll-free 888-381-2873.

### **Kettle Falls Cruise:**

June 16 – Sept. 1  
Sept. 6 & 13

Voyage to the historic Kettle Falls Hotel. After a pleasant 1.5 hour cruise, arrive with another 1.5 hours on land to dine at the hotel or enjoy a picnic lunch, and to explore the hotel and nearby dam. Tour fees do not include meals.

### **Kettle Falls Evening Cruise:**

July 1 – August 28

Experience the same beautiful trip to Kettle Falls in an evening setting.

### **Kabetogama Le Voyage glace:**

June 15 – August 31

Savor a special “cool” treat en route to see watchable wildlife on Lake Kabetogama. La glace included in fee. If you don’t know what la glace is – ask a ranger!

### **Welcome to Voyageurs Cruise:**

June 15 – August 31

Enjoy a scenic evening cruise on Lake Kabetogama and learn about Voyageurs National Park and its programs. Pizza and beverages provided for everyone, included in fee.

### **Sunset Wildlife Cruise:**

June 16 – August 16

August 17 – Sept. 1

View Kabetogama Lake’s islands and scenic bays transformed in sunset while observing loons, bald eagles, and other park wildlife. Marvel at unique sculptures while exploring winding garden paths during a half-hour stop at Ellsworth Rock Gardens.

### **Voyage by Canoe:**

June 17 – August 16

Join a ranger to learn the basics, then set out to see nearby islands and wildlife by canoe.

We provide lessons, canoes, paddles, and life jackets. All from novice to expert are welcome. Meet at the Woodenfrog Beach.

### **Voyageurs Adventures for Kids:**

June 18 – August 16

Explore the natural world around you with a park ranger.

Ask about our Junior Ranger Program. Meet at the Woodenfrog Beach.

### **Evening Ranger Program:**

June 19 – August 16

Discover the wonders of Voyageurs National Park, past and present, with a park naturalist or guest speaker during an evening presentation at the historic Woodenfrog Refectory Building.

### **North Canoe Voyage:** (reservations recommended)

June 15 – August 14

Paddle back in history aboard a North Canoe. Learn the Voyageur paddle salute, sing some French songs and explore the life of a voyageur. Meet at Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center.



## Ash River Visitor Center • (218) 374-3221

### **North Canoe Voyage:** (reservations recommended)

June 16 – August 13

Paddle back in history aboard a 26-foot North Canoe. Learn the Voyageur paddle salute, sing some French songs and explore the life of a voyageur. Meet at Ash River Visitor Center.

### **Evening Beaver Pond Explore:**

June 15 – August 12

Discover just how busy beavers really are. Learn how these master builders have shaped our land and history in amazing ways. View them, their pond, and the other wild creatures that inhabit it. Meet at the Beaver Pond Overlook.

### **Rock Talk:**

June 17 – August 14

If rocks could talk, what would they say? Hear the story of some of the oldest rocks on earth. Meet at the Ash River Visitor Center for a short rock walk.



## Rainy Lake Visitor Center • (218) 286-5258

= Tour Boat Cruise; Reservations recommended, call toll-free 888-381-2873.

**The park will offer special boat trips August 24 – September 1. Please call for schedule.**

### **Gold Mine Tour:**

June 15 – August 22

This tour takes you to Little American Gold Mine Island where you depart from the tour boat for a Ranger-led 1/4 mile walk (fully accessible) through the remains of the mining activities. Return to the boat and experience a tour through the “Gold Fields” of Rainy Lake.

### **Discovery Cruise:**

June 16 – August 23

Discover the wonders and beauty of Voyageurs National Park. The captain will navigate Rainy Lake in search of active bald eagle nests, abandoned gold mines and abundant wildlife. Bring your camera!

### **Full Moon Cruise:**

July 12 & August 12

Enjoy a tranquil boat trip while the moon glistens over the waters of Rainy Lake. Discover the night life of Voyageurs National Park and listen for the possibility of howling wolves.

### **Sunset Cruise:**

June 15 – August 21

Enjoy the beauty of Rainy Lake! Join a Ranger for a relaxed evening cruise through the waters of the inside channel while discovering the night life of Voyageurs National Park.

### **North Canoe Voyage:** (reservations recommended)

June 17 – August 16

Paddle back in history aboard a 26-foot North Canoe. Learn the Voyageur paddle salute, sing some French songs and explore the life of a voyageur.

### **Evening Canoe:** (reservations recommended)

June 19 – August 16

Join a ranger for a relaxing evening on Black Bay to explore the sights and sounds of Voyageurs. Experience not necessary. Instructions and equipment provided.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. CALL BEFORE MAKING FINAL PLANS.

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	ADULT	CHILD
<b>Kettle Falls Cruise:</b>		9:30-3				9:30-3	9:30-3	\$33	\$21
<b>Kettle Falls Evening Cruise:</b>			3:30-9		3:30-9			\$33	\$21
<b>Kabetogama Le Voyage glace:</b>	1:30-3							\$15	\$10
<b>Welcome to Voyageurs Cruise:</b>	5-6:30							\$15	\$10
<b>Sunset Wildlife Cruise:</b>		7-9 6:30-8:30				7-9 6:30-8:30	7-9 6:30-8:30	\$15 \$15	\$10 \$10
<b>Voyage by Canoe:</b>			9-11	2:30-4:30			2:30-4:30	Free	Free
<b>Voyageurs Adventures for Kids:</b>				1:30-2:30	11-12			Free	Free
<b>Evening Ranger Program:</b>					7:30-8:30	7:30-8:30	7:30-8:30	Free	Free
<b>North Canoe Voyage:</b>					1:30-3 3:30-5	1:30-3 3:30-5		\$4	\$2
								(North canoe rides—cash or check only)	
<b>North Canoe Voyage:</b>		1:30-3 3:30-5		1:30-3 3:30-5				\$4	\$2
								(North canoe rides—cash or check only)	
<b>Evening Beaver Pond Explore:</b>		8-9	8-9					Free	Free
<b>Rock Talk:</b>			3-4		3-4			Free	Free
<b>Gold Mine Tour:</b>	1-2:30		11-12:30	1-2:30	11-12:30	1-2:30		\$12	\$8
<b>Discovery Cruise:</b>		1-3	1-3	3-5	1-3	3-5	3-5	\$15	\$10
<b>Full Moon Cruise:</b>			9:30-11 (Aug. 12)				9:30-11 (July 12)	\$12	\$8
<b>Sunset Cruise:</b>	7-9				7-9			\$15	\$10
<b>North Canoe Voyage:</b>			9:30-11, 11:30-1			9:30-11, 11:30-1	9:30-11, 11:30-1	\$4	\$2
								(North canoe rides—cash or check only)	
<b>Evening Canoe:</b>					6-7:30			Free	Free





# Where to Go?

## Rainy Lake

### Rainy Lake Visitor Center

- **Voyageur Outpost – Children’s Corner**
- **Junior Ranger Program**
- **Boat Tours & Naturalist Programs**
- **Exhibits**
- **Life-size Bull Moose**
- **Gift Shop & Bookstore**
- **Theater Room for Park Slide Show & Films**
- **Indoor Fireplace**
- **Picnic Area with Tables & Fire Grates**
- **Hiking, Skiing & Snowshoeing Trails**
- **Docking & Boat Ramp**
- **Information, Maps, and Permits for Overnight Camping and Boats on Interior Lakes**
- **7-mile Ice Road**
- **Ski rentals & Free Snowshoe Loan**
- **Open Year-round**

### Little American Gold Mine Island

Discover the past on Little American Gold Mine Island while you explore the remains of mining activities. Today, a 210-foot shaft along with machinery and adits (entrances leading into mines) remain from the Rainy Lake Gold Rush. You may experience the island as part of a ranger-led walk (fully accessible) during a tour boat program or on your own with self-guided way-side exhibits and brochures. Bring along a sack lunch and stop at one of the benches for a leisurely and historical afternoon.



Bushyhead Island Mine

### Oberholtzer Trail

Travel to two overlooks to view the vast diversity of flora the park has to offer. Wheelchair accessible the first 1/2 mile. The trailhead is located just outside the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. Trail maps and self-guided brochures are available at the trailhead and visitor center.

### Anderson Bay

This trailhead is only accessible by watercraft. It will take you high up on the rocky cliffs to view spectacular scenery of Rainy Lake.

### Black Bay Beaver Pond Trail and Black Bay Ski Trail

The Black Bay Trails are accessible only by watercraft in the summer and the ice road in the winter. The Black Bay Beaver Pond Trail (1 mile round trip) takes you through high pine country to a stunning beaver pond overlook. The Black Bay Ski Trail offers 1.5 miles of beginner trails and 4.6 miles of intermediate trails.

## Crane Lake

### Crane Lake Ranger Station

- **Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and St. Louis County Boat Ramp & Docking**
- **United States Forest Service Hiking Trails**
- **Information, Maps, and Permits for Overnight Camping**



### Vermilion Falls

A 10-minute hike on a well-maintained interpretive trail puts the visitor at Vermilion Falls, a cascading torrent of water forced through a 10-foot wide opening in the granite. Two miles before Crane Lake turn left on USFS Road 491; travel four miles to the trailhead.

### Vermilion Gorge Trail

At a leisurely pace, this 3-mile trail can be easily hiked in 3 hours. The trail passes over rugged landscape of sheer granite cliffs and rock outcrops while paralleling the Vermilion Gorge. Interpretive signs along the trail describe the history of this area. The trailhead is located .1 mile north of the ranger station on the west side of the road.



Vermilion River rapids

## Kabetogama Peninsula

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### Boats on Interior Lakes Program

Experience the solitude of a remote lake on the Kabetogama Peninsula. For a fee of \$10 per boat per day, Voyageurs provides canoes and/or row-boats on the following interior lakes: Locator, Cranberry Creek (to get to Locator), Quill, Ek, Cruiser, Brown, Peary, Little Shoepack and Shoepack. Reservations can be made one week in advance by phone or in person. The trails leading to these interior lake boats are accessible only by water; visitors must arrange their own transportation to the trailhead. Call the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center (218) 875-2111 or Rainy Lake Visitor Center (218) 286-5258 for more details.

### Cruiser Lake Trail system

Visitors can enter the Cruiser Lake Trail System from either Rainy Lake or Kabetogama Lake. The trail will take you up rocky cliffs and down to wetland areas. The trail winds its way to several interior lakes where you can use a canoe and enjoy the tranquility of paddling through pristine waters. A visitor is more likely to see the park’s larger wildlife, such as moose while in this nonmotorized backcountry area.

### Historic Kettle Falls Hotel

The Kettle Falls Hotel was built around 1910 and is on the National Register of Historic Places. At one time it was a transient community of over 200 people including lumberjacks, fish buyers, prospectors, bootleggers, and tourists. Today, you can take a naturalist-led hike of the historic area as part of a tour boat program, dine at the concessionaire-operated historic hotel, stay overnight in the hotel or villas, view the Kettle Falls Dam and look south into Canada from atop the dam lookout.



### Chain-of-Lakes Snowmobile Trail

During the winter season get on your snowmobile and head out to the peninsula for a ride in the park’s pristine backcountry. Follow the 11-mile Chain-of-Lakes Trail (nongroomed) from Rainy to Kabetogama Lake. For more snowmobile trail information, contact the Rainy Lake Visitor Center (218) 286-5258.





# Where to Go?

## Kabetogama Lake

### Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center

- Children's Corner
- Exhibits & Freshwater Aquarium
- Gift Shop & Bookstore
- Junior Ranger Program
- Park Slide Show & Films
- Picnic Tables, Fire Rings & Benches
- Hiking Trails
- Docking & Boat Ramp
- Boat Tours & Naturalist Programs
- Orchids in Bloom (June & July) & Pond Life Viewing
- Information, Maps, and Permits for Overnight Camping & Boats on Interior Lakes
- Open May – September



### Locator Lake Trail

Reaching this trailhead by boat is only the start of the adventure! Portage your own canoe, or reserve a park canoe or rowboat (Boats on Interior Lakes program) on this scenic lake which marks the head of the interior chain of lakes. Enjoy a close-up view of a beaver dam and lodge as you hike this narrow, rocky, and colorful trail.

### Echo Bay Trail

Follow the signs to reach this trailhead by car northwest of the visitor center. Hike in summer, or ski the groomed trail in winter. A wide path takes you from aspens to pines as you pass through lowlands and rocky outcrops. Birding is great here with a great blue heron rookery and sightings of

warblers, woodpeckers, and even a great gray owl. Bring your binoculars and a sense of wonder to enjoy what you may discover.

### Woodenfrog State Campground

Accessible by car northwest of the visitor center, this State-operated area offers 60 primitive campsites and a day use beach and launch area.

Ask about the many naturalist programs the park offers here each summer. For information about the campground, call 218-753-2245.



Photo by Jim St. Clair



### Ellsworth Rock Gardens

Board a boat to visit this unique sculpture garden created by Mr. Jack Ellsworth during his summer visits from 1944 through 1965. He designed terraces of 32 varieties of flowers atop a 60-foot granite outcrop. Over 13,000 lilies bloomed at its peak. Today, you will see some of the original flowers Mr. Ellsworth planted as well as the artistic stone sculptures. A picnic shelter with a stone fireplace graces the spot where the Ellsworth summer home once stood.

## Ash River

### Ash River Visitor Center

- Historic Log Lodge Setting
- Stone Fireplace
- Gift Shop & Bookstore
- Children's Table & Junior Ranger Program
- Park Orientation Video, Natural & Cultural History Videos
- Picnic Tables & Fire Rings
- Docking & Boat Ramp
- Exhibits & Naturalist Programs
- Rustic Setting with Pine Covered Rock Outcrops
- Scenic Drive and Spectacular view of Kabetogama Lake
- Hiking Trails
- Information, Maps, and Permits for Overnight Camping & Boats on Interior Lakes
- Open May – September

### Ash River Trail Scenic Drive

Don't miss this! In a water-based park, scenic drives are hard to find, but this one rivals any others. Off Highway 53, the Ash River Trail (County Road 129), is a scenic paved, winding road that takes you to the visitor center entrance road. In summer, a spectacular carpet of native wildflowers lines the trail followed by brilliant red maples in the autumn. Miniature frozen waterfalls grace the rock faces in winter. Travel through spruce bogs and red pine forests as you watch for deer, foxes, grouse, gray jays, and wolves, all seen quite often along the trail.



### Voyageurs Forest Overlook

On the entrance road to the visitor center there are three pullouts. The first pullout is the Voyageurs Forest Overlook. This pullout has a short loop trail with interpretive signs and picnic and restroom facilities. Watch for wildlife as you learn more about the area's forest history.



### Beaver Pond Overlook and Kab-Ash Trail

This is the second pullout along the entrance road. A short uphill hike leads to a rocky terrace high above one of the park's beaver ponds. With a park population of over 2,800, the influence of beavers on the landscape is noticeable. For best viewing opportunities, visit the overlook near sunset. The park offers naturalist programs here during the summer. In winter, watch for wolf tracks leading to beaver lodges and for warm air rising from roof vents. The overlook also serves as one of the trailheads for the new Kab-Ash Trail. **(See page 12 for more details).**

### Blind Ash Bay Trail and Kabetogama Lake Overlook

This is the third and closest pullout to the visitor center. A short wheelchair accessible trail through the forest leads to a bench with a view of the lake. The overlook also serves as a starting point for the Blind Ash Bay Trail, a narrow, rocky path leading to a view of Blind Ash Bay. You may also start this popular hike from the overflow parking lot at the visitor center. Bring water, bug repellent, and sturdy shoes. Explore by snowshoe in the winter.



### Sullivan Bay Snowshoe Trail

Only available in winter, strap on your snowshoes for a 1.5 mile round trip trek to view Sullivan Bay. Watch for the snowshoe sign along the entrance road.





## Things to Know

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

### GENERAL REGULATIONS

- 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.
- **Don't drink and drive!** Operating a boat or snowmobile while under the influence of drugs or alcohol is prohibited.
- **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.
- Hunting is not allowed in the park.
- Firearms, fireworks, and archery equipment are prohibited. Chain saws are prohibited except for cutting 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 cross the border – (807) 274-3655.
- **Pets** are allowed in developed areas, around visitor centers, boat ramps, picnic areas, and tent, houseboat, and day use sites 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.**
- **Quiet Time** — Parkwide 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- **Anglers know the slot!** If you plan to fish in the park get a copy of the 2003 Minnesota Fishing Regulations at area



businesses and visitor centers. A Minnesota fishing license is required to fish in the park. Know the slot limit (size limit) for the lakes where you will be fishing. Park rangers enforce Minnesota state fishing regulations.

- **Use steel sinkers instead of lead, which can poison loons.**
- **Catch and release fishing**
  - Play, unhook, and release fish quickly
  - Don't rub off protective slime
  - Needle nose pliers speed up hook removal
  - Handle fish firmly, but gently, never by eye sockets
  - Keep fish in the water to the greatest extent possible
  - If gut hooks, cut line and release



**National Park Service Artist-in-Residence Program:** Voyageurs National Park invites professional artists to stay at the park for two weeks in order to interpret the park through art. Applications for residencies are open to two-dimension visual artists, photographers, sculptors, performers, writers, video/filmmakers and composers. When: August, two weeks. How: application deadline February 15. **Contact Artist-in-Residence Coordinator at 218-283-9821.**

**Do you want to work for Voyageurs National Park?** The National Park Service hires many seasonal employees throughout the year. Applicants may apply to specific announcements posted on the internet at [www.usajobs.opm.gov](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov) or [www.sep.nps.gov](http://www.sep.nps.gov) or by contacting the Human Resources Office at Voyageurs National Park, 3131 Highway 53, International Falls, MN 56649 or at (218) 283-9821.








**Please don't drink and drive...**  
**...a car!**  
**...a boat!**  
**...a snowmobile!**


Last year two people died in Voyageurs National Park. Both deaths were caused by drinking and driving and speeding — one in a boat and one on a snowmobile. Both deaths could have been prevented.

We need your help to make Voyageurs a safe place to visit. The alcohol limits and laws that apply to automobile drivers are the same for operators of boats and snowmobiles. **Come to Voyageurs to enjoy the scenery and recreation, not to risk your life.**




# Camping and Houseboating

## The Basics

-  You need a boat, all overnight sites are accessible by water only
-  All sites are free
-  All sites are occupied on a first-come/first-served basis; no reservations
-  Obey all site closure signs
-  Food storage – all food, garbage, and equipment used to cook and store food must be kept in a vehicle, vessel, metal food locker at campsite or hung 10' high and 10' out from a pole or tree. This regulation applies throughout the park.
-  Group sizes – recommended group sizes
  - small tent site – 9 people
  - large tent site – 18 people
  - houseboat site – 2 houseboats maximum
-  **Fires**
  - Use only dead and downed wood, including driftwood, except within developed areas and where posted
  - Cutting live trees or dead standing trees is prohibited
  - Fires 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.
- Overnight docking is permitted at Kettle Falls, but no overnight docking is permitted at park visitor centers.
- Leaving property unattended in an overnight site for 24 hours or more is illegal.
- Use tent pads where provided – no digging, trenching, or leveling allowed.

-  Overnight use requires a free, self-registration permit
  - Overnight permits are issued in person or by self-registration.
  - Permits and instructions can be obtained at all park visitor centers and boat ramps, Crane Lake Ranger Station, Crane Lake Department of Natural Resources public boat ramp, and Woodenfrog State Campground.
  - Only one permit for each party (individual or group) per stay is required.
  - Each party (individual or group) must display a permit at their site on the food locker, a tent or houseboat.
  - Permits **ARE NOT** a reservation for a site!
  - Park staff at visitor centers will not know which sites are available as a result of this permit system.
  - Rangers in the field may ask to see your overnight permit. Failure to possess and display a valid overnight permit may result in a citation.
  - Permits are not required for day use.
  - Between May 15 and September 15, tent and houseboat camping within the park is limited to 14 days at a specific site and 30 days in a calendar year.

## Know where you can go!

-  Campers and houseboaters may not stay overnight:
  - at day use sites
  - within 200 yards of a designated tent, houseboat, or day use site
  - on private or leased land
  - within 1/4 mile of any park-developed area (e.g. visitor center)
-  Tent campers use tent sites. Tent campers cannot stay overnight in houseboat sites.
-  Houseboaters use houseboat sites. Houseboaters cannot stay in tent sites.

## Do bears use sunscreen, drink pop, and eat dog food?

**Did you know that approximately 150 black bears live in Voyageurs National Park? Bears are neat to see but you don't want them to visit your campsite. To prevent human-bear incidents, the park provides metal food lockers at most developed campsites for safe storage of food, cooking supplies, and other items. Black bears will try to eat things that smell good or look interesting.**

To help keep bears out of your campsite put the following items in the food locker or hang your pack from a tree:

- closed or open cans or bottles of beer, pop, and juice – especially beer. Bears will bite into a closed can if it smells sweet or if they recognize it as something that tasted sweet before.
- dish soap and hand soap – loved by bears, especially the tasty lemon scent
- water bottles or water jugs
- all food; coolers fit right into the food locker
- dog food in a can or bag, it does not matter, bears will eat it
- all food scraps and trash
- all pots, pans, utensils, and cooking stoves. You cannot scrub the smell off pans or stoves.
- toothpaste – children's toothpaste flavors smell especially tasty
- sunscreen
- bug spray, yes bears may bite into your can of bug spray
- your catch of the day – don't leave food, bait or the catch of the day in your boat or out in camp
- backpacks or containers that once held food
- clothing worn during cooking
- any kind of candy or gum wrappers. Patrol rangers have received reports of boats being ripped apart for a candy wrapper in a boat compartment. Leave boat compartments open at night so bears will not rip your boat apart to see what is inside. Better to let them look and not damage your boat.
- take motor oil and gas with you in the boat when you go fishing; bears bite into gas cans and oil cans

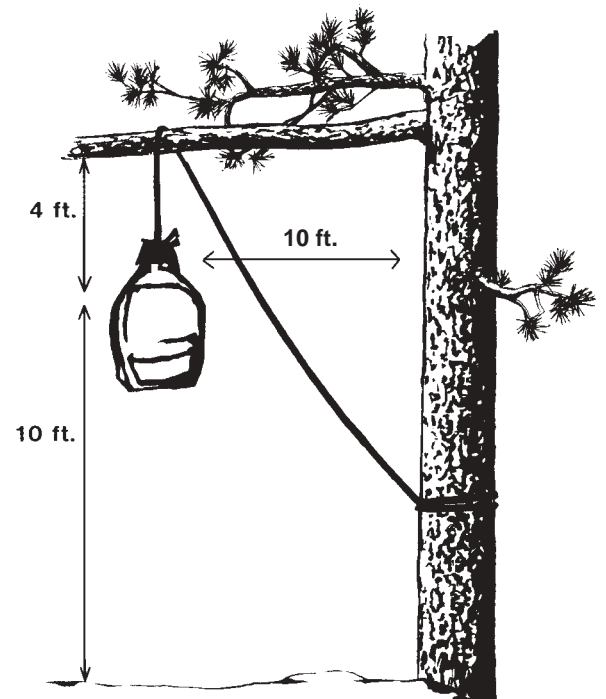


If an item smells, looks, or tastes remotely like food or is something fun to play with, secure it in the food locker. Clean campsites and the use of food lockers help prevent campsite closures and the trapping and relocation of bears.

If you plan to camp in the backcountry or at a site without a food locker, you must hang your pack with the items listed above as shown in the diagram at right.

When camping in bear country keep these things in mind:

- do not cook food near your tent
- do not keep food in your tent
- pack out your garbage when you leave; do not bury it
- do not feed bears or other wildlife
- dispose of fish entrails in deep water; pack out shorelunch grease
- frighten black bears by yelling, banging pans together or throwing rocks
- if a bear woofs, snaps its jaws, or slaps the ground, you are too close
- "playing dead" is NOT appropriate behavior during black bear attacks, fight back using whatever is available.

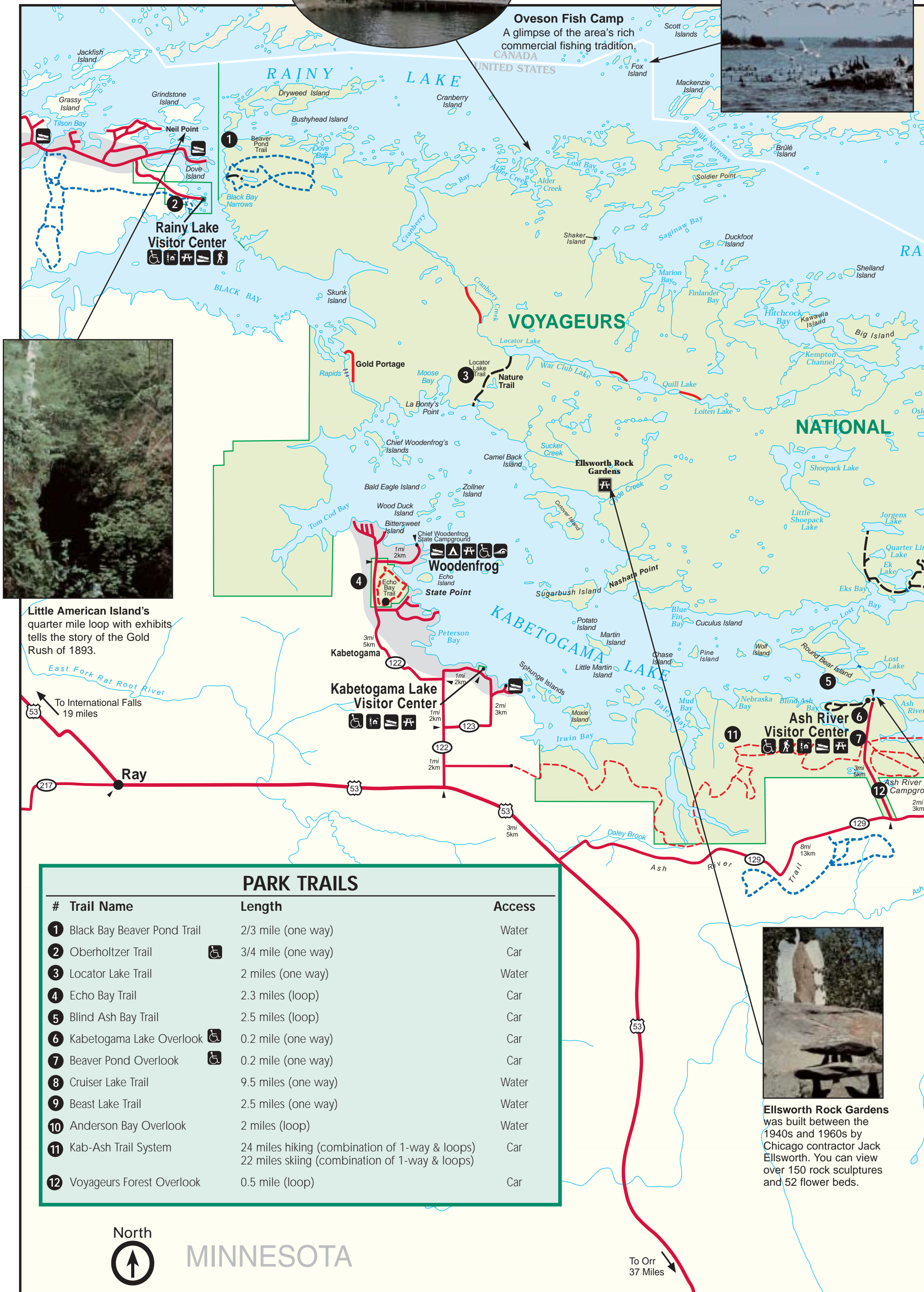


**Did you encounter a bear?  
Report all bear incidents to a park visitor center.**





# Map - I



**Oveson Fish Camp**  
A glimpse of the area's rich commercial fishing tradition.

**Rainy Lake Visitor Center**

**Woodenfrog State Point**

**Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center**

**Ash River Visitor Center**



**Ellsworth Rock Gardens** was built between the 1940s and 1960s by Chicago contractor Jack Ellsworth. You can view over 150 rock sculptures and 52 flower beds.

**Little American Island's** quarter mile loop with exhibits tells the story of the Gold Rush of 1893.

#	Trail Name	Length	Access
1	Black Bay Beaver Pond Trail	2/3 mile (one way)	Water
2	Oberholtzer Trail	3/4 mile (one way)	Car
3	Locator Lake Trail	2 miles (one way)	Water
4	Echo Bay Trail	2.3 miles (loop)	Car
5	Blind Ash Bay Trail	2.5 miles (loop)	Car
6	Kabetogama Lake Overlook	0.2 mile (one way)	Car
7	Beaver Pond Overlook	0.2 mile (one way)	Car
8	Cruiser Lake Trail	9.5 miles (one way)	Water
9	Beast Lake Trail	2.5 miles (one way)	Water
10	Anderson Bay Overlook	2 miles (loop)	Water
11	Kab-Ash Trail System	24 miles hiking (combination of 1-way & loops) 22 miles skiing (combination of 1-way & loops)	Car
12	Voyageurs Forest Overlook	0.5 mile (loop)	Car



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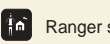
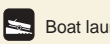


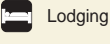
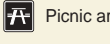
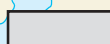

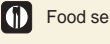
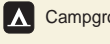
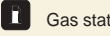
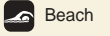
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# Destinations and Trails

## Fox Islands

A raucous welcome awaits visitors to this popular birding site.

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

## ONTARIO

## Kettle Falls Hotel

Built around 1910, this National Register site was at one time a transient community of over 200 people including lumberjacks, fish buyers, prospectors, bootleggers and tourists. Today the tradition of hospitality continues.



Historic dam tender's cabin



Ash River Visitor Center

Constructed in 1935, historic Meadwood Lodge is now the Ash River Visitor Center. The lodge's superior craftsmanship illustrates the rustic style vacation retreats of the 1930s.

Grassy Bay Cliffs are an impressive sight of pink to light gray Lac La Croix granite.



## Crane Lake Ranger Station

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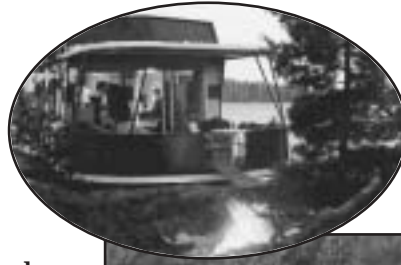


# Voyageurs — A Boater's Park

With over 80,000 acres of water, **Voyageurs National Park is a boater's paradise.** This is a unique park. With fewer than 10 miles of roads, visitors must leave their cars behind for a motorboat, tourboat (see page 3), canoe, houseboat, kayak or sailboat to truly experience the park.

**With increased numbers 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; wakes from your vessel may swamp paddlers.



- Canoes and kayaks can be difficult to see and should avoid using the main channels.

- Motorized and nonmotorized vessels launch at the same locations. Please watch out for each other.



- Paddlers should observe the angle of a motorboat's bow – the driver may not see you.



## Do You Know Where Your Lifejacket Is?

Always wear your life jacket – it won't work unless you wear it. Minnesota state law requires all watercraft, including canoes and kayaks, to have one wearable U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device (PFD) on board and readily accessible for each person in the watercraft.



## Navigation You Need to Know

**The U.S. Coast Guard Buoy System:** The Coast Guard numbered red and green buoy system is 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 (red right return).**

**3** Can buoys are green with odd numbers. Keep them to the left when going uplake.



Circled mark means a controlled area. It may carry a speed limit, for example.

**2** Nun buoys are red with even numbers. Keep them to the right when going uplake.



Divers flag warns of the presence of divers, who may be just under the surface.



Diamond shape warns of danger. **Cross in diamond means boats must keep out.**

## Safe Boating Checklist

- A wearable life preserver readily accessible for each person
- Navigation lights at night
- Fire extinguisher
- Whistle or horn
- Navigational maps
- Anchor, paddles or oars, and lines
- Spare propeller and shear pin
- Flashlight and first aid kit
- Type IV throwable cushion or ring

## Reminders...

- Don't overload the boat.
- All passengers should stay seated or within boat while boat is moving.
- Watch the weather — get off the lake during thunderstorms.
- Watch for hypothermia from cold water and wind.
- Know where you can refuel.
- Avoid prolonged exposure.
- BOAT SOBER — operating a boat under the influence of drugs or alcohol is illegal.**





# Where's the Wildlife?

Voyageurs has hundreds of fascinating species of flora and fauna that live here or spend a season. Be sure your visit includes some of these highlighted events. No matter when you visit, there is never enough time to see it all. Why not try a couple of seasons to really feel the wonder of this ever-changing land?



## Summer (June-August)

The park supports a large population of river otters. Watch for scat containing crayfish and shell remains on rocks, docks, and trails. Look for long (up to 25 feet) slide marks in the mud.

In late May, June, and July many wildflowers are in bloom. You can find orchids, such as Yellow and Showy Ladyslippers and Purple Fringed, as well as an abundance of other wildflowers in close proximity to the visitor centers and along park trails. Ask for a wildflower checklist and trail guide at one of the park's visitor centers.



Summer is a time to enjoy the newest residents of the park. Eaglets that hatched in May call for food from their lofty stick nests. Black bear cubs born during winter learn to search for food at their mother's side. Common loon chicks emerge from large brown

eggs starting in late June, and learn about life in the park from a cozy spot on the female's back. In early August, watch for eaglets (lacking the white head and tail) tentatively leaving their white pine nests for the first time.

Look down and all around at colorful lichens on the soil, rocks, and trees. Can you find the 400 kinds that grow here?

## Autumn (September-November)

Maple trees become clothed in scarlet and the larches, or tamaracks, turn to gold; they are the only conifer here to drop their needles. With the changing leaves and the cool, crisp air, it's the perfect time to hike the park's many trails.

Snow buntings and dark-eyed juncos from the north gather in flocks along the roadsides searching for wild seeds. They whirl up into the sky as you pass by. Summer is at an end.

Minnesota's state bird, the common loon, of sharp black and white contrast, turns a dull gray before leaving for open waters.

Autumn is a time of dramatic change in the north woods. As the ice forms, its howls drift through the silence as the freeze slowly takes hold once again. Winter is on the way.

## Winter (December-March)

Once frozen, lakes provide the path of least resistance for wolf packs on the hunt for deer, beaver and moose. They may be seen crossing the lakes. Drive along the park's ice road and watch for their tracks and those of bald eagles, red fox, and common ravens around a winter kill.

Still and silent, the park is a winter palace of pastel skies and a frosted land. Tracks on the snow tell the tales of those who venture out into this stunning solitude. Watch for the rare track of a lynx or the common track of snowshoe hares. Look for long (up to 25 feet) slides in snow left by playful river otters.



Cold – to escape it, ruffed grouse dive into deep snowbanks for warmth, where the snow acts as insulation. Watch for smooth entrance holes or explosion type exit spots with tell tale feather markings in the snow.



Watch for winter birds like flocks of evening and pine grosbeaks, and bohemian waxwings. You may even catch a glimpse of a great grey or snowy owl.

## Spring (April-May)

Look up. Migrating birds are returning to nest or eat in the park. Flocks of white pelicans are a common sight. Listen for the cry of the returning common loon as he calls to melting lakes below seeking an unoccupied site for the summer.

Winter adaptations are no longer necessary as snow melts and lakes thaw. Snowshoe hares and ermine change from white to brown and the land slowly turns green again. Black bears emerge and search for tender buds.

In May, listen to the trees and the ponds as the calls of frogs and tiny warblers fill the air.



Species	Arrival	Departure	Destination
Common Loon	Ice-out, late April–mid-May	October	Atlantic & gulf coasts; stay on ocean all winter
Bald Eagle	Late March–early April nesting activity begins.	October–November	Atlantic & gulf coast east; Great Lakes, southwest & western United States
White Pelican	Late April, breed at Lake of the Woods, forage for fish in the park.	October	Gulf coast & all of Florida
Warblers	Leaf-out early–mid-May	August–October	Central & South America, Mexico and the Caribbean
Ducks	Late March–early April.	October–November	Central & southern United States
Species	Seasonal Activities	Daily Activity	Wildlife Watching
Black Bear	Den up: October Emerge: April	Active at all times of day: feed, travel, rest intermittently during day	At locations of natural food sources such as blueberry patches and areas of hazelnuts or acorns
Grey Wolf	Breeding season February, pups born in April	Warm season: travel & hunt at night; winter–active at all times of day	On large lakes on ice during winter
Moose	Breeding September–October, calves born late May	Mostly active at night, but occasionally travel & feed during the day	Feeding on aquatic vegetation along lakes & ponds at dusk and dawn during spring & summer
River Otter	Breed in late winter or early spring, shortly after litter is born	Active swimming, feeding & playing during the day	Swimming in lakes, ponds and streams
Beaver	Breed in January & February, kits born in May or June	Feeding activity occurs mostly from dusk to dawn	Swimming along the edges of ponds and lakes at dusk
Frogs	Breeding season March–July, depending on species: wood frog–March; green frog–July	Most active during evening	Frogs can be heard singing at dusk or dawn on ponds, lake edges and wetlands





# Grand Opening – Kab-Ash Hiking and Ski Trail

## A Grand Opening for a Grand Trail

### Grand Opening

On Saturday, August 24, 2002, under a benevolent, sunny sky, the new Kab-Ash Trail was officially opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony, commemorative water bottles, trail mix,



hikes, and even a special song written just for the occasion. Keynote speaker, Senator Mark Dayton, and many others, helped commemorate the achievement that has more than doubled the length of the hiking and skiing trails available in the park.

### How do you create over 24 miles of new trail in 4 years?

With lots of help from the Minnesota Conservation Corps (MCC) and Student Conservation Association (SCA). Hundreds of hours have been logged by high school students volunteering for the SCA and by youth groups working for the MCC. They put in thousands of feet of boardwalk, created stone steps, leveled out uneven terrain and brushed miles and miles of trails.

Thank you!

### Trail Constructed in Cooperation with:

- Ash River Commercial Club
- Kabetogama Lake Association
- Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources
- Minnesota Conservation Corps (MCC)
- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
- Student Conservation Association (SCA)
- Voyageurs National Park



### Kab-Ash Hiking and Ski Trail

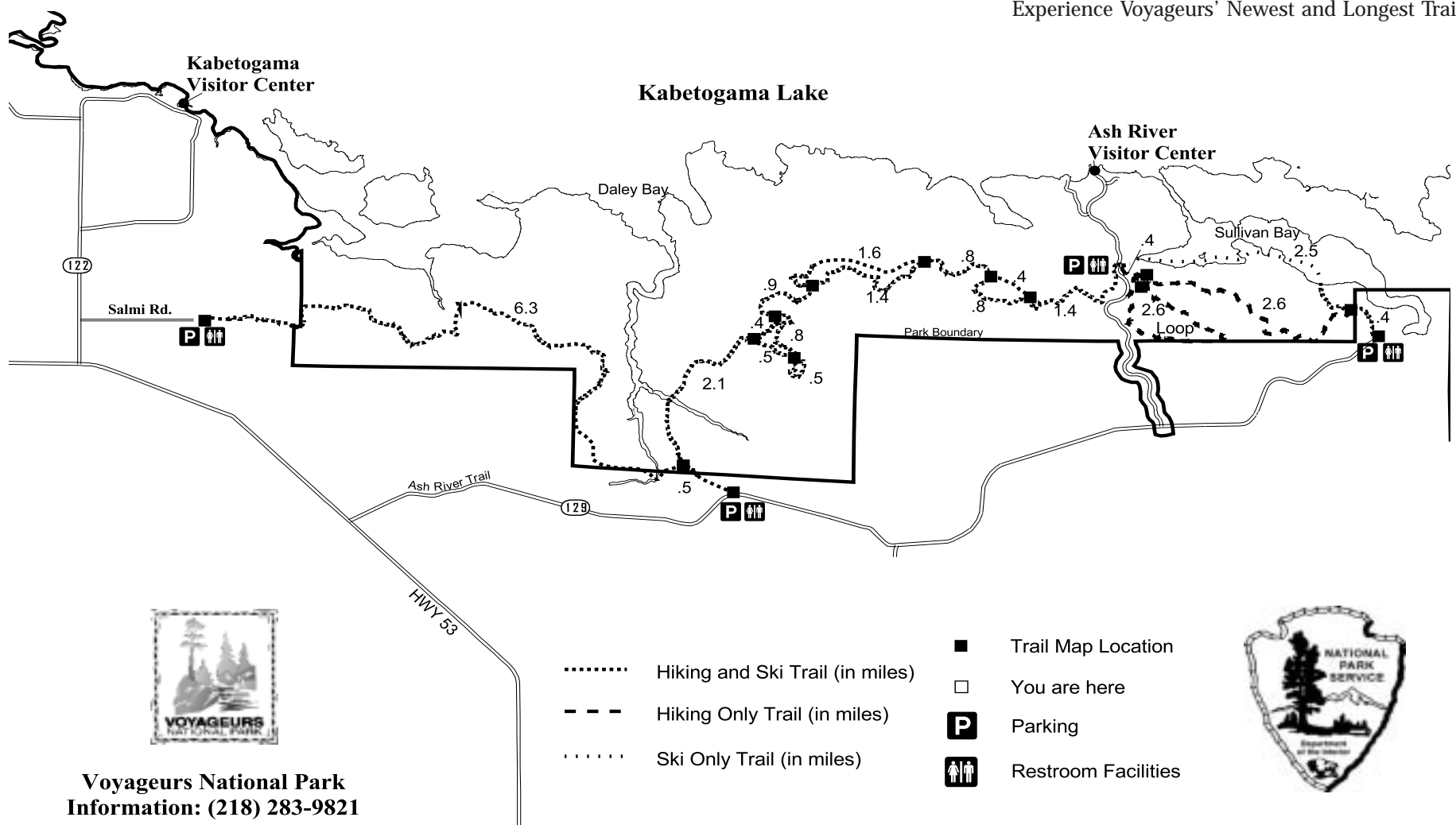
This year over 24 miles of trail were added to the Voyageurs National Park trail system. What makes it so valuable is that all 4 trailheads are accessible by car. Linking the two communities of Kabetogama and Ash River, the trail passes through lowlands, over rock ridges and across brooks. The terrain is



diverse and stunning, with vistas around every corner. Restroom and parking facilities are available at each trailhead. Backcountry camping is allowed along the trail, using the same rules that apply throughout the park.

## Kab-Ash Hiking and Ski Trail System

Experience Voyageurs' Newest and Longest Trail



Voyageurs National Park  
Information: (218) 283-9821

Funds provided by the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources



# Winter Activities

Winter visitors enjoy the beauty of Voyageurs National Park by snowmobile, on cross-country skis, in an auto on the ice road, on snowshoes, or in ice-fishing houses. Voyageurs invites visitors who want to get out of the cold to come to the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. At the Center, you can enjoy exhibits and programs that feature dogsledders, wintering voyageurs, and naturalists who share their knowledge and perspectives about the history and ecology of Voyageurs National Park.

## Rainy Lake Visitor Center Winter Hours and Services

The Rainy Lake Visitor Center is open Wednesday to Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call 218/286-5258. The Visitor Center offers:

- Voyageurs National Park information
- Convenient snowmobile parking
- Snow and ice condition updates
- A cozy fire and hot beverages
- Voyageurs Outpost – Children’s corner
- Maps of ski, snowshoe & snowmobile trails
- Gift Shop & Bookstore
- Lifesize bull moose
- Exhibits and films
- Snowshoes for loan
- Cross-country ski rentals

## Winter Programs at Rainy Lake Visitor Center

Learn about ice cutting and totem poles or go snowshoeing or skiing. All these programs and more this winter at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. Visit or call 218/286-5258 or 888/381-2873 for a schedule.

## Gas, Food, Lodging, and More...

Lodging, food, gas, and other services are available in the four resort communities adjacent to the park.

## Know the Closures

- All land areas in the park are closed to snowmobiles except for safety portage trails and the Chain of Lakes scenic trail.
- Some areas may be posted closed for wildlife protection. Obey the signs on the trail.

## Snowmobile Trail Conditions Information

Voyageurs National Park: trail conditions posted weekly at [www.nps.gov/voya](http://www.nps.gov/voya); look for link under “news & events”

International Falls.....	800/FALLS MN
Kabetogama Lake.....	800/524-9085
Ash River.....	800/950-2061
Crane Lake .....	800/362-7405

## Kettle Falls Hotel

The Kettle Falls Hotel is closed during the winter. Access to view the hotel up close is by foot only. There are no snowmobile trails up to the front of the hotel.

## Cross-Country Skiing

Enjoy the tranquility of cross-country skiing at Voyageurs National Park. Ski rentals available at Rainy Lake Visitor Center. Area ski trails (groomed and tracked unless noted) include:

- The Black Bay Ski Trail is located 1 mile north of the Rainy Lake Visitor Center on the Rainy Lake Ice Road and offers 6 miles of trail.
- The Minnesota Department of Natural Resource’s challenging 10.2-mile Tilson Creek Trail is accessible from the Rainy Lake Visitor Center upper parking lot. Groomed and ungroomed sections.
- Approximately 3.5 miles of forested trail await the skier at the Echo Bay Trail. The trail is located 3.5 miles from the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center. Follow County Road 122 north toward Woodenfrog Campground. Turn right at the Northern Lights Road. Parking area is on the left.
- The Kab-Ash trail offers 22 miles of ski trails.



## Ice Fishing

Ghostly winter quiet, rugged piney shorelines, and outstanding angling make Voyageurs National Park an ice angler’s dream. Place ice houses at least 50 feet from the center of snowmobile trails or the ice road.

## Rainy Lake Ice Road

The 7-mile Rainy Lake Ice Road extends from the boat launch ramp at Rainy Lake Visitor Center to the mouth of Cranberry Bay.

- The ice road is open to cars and trucks of less than 7,000 lbs. gross vehicle weight. **SNOWMOBILES** are **NOT** permitted on the ice road.
- The speed limit is 30 MPH.
- When heavy snow, slush, or thin ice exists, the ice road may be closed or shortened for safety. Travel beyond the plowed section is unsafe.

## Snowshoeing

Journey into the past! For hundreds of years, people traveled on snowshoes. Explore the winter landscape on one of the park’s three tracked snowshoe trails. Snowshoes for loan are available at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center.

- Blind Ash Bay Trail (2.5 miles round trip). Trailhead is at the Kabetogama Lake overlook parking lot along the road to the Ash River Visitor Center.
- Sullivan Bay Trail (1.5 miles round trip). Follow signs to the Ash River Visitor Center. Trailhead is just past the Beaver Pond Overlook on the north side of Sullivan Bay.
- Oberholtzer Trail (2 miles round trip). Trailhead is just outside the Rainy Lake Visitor Center.



## All About Snowmobiling

Snowmobiling is a popular winter activity at Voyageurs National Park. A snowmobile can take you miles into the heart of the park’s big lakes.

## Trail Grooming

Trails are groomed with a quad-track. Snowmobiles should yield right-of-way to the groomer by staying to the extreme right side of the trail. How often the park grooms trails depends upon trail and snow conditions, and the availability of staff.

## Don’t Get Bugged Down

Avoid slush! Stay on groomed trails! Slush forms when snow weighs down the ice and forces water up through cracks. Heavy snow may insulate the slush and keep it from freezing. Slush can be several inches deep, causing snowmobiles to become bogged down. Grooming packs the snow, pushing water up to the surface where it freezes.



## Snowmobile Safety Tips

Follow these tips to make your visit a safe and courteous one.

- Call for trail conditions before you leave home or check [www.nps.gov/voya](http://www.nps.gov/voya).
- Keep to the right when passing trail markers, on portages, and especially when visibility is poor.
- Marked land portages help snowmobilers avoid thin ice and open water. Use them!
- Snowmobile speed limit is 45 miles per hour on trails and 25 miles per hour on safety portages.
  - Avoid slush by staying on marked and groomed trails.
  - Be alert for ice pressure ridges. Along trails, they are marked with 2 crossed orange caution stakes on each side.
  - Travel with others and let someone at home know your planned route and time of return.
  - **DON’T drink and drive. It is illegal to operate a snowmobile under the influence of alcohol or drugs.**

PLANNING YOUR VISIT

OUTDOOR FUN

SNOWMOBILES





# VOYAGEURS

## Kabetogama Lake

Kabetogama Tourism Bureau  
9903 Gamma Rd., Lake Kabetogama, MN 56669  
(218) 875-2621 or (800) 524-9085  
www.kabetogama.com

			Housekeeping Cabins & Rooms	Minimum night stay required	Dining: A-American Plan, P-Public Dining, L-Lounge/Bar	Services: B-Bait, D-Dump Station, I-Ice L-Fishing License, P-Parking Lot, R-Groceries, S-Shower, G-Gas, (FGO)-For Guests Only	Campsites & Services Available W-Water, E-Electricity, S-Sewer, D-Dump Station, B-Bathroom, T-Tent Sites, RV-RV Sites	Boat Rentals: F-Fishing, R-Runabout, C-Canoe, P-Paddleboat, PO-Pontoon, K-Kayak, S-Sailboat, RB-Rowboat, D-Dockage; N-Snowmobile, (FGO)-For Guests Only	Swimming: B-Beach, P-Pool	R-Recreation Room, P-Playground	Season of Operation (All year may include shutdown periods.)
Arrowhead Lodge and Resort	arrowheadlodgeresort.com	(866) 847-7118	16	1	AL	BDIRSG	3WESDBRV	FCKPOD	B	RP	All Year
Birch Grove Resort		(877) 878-4502	6	1		BIPRG	4WEBSTRV	FCP	B		May-Oct.
Bunt's Kablins		(888) 741-1020	5	1		P			B		May-Sept.
Calm Bay's White Eagle Resort		875-2341	4	1	APL	BIPG		FPOCP			All Year
Carlson's Harmony Beach Resort	fishandgame.com/harmonybeach	875-2811	23	1	A	BIPG	4WEBTRV	F	B	P	All Year
Cedar Cove Campsites & Resort		875-3851	3	1		BG	20WESDBTRV	F	B		May-Sept.
Deer Horn Resort	fishandgame.com/deerhorn	(888) 600-3337	7	2		BIG		F(FGO)			May-Oct.
Driftwood Lodge Resort		(888) 816-1529	12	2		BIG(FGO)		F(FGO)		RP	May-Sept.
Dyrstad's Retreat		875-2532	2	7		BG(FGO)		FC(FGO)	B		May-Sept.
Eagle Wing Resort	eaglewingresort.com	875-3111	4	1		BIG		F	B	P	May-Sept.
Four Winds Resort	fourwindsresort.com	Winter (641) 394-4303 875-2821	10	1		BIG	2WESBRV	F			May-Oct.
Grand View Resort/Tall Timber	grandviewresort.net	(800) 844-6502	10	1		BIG		FCPOP	B	P	May-Sept.
Herseth's Tomahawk Resort	hersethstomahawkresort.com	(888) 834-7899	9	1				POFCP(FGO)	B	P	May-Oct.
Kec's Kove	fishandgame.com/kecs	(800) 777-8405	7	1	APL	BIG		FP		RP	All Year
Lakeview Resort	fishandgame.com/lakeview	(877) 422-2471	9	1	L	BIGR		FPD	B	RP	May-Oct.
Moosehorn Resort	moosehornresort.com	(800) 777-7968	9	1		BIPG	6WESRV	FCP	B	P	All Year
Narbo's Viking Retreat		875-2051	2	1			4WESRV	POFCP	B	P	May-Oct.
North Star Resort		875-2175	7	2		BG		F(FGO)		P	May-Sept.
Northern Lights Resort & Outfitters	northernlightsresortoutfitting.com	(800) 318-7023	10	3		BIPG		FCKPO	B	RP	All Year
Park Point Resort	parkpoint.com	(800) 272-4533	8	2		BG	3WESRV	F(FGO)	B	P	May-Oct.
Pine Aire Resort	pineaire.com	(877) 875-2161	9	1	L	BILPRSG	14WEBTRV	POFCPK	B	RP	All Year
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Pokorny's Resort & Campground		875-2481	6	1	PL		15WEDBRV	FP	B	RP	May-Oct.
Red Pine Lodge & Resort	redpineresort.com	875-2441	16	3	APL	BIPG	12WESBTRV	F		R	All Year
Rocky Ledge Resort		875-3481	0		PL	I		F			All Year
Rocky Point Resort	rpr.hypermart.net	(877) 579-7822	11	1	APL	BIRG	4WESBTRV	PFRCP	B	RP	All Year
Sandy Point Lodge & Outfitters	sandypointlodge.com	(800) 777-8595	16	1	APL	BIPSG	4WEBRV	FCPPO	B	P	All Year
Snyder's Idlewild Resort	idlewildresort.com	(888) 483-4608	10	2		BIG	4WEBRV	FP	P	RP	May-Sept.
Voyageurs Adventures Outfitting	voyageursadventures.com	(877) GO KAYAK	4	1		S	2WBTRV	FCK			May-Oct.
Voyageur Park Lodge	voyageurparklodge.com	(800) 331-5694	12	3					B	RP	May-Sept.
Woodenfrog Campground	State of Minnesota dnr.state.mn.us	753-2245					60WTRV		B		All Year

## Crane Lake

Crane Lake Visitor and Tourism Bureau  
7238 Handberg Rd. • Crane Lake, MN 55725  
(800) 362-7405  
www.visitcranelake.com

Anderson Outfitters	anderson-outfitters.com	(800) 777-7186	1	1		BILPRSG		C			May-Sept.
Beddow's Campground		993-2389	2	2		BDIPG	25WESDBTRV	F	B		May-Sept.
Berger's Trading Post	bergers.nototravel.com	993-2376	6	1		BILRSG			B		May-Sept.
Borderland Lodge & Outfitters	borderlandlodge.com	(800) 777-8392	13	1	PL	BILPRG		FC	P	RP	All Year
Camp 40 Outfitters	camp40.com	(800) 269-7377	8	1		BISG	B	CRPOK			All Year
Gateway Lodging		993-2415	3	1		G		FCKS	B		All Year
Lakeview Motel		993-2398	5	1		BIR	1WERV	F	B	P	May-Oct.
Nelson's Resort	nelsonsresort.com	(800) 433-0743	28	1	APL	BILPRSG		FPO	B	RP	May-Sept.
Norway Lodge	norwaylodge.com	(800) 269-7377	9	1		BISG		FRCPPOKD		P	All Year
Pine Point Lodge & Resort	pinepointlodge.com	(800) 628-4446	9	1	L	BILPRG		FCRPOS	B	RP	May-Oct.
Pine Ridge Motel		(888) 310-4225	4	1							All Year
Sand Point Lodge		374-3891	5	1	P	BILRSG		FC	B		May-Oct.
Scott's Peaceful Valley Resort		993-2330	6	2		SG		F	B	RP	May-Sept.
Scott's Resort & Seaplane Base		(800) 993-8576	3	1	PL	BILPG		POFP	B	P	All Year
Trail's End Resort		(888) 844-2257	8	2	PL	BIPSG	2E3WESBTRV	FPOK	B	RP	All Year
Voyageurs Landing Resort		993-2401	3	1		P					All Year
Voyagaire Lodge & Houseboats	houseboatvacation.com	(800) 882-6287		1	APL	BDILPSG	DB	FCR	B	P	All Year
Wildwood Escape-Deluxe Privacy	wildwoodescape.com	993-2379	1	1				PPOKN			All Year
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## Ash River

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

Ash-Ka-Nam Resort	ashkanamresort.com	(800) 950-1081	11	1	P	BIPG		FCN			All Year
Ash River Campground	State of Minnesota dnr.state.mn.us	753-2245					9WTRV				All Year
Ash Trail Lodge	ashtrailodge.com	(800) 777-4513	17	1	APL	BILPRG		FRCPPONRB	B	P	All Year
Ebel's Voyageur Houseboats	ebels.com	(800) 253-5475		20	Houseboats	BILRG		FCRKPO			May-Sept.
Frontier Resort	frontierresort.net	374-3311	11	1	APL	BIPRG	8WEDRV	FPO		P	All Year
Kettle Falls Hotel	kettlefallshotel.com	Winter 875-2070 (888) KF HOTEL	20	1	APL	BRSG		FCK			May-Sept.
Sunset Resort Campground	sunset-resort.com	(800) 232-3161	10	3		BIRG	7WESBRV	FPO	B	P	All Year



# ACCOMMODATIONS

## Rainy Lake, Ranier & International Falls

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

		Housekeeping Cabins & Rooms	Minimum night stay required	Dining: A-American Plan, P-Public Dining, L-Lounge/Bar	Services: B-Bait, D-Dump Station, H-Ice L-Fishing License, P-Parking Lot, R-Groceries, S-Shower, G-Gas, (FGO)-For Guests Only	Campsites & Services Available W-Water, E-Electricity, S-Sewer, D-Dump Station, B-Bathroom, T-Tent Sites, RV-RV Sites	Boat Rentals: F-Fishing, R-Runabout, C-Canoe, P-Paddleboat, PO-Pontoon, K-Kayak, S-Sailboat, RB-Rowboat, D-Dockage; N-Snowmobile, (FGO)-For Guests Only	Swimming: B-Beach, P-Pool	R-Recreation Room, P-Playground	Season of Operation (All year may include shutdown periods.)
Arnold's Campground & RV Park	285-9100		1		PDS	24WESDB			P	April-Oct.
Birch Point Camp	286-3414	3	1			10EBW	F	B		May-Sept.
Budget Host Inn budgethostinn.net	(800) 880-2577	31	1							All Year
Camp Idlewood campidlewood.com	(888) 741-1228	10	2		GI	3WESB	FCP (FGO)	B	R	All Year
Days Inn Motel	(800) 325-2525	56	1							All Year
Falls Motel hotrod@cumembersnet.com	(800) 328-8435	25	1							All Year
Hilltop Motel	(800) 322-6671	16	1							April-Oct.
Holiday Inn holidayinnifalls.com	(800) 331-4443	126	1	PL				P	R	All Year
International Voyageur RV Park	283-4679					60WESDB				May-Sept.
Island View Bed & Breakfast	(888) 848-8890	3	1							All Year
Island View Lodge rainy-lake.com	(800) 777-7856	21		PL	G		FKDN	B	RP	All Year
The Lakeview, Cabins and RV Park	(800) 888-5737	5				WESD3RV	D(FGO)	B		May-Oct.
Northern Houseboats of Rainy Lake northernhouseboats.com	(800) 854-7958	16 Houseboats			ILRG		BFPOC(FGO)			May-Sept.
Northern Lights Motel	(800) 889-6009	22	1							All Year
Rainy Lake Houseboats rainy-lakehouseboats.com	(800) 554-9188	29 Houseboats			BIGRL		BF(FGO)			May-Sept.
Rainy Lake Lodge rainy-lakelodge.com	(800) 892-5604	19	3	APL	BIG	WRV	FDN	B	R	All Year
Rambler Motel freespace.virgin.net/glyn.anslow/rambler.motel.htm	(800) 273-0464	22	1							All Year
SandBay Bed & Breakfast taraswharf.com	(877) RAINYLK (724-6955)	3	1		Ice Cream					All Year
Sha-Sha Resort	(800) 685-2776	8		PL			FCD	B	RP	May-Oct.
Super 8 Motel super8.com	(800) 800-8000	53	1							All Year
Tee Pee Motel geocities.com/teepeemotel	(800) 850-1518	39	1							All Year
Thunderbird Lodge thunderbirdlodge.info	(800) 351-5133	25	3	PL	GIP		DN		P	All Year
Voyageurs Motel	283-9424	25	1							All Year
Wind-Song Island windsongisland.com	W (505) 992-3637 S (218) 286-5600	4	4-7				FC(FGO)			May-Oct.
WoodsPort House & Cottages maryann@northwinds.net	(800) 824-3969	3	2							All Year
Woody's Rainy Lake Resort fairlyreliable.com	286-5001	4	2	L	BIP		DNSPOBC(FGO)		P	All Year

## Commercial Services

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

		Outfitters	Fishing Guides	Winter Guides	Camping &/or Canoeing Guides	Water Taxi & Boat Charter	Air Charter	Marine Repair &/or Towing	Ice Fishing Guide &/or Shelters	Snowmobile Guide	Boat Rentals	Gas
CRANE LAKE	B.J.'s Guide Service	(218) 273-6230	✓	✓	✓	✓		towing			✓	✓
	Borderland Lodge & Outfitters borderlandlodge.com	(800) 777-8392	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓
	Dave's Guide Service	(218) 993-2453		✓		✓	✓					
	Eggen, Butch Guide Service	(218) 993-2909		✓		✓	✓		✓			
	Gunderson, Vic & Greg W (218) 741-0174 S	(218) 365-2115		✓			✓					
	Jacobson, Lawrence	(800) 433-0743		✓								
	Ostberg, Anders	(218) 993-2295		✓								
	Pernat, Marshall	(218) 254-3112		✓								
	Sunset Guide Service	(218) 741-7122		✓			✓		towing			
Voyagaire Lodge houseboatvacation.com	(800) 882-6287		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	
ASH RIVER	End of the Trail Guide Service	(218) 374-3017		✓		✓			✓			
KABETOGAMA LAKE	Chuck Carlson's Guide Service	(218) 875-2025		✓		✓		towing				
	Deer Horn Resort fishandgame.com/deerhorn	(888) 600-3337		✓		✓	✓					✓
	Driftwood Resort	(888) 816-1529		✓		✓	✓					
	Herseth's Tomahawk Resort hersethstomahawkresort.com	(888) 834-7899		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
	Kabetogama Angling Adventures	(218) 875-2075		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			
	Manzke, Maynard	(218) 875-3781		✓	✓	✓	✓					
	Moosehorn Resort moosehornresort.com	(800) 777-7968		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓
	Northern Memories Guide Service	(218) 875-2091		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			
	One Doggie's Guide Service	(218) 875-2412		✓	✓	✓	✓					
	Oveson, Leverne	(218) 875-2671		✓	✓	✓	✓					
	Sight-Sea-Er Boat Tours	(218) 875-2141		✓	✓	✓	✓		towing			
	Snyder's Idlewild Resort idlewildresort.com	(888) 483-4608		✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓
Stoskopf, Jason	(218) 875-2615		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓				
Voyageurs Adventures voyageursadventures.com	(877) GO KAYAK	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		
RAINY LAKE	Arnold, Pat	(218) 285-9100		✓		✓						
	Brown, Carl	(218) 286-5652		✓					✓			
	Doc Holiday Guide Service	(218) 286-2068		✓								
	Island View Lodge rainy-lake.com	(800) 777-7856		✓	✓		✓		✓			
	Miller, Tony	(218) 286-3199		✓								
	One Doggie's Guide Service	(218) 875-2412		✓								
	Pollywog Guide Service	(218) 283-5796		✓			✓		towing			
	Rainy Lake Houseboats rainy-lakehouseboats.com	(800) 554-9188		✓	✓		✓		✓			✓
	Schmidt's Fish Guiding Service	(218) 286-2028		✓								
	Scott's Rainy Lake Guide Service	(218) 286-3151		✓			✓					
Thunderbird Lodge thunderbirdlodge.info	(800) 351-5133		✓	✓		✓		✓			✓	
Trask, Jeff	(218) 283-6146		✓									
Woody's Fairly Reliable Guide Service fairlyreliable.com	(218) 286-5001		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		



# Park Partners

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.

The association also publishes interpretive books and materials about these areas. All profits from sales support the educational and interpretive projects of these agencies.

## Items Available

Gifts: Voyageurs National Park mugs, clothing, lapel pin and patches. Please call for prices.

Maps – McKenzie, USGS, NOAA – call for prices.

Voyageurs National Park Book . . . . . \$ 9.95

Voyageurs National Park: Water Routes, Footpaths & Ski Trails . . . . . \$14.95

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

Kettle Falls: Crossroads of History . . . . . \$ 7.95

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## Annual Holiday SALE

November 28 – December 31  
10% off everything, except maps.

Write, call or surf for our catalog:  
[www.nps.gov/voya/lisia](http://www.nps.gov/voya/lisia)

Prices subject to change.

**WE WON!** Voyageurs National Park was chosen to represent the Midwest Region on the 2003 Passport to Your National Parks stamp series. You can purchase a stamp set for \$3.95 and add the Voyageurs stamp to your passport or keep it as a collector's item.



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.
- Special gifts for first time members.

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

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

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56649-8904

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# Voyageurs National Park, You've Got Friends!



**H**ave you hiked or skied the Echo Bay Trail? Or parked your bicycle in a bike rack and separated your trash into the recycling bins at the visitor centers? Did you find that plastic bag provided for you in the bear locker at your campsite? Perhaps your child has taken part in the park's environmental education programs or used the children's activity centers at a visitor center. Maybe you participated in our sinker exchange, helping to decrease the amount of toxic lead in the lake waters. Have you listened to the nickelodeon play at the Kettle Falls Hotel? Or maybe you've been interested in the eagle research that's been happening in the park.

What has made all of these things possible? People like **you** who have joined the *Friends of Voyageurs National Park* and its supporters. The *Friends* group is a partner organization with the park. Our mission is to sponsor outreach that enhances natural, historical, and educational activities at the park.

The *Friends* also sponsor many fun activities to take part in, including the annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count, the Earth Day March for Parks, and other events throughout the year.

The money donated to Voyageurs' projects and activities is raised through membership dues, March for Parks events, and donation envelopes (which are invested in our fund managed through the National Park Foundation). **You** contributions make future projects possible.

We're proud of the ways we've contributed to Voyageurs National Park. You can be a FRIEND of Voyageurs National Park too. Pick up a membership brochure or a donation envelope at any of the park's visitor centers and join us today.

[www.nps.gov/fovnnp/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/fovnnp/index.htm)

The Friends of Voyageurs National Park encourage you to do your part to protect the park's environment by recycling, using steel sinkers and lures in place of lead, properly disposing of trash, and treading lightly in the park.

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