



# Rendezvous

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# Welcome To Voyageurs National Park

## A SPECIAL PLACE

Voyageurs National Park was authorized by an Act of Congress on January 8, 1971 (84 Stat. 1971) "to preserve, for the inspiration and enjoyment of present and future generations, the outstanding scenery, geological conditions and waterway system which constituted a part of the historic route of the voyageurs who contributed significantly to the opening of the Northwestern United States." The park was established on April 8, 1975.

## THE PARK'S MISSION

Voyageurs National Park preserves the landscapes and scenic waterways that shaped the route of the North American fur traders and defined the border between the United States and Canada. The park and its diverse resources provide outstanding opportunities for outdoor recreation, scientific study, sport fishing, education, and appreciation of the forested lakecountry setting.



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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**How many acres are in Voyageurs?**

218,054 acres

**How many acres of land are in Voyageurs?**

134,000 acres

**How many acres of water are in Voyageurs?**

84,000 acres

Water dominates the landscape with 4 major lakes and 26 interior lakes

**How much shoreline is in Voyageurs?**

655 miles

**How many islands are there in Voyageurs?**

Over 500

**What is the best way to see Voyageurs?**

Once visitors arrive at one of the park's four entry points (boat launches), most leave their cars behind and set out by water, much as the voyageurs did centuries ago. Visitors can take a regularly scheduled boat tour, North Canoe Voyage or canoe program (see page 5), or bring their own watercraft.

**Where can I drive in the park?**

Visitors can drive to the 3 visitor centers and then must hike, take a boat tour, or canoe program, or launch their own boat. There is a 7 mile Rainy Lake Ice Road that is plowed for visitors during the winter months.

**Where can I see wildlife?**

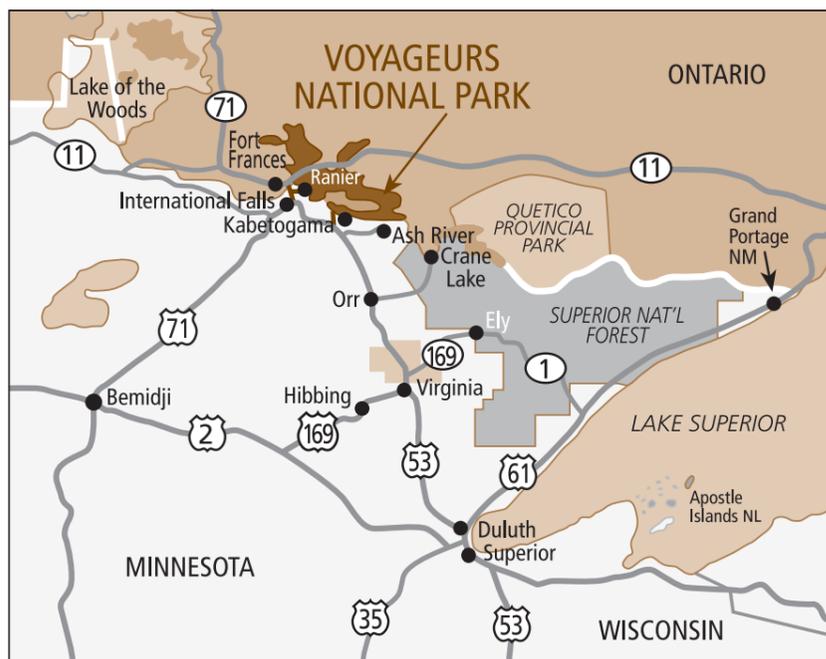
Visitors have the best opportunity to view the park's large wildlife on the Kabetogama peninsula on a backcountry hike. Visitors have the opportunity to see bald eagles, white-tailed deer, black bear, and many of the park's smaller animals by watercraft.

**Where can I stay in the park?**

Summer lodging is available at the historic Kettle Falls Hotel. Voyageurs provides boat camping opportunities throughout the park. The gateway communities of International Falls, Crane Lake, Ranier, Ash River, and Kabetogama have accommodations available. Car camping is available at the Woodenfrog State Forest Campground and Ash River State Forest Campground (see map on page 8-9).

**Where can I find the watercraft launches?**

Launch ramps are located near the park's Rainy Lake, Kabetogama Lake, and Ash River Visitor Centers and Crane Lake Ranger Station. A designated canoe and kayak launch area is located near the Ash River Visitor Center.



## 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.

Payphones are near all visitor centers.

Park rangers monitor marine band 16 for emergencies during business hours.



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## WATCH THE WEATHER

The weather can change rapidly and severely at any time of the year — seek protection behind islands and within safe harbors during thunderstorms.

Avoid prolonged exposure to wind and cold as conditions for hypothermia are present year round.

### TEMPERATURES (F.)

	Average Highs	Average Lows	Precipitation Average Inches
January	14	-8	0.84
February	22	-1	0.64
March	35	12	0.96
April	51	27	1.38
May	67	40	2.55
June	74	49	3.98
July	79	54	3.37
August	76	51	3.14
September	65	42	3.03
October	52	31	1.98
November	33	16	1.36
December	18	-1	0.70

**Weather**

# What You Need to Know

## GENERAL REGULATIONS

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

**Do not destroy or collect natural or cultural resources in the park.** For example, do not collect, damage, or destroy any plants, animals, rocks, artifacts, historic objects, flowers, or pine cones. You may harvest up to one gallon of berries for personal consumption.

**Keep the Shade!** Cutting live or dead standing trees is prohibited. Collect only dead AND downed wood.

**As of February 22, 2010, a new federal law allows people who can legally possess firearms under federal, Minnesota, and local laws, to possess firearms in Voyageurs National Park.** It is the visitor's responsibility to understand and comply with all applicable state, local, and federal firearms laws. The firearms laws of Minnesota prohibit the possession of Rifles, Shotguns or BB guns in public places such as Voyageurs National Park, so this new federal law does not alter the existing regulatory restrictions on the possession of these firearms at Voyageurs National Park. In addition, Federal law prohibits firearms in tour boats and certain facilities in this park; those places are posted with signs at public entrances. If you have questions, please contact the Chief Ranger at 218-283-6600.

**Chainsaws are prohibited** except when being used to cut ice fishing holes.

**Pets must be leashed and attended at all times.** Pets are allowed in developed areas (around visitor centers, boat ramps, picnic areas, campsites, and houseboat sites), on the four main lakes, and along park entrance roads. Pets are NOT allowed on park trails or in the backcountry. This rule is in place to protect park wildlife and your pet.

**Do not harass or feed wildlife!** Observe wildlife quietly from a distance. Animals need adequate space to feed, nest, and raise young. Do not disturb wildlife, especially breeding or nesting birds, or adult animals with young.

**Store food properly.** Voyageurs is bear country. Make sure you store all smelly items such as toothpaste, sunscreen, food, pet food, and deodorant in bear proof food storage lockers or hang from a bear pole or tree.

**DO NOT drink and drive.** Operating an automobile, boat, or snowmobile while under the influence of alcohol or drugs is prohibited.

**Respect Public Use Closures.** Check at visitor centers and boat ramp bulletin boards for areas that have been closed to protect park visitors, park wildlife, and other sensitive resources. Closed areas are posted with signs.

**Protect Water Quality.** Use comfort stations where facilities are available. Otherwise dispose of human waste by digging a hole at least six inches deep, and at least 100 feet away from shorelines.

**Keep Voyageurs National Park beautiful.** Do not litter. Do not leave trash in the park. If you pack something in, please pack it out. Do not burn garbage at campsites.

**Hunting is not allowed** in Voyageurs National Park.

**Private floatplanes are prohibited on all waters in the park except the four major lakes:** Rainy, Sand Point, Kabetogama, and Namakan Lakes. This is to help prevent the spread of the spiny waterflea, an aquatic exotic invasive species.

**A Minnesota fishing license is required to fish in the park.** If you plan to fish in the park get a copy of the Minnesota fishing regulations at area businesses or visitor centers. Know the slot limit (size limit) for the lakes where you will be fishing. Park rangers enforce Minnesota State fishing regulations.

**Know Canadian and U.S. fishing and customs regulations** before you cross the border. For Canadian customs call (807) 274-3655 and for United States customs call (218) 283-0769.

**Swimming, diving, and bathing are prohibited at docks** in developed areas (visitor centers & Kettle Falls). Diving from other park docks is discouraged. Water skiing is prohibited in navigation channels.

**Be Fire Safe!** Extinguish all campfires when unattended. Make sure the fire is out and the ashes are cold before leaving.

**Quiet Time** – Parkwide 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

**Firewood restrictions** require visitors to purchase firewood from an approved Minnesota DNR firewood vendor. Firewood may not be brought in from unapproved vendors. This is to protect forest health and prevent the spread of invasive pests. For more information log onto [www.dnr.state.mn.us](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us).

**Interior Lakes Regulations** are in place to prevent the spread of invasive aquatic exotics. Use artificial bait only, no privately-owned watercraft, and no float plane landings are allowed.

## BOATING SAFETY TIPS

Always wear your life jacket – 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 accessible for each person in the watercraft. The Coast Guard requires all children under 10 years of age to wear a life preserver when in a recreational boat.

All passengers should stay seated within the boat while the boat is moving. Riding on the bow or gunwale is prohibited!

Know where you can re-fuel your boat.

Don't drink & drive. County Sheriff, U.S. Coast Guard staff, and park rangers enforce laws prohibiting boat operations under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Navigation charts are highly recommended.

## THINKING OF DRINKING LAKE WATER?

Always treat lake water before using it for drinking or cooking.

Consider bringing drinking water with you when camping in the park. Otherwise, use a high-quality water filter to remove potential contaminants.

A few words of caution about blue-green algae...

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) advises the public to approach lake areas with blue-green algae blooms with caution. During the right conditions these blooms can be toxic to pets and harmful to people. A blue-green algae bloom that looks like pea soup should be avoided. For detailed information visit the MPCA website at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/clmp-toxicalgae.html>

## SAFE BOATING CHECKLIST

Don't leave it to chance. Plan on having a safe and enjoyable experience by making sure you have these items whenever boating in the park:

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

## INVASIVE SPECIES ALERT

Invasive species are plants, animals, or diseases that are not native to the local ecosystem and that are likely to cause harm to the economy, to the environment, or to human health.

The park's forests, lakes, and native plant communities are at risk from several species of aquatic exotics, invasive plants, and forest pests. Four species that you should be aware of are:

**Spiny waterflea:** This tiny (1/4-5/8") zooplankton is native to Eurasia and was introduced into the Great Lakes from the ballast water of ships. They threaten the park's aquatic ecosystems and fishing by competing with native fish for food and by fouling fishing gear.

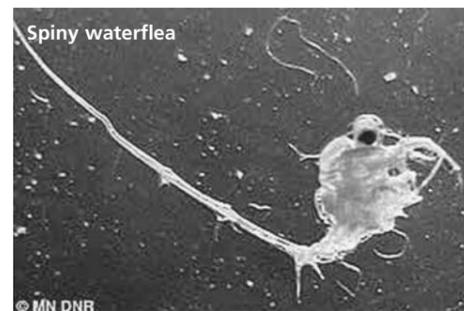
Spiny waterfleas are spread when either live adult waterfleas or viable resting eggs are transferred to a new body of water. Spiny waterfleas can be transported on bait buckets, anchor ropes, fishing line, boats, waders, nets, or any gear that contacts infested waters.

Spiny waterfleas were first found in Rainy Lake and Namakan Lake in 2006. The large lakes in the park have been declared infested waters. This designation requires that specific actions be taken to prevent the unintended spread of this species to uninfested waters. See the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources fishing regulations, the best management practices described below, or stop by a park visitor center for more information.

**Rusty Crayfish:** Rusty crayfish were discovered in the park in 2006. Rusty crayfish are more aggressive than native crayfish and can disrupt aquatic plant and animal communities by eliminating aquatic plants in infested areas. Help slow the spread by following the best management practices for stopping the spread of aquatic exotics described below. Never release any pet or aquarium species of crayfish into lakes, and remember that using live crayfish for bait is prohibited in park waters.

**Emerald Ash Borer:** The emerald ash borer has decimated ash trees in Michigan and is spreading westward, currently to the Twin Cities area. These insects, and other forest pests, can be transported to the park in contaminated firewood. Please do not bring firewood from outside of the local area. Purchase from a MN DNR-approved firewood vendor near the park or collect dead & downed wood near your campsite.

**Eurasian Watermilfoil:** This invasive aquatic plant is moving northward in Minnesota and may reach park waters soon. This plant has been found to interfere with boating, fishing, and swimming and can also crowd out native water plants.



## Best Management Practices for Preventing the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species and Fish Diseases

- Inspect your boat, trailer, and equipment and remove visible aquatic plants, animals, and mud before leaving the water access
- Drain water from your boat, motor, bilge, live wells, and bait containers before leaving the water access
- Dispose of unwanted bait and other aquatic plants and animals in the trash.
- Spray or rinse boats and equipment with water at least 140 degrees F for at least one minute, or dry boats and equipment for five days before moving them to another body of water
- For more information check out the park's website at [www.nps.gov/voya/natureandscience](http://www.nps.gov/voya/natureandscience)

## 2010 Regulations to Protect Interior Lakes from Aquatic Invasive Species and Fish Diseases

- Artificial bait only (on all interior lakes only)
- No privately-owned watercraft allowed in interior lakes (the park will continue to provide canoes and row boats for rent through the Boats on Interior Lakes program and Commercial Use Authorizations on Mukooda Lake)
- No float plane landings on interior lakes

## Best Management Practices for Using Interior Lakes

- Bring a separate set of gear that is likely to contact lake water (including fishing gear) to use on the interior lakes, or before using any gear on an interior lake, make sure that all gear has been thoroughly dried for at least 5 days or washed with hot water (>140 degrees F) for at least one minute
- When leaving any lake, remove aquatic plants and animals, including gelatinous or cotton batting – like material from equipment, including fishing line

## 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 including no wake zone.

**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.

## Things To Do

### HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU HAVE?

#### *An Hour or Two?*



15  
minutes

- Watch the award-winning park film at any visitor center
- Stamp your park passport at any visitor center
- Take a photo of the beautiful scenery



30  
minutes

- Talk to a park ranger
- Shop in a bookstore at any visitor center
- Watch the Life of a Voyageur video at any park visitor center
- Walk around the grounds at any visitor center to view the park's scenic landscape



45  
minutes

- Explore interactive exhibits at Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center
- Browse through the Rainy Lake Visitor Center exhibits



60  
minutes

- Picnic in the park
- Attend a Voyageurs Adventures for Kids program
- Hike the Oberholtzer Trail near the Rainy Lake Visitor Center
- Hike the Echo Bay Trail near Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center
- Hike the Forest Overlook and the Kabetogama Lake Overlook near the Ash River Visitor Center

#### *Half a Day?*

- Hike the Blind Ash Bay Trail near the Ash River Visitor Center
- Check out one of the six Discovery Packs
- Take a boat tour

#### *All Day?*

- Take a boat to Kettle Falls (see page 5 for details)
- Hike the Kab-Ash Trail
- Visit a Visitor Destination on your own, on a boat tour, or pick up a brochure at any of the three visitor centers

#### *Several Days?*

- Hike the Kab-Ash Trail
- Take a combination of several different boat tours
- Camp in the park
- Check out all three visitor centers

## Celebrate the Park's 35th Anniversary!

Come help Voyageurs National Park celebrate 35 years in the making. The park was established on April 8, 1975. This April marks the park's 35th anniversary. Special events will occur all year long so check the park's website for ways you can participate in the celebrations.



Visitors can take a tour on the Otter or the Voyageur tour boats, or in North Canoes or alumacraft canoes and experience Voyageurs National Park the way the voyageurs did over 200 years ago – on the water.



#### National Park Week – April

Celebrate spring with us during National Park Week. Kids are invited to enter the annual Youth Art Contest. The entire family will enjoy special activities at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. Visit the park's website for updates.

#### Summer Special Speaker Series

Mid-June through mid-August – Join us at the Historic Woodenfrog State Forest Refectory for a special presentation about the park. Call (218) 875-2111 for a schedule.

#### Rainy Lake

Join the community of Ranier for its annual **Ranier Days** celebrations on August 14. Special North Canoe trips will be offered during this event.

#### Kabetogama Lake

Join the Kabetogama Lake community for the **Land of the Ladyslipper Arts and Crafts Festival** – July 9 - 11. Special programs will be offered during this event.

#### Crane Lake

Join the Crane Lake community for its annual **Voyageur Days** September 3 – 5. Special programs will be offered during this event. For inquiries call (800) 362-7405.

## Kid's Corner

### Become a Junior Ranger

Stop by a visitor center to pick up a free copy of the park's Junior Ranger booklet. Kids 9 and up can become a member of the Junior Ranger Bear Club, kids 6 to 8 years old can become a member of the Junior Ranger Wolf Club, and kids 5 and under can become a member of the Junior Ranger Beaver Club. Each child will earn a badge, certificate, and patch to take home.



### Children's Tables

Check it out! There are children's tables at each visitor center with kid friendly activities about the park. Make a voyageur souvenir, color a picture, or stamp an animal track.

### Stamp Your Passport!

- Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center (summer only)
- Ash River Visitor Center (summer only)
- Crane Lake Ranger Station (when available)
- Kettle Falls Hotel (summer only)
- Park Headquarters (Monday-Friday, all year)
- Rainy Lake Visitor Center (all year)



Throughout the park there are six locations where you can stamp your National Park Passport. Forgot your passport book? No problem, you can purchase a new one at any of the three visitor centers.

### Become a Voyageur

Step back in time by dressing as a voyageur. Kids of all ages can dress as a voyageur at any of the three visitor centers. Try on the leggings, sashes, and colorful chamois of the voyageurs. If you want to do more, participate in a North Canoe Voyage (see page 5).

### Discovery Packs

Kids and their families can discover Voyageurs National Park on their own and in-depth by checking out any one of the six different Discovery Packs the park has to offer.

The Discovery Packs explore Voyageurs National Park's Geology, Scenery, Winter, Plants and Animals, Water, and the Voyageurs and the Fur Trade in detail and offer activities for all ages. The packs may be checked out for an hour or all day. An adult must check them out with his/her driver's license at any visitor center.



# 2010 Tour Boat and Naturalist Programs

\*Voyagers invites the public to comment on the proposed fees for the Voyageur and Otter tour boats. You may leave your comment at 218-283-6708. The comment period ends on May 1, 2010.

## Rainy Lake (The Voyageur) = Tour Boat Cruise

All tours and fees are subject to change, please call ahead for schedule and fee changes. Minimum number of passengers are required for all tours.

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Adult	Child
<b>Kettle Falls Cruise</b>   June 28, July 19, August 16, Sept. 5 & 12 Voyage to the historic Kettle Falls Hotel. Spend 2 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 (22-passenger minimum).	10-4:30	10-4:30						\$50-65	\$25
<b>Gold Mine Tour – June 23 – August 11</b>   This tour takes you to Little American Island where you depart from the tour boat with a park naturalist for a 1/4 mile walk (handicap accessible) through the remains of the mining activities.				12-1:30				\$20	\$15
<b>Discovery Cruise – June 23 – August 13</b>   Discover the wonders and beauty of Voyageurs National Park. The captain will navigate Rainy Lake in search of abandoned gold mines, abundant wildlife, and eventually a historic commercial fishing camp.				2-4		2-4		\$25	\$15
<b>Grand Tour – June 22 – August 14</b>   This tour is a combination of the Discovery and Gold Mine Tour.			2-4:30		2-4:30		2-4:30	\$30	\$15
<b>Bald Eagle Watch – June 22 – August 7</b>   This tour takes you to active bald eagle nests. Visitors have the opportunity to view eagles and their young on this tour. Bring your camera!			12-1:30		12-1:30	12-1:30	12-1:30	\$20	\$15
<b>Starwatch Tour – July 11, 25 &amp; August 1, 15</b>   Enjoy the wonders of the night sky on this unique trip. You will cruise to a quiet spot where the engines are cut so you can hear the night sounds. Naturalists will tell stories about constellations and help you to identify them. You may also see the northern lights.	10-11:30 pm							\$20	\$15
<b>Sunset Cruise – June 20 – August 8</b>   Enjoy the beauty of Rainy Lake! Join a naturalist for a relaxed evening cruise around Dryweed Island while discovering the night life of Voyageurs National Park.	7-9 pm							\$25	\$15
<b>North Canoe Voyage – June 18 – August 13</b> Paddle back in history aboard a 26-foot North Canoe. Learn the voyageur paddle salute and explore the life of a voyageur. Minimum age is 5. We recommend participants know how to swim. Weather dependent. Reservations recommended.						10-11:30	10-11:30	Free	Free
<b>Explore by Canoe – June 15 – August 12</b> Enjoy a tranquil canoe trip while keeping an eye out for wildlife. We provide lessons, paddles, canoes, and life jackets. Minimum age is 5. We recommend participants know how to swim. Weather dependent. Reservations recommended.			2-4		2-4			Free	Free
<b>Evening Campfire – June 17 – August 12</b> Join a park naturalist for a special program about Voyageurs National Park around a campfire. In case of inclement weather, the program will be held inside the visitor center around the fireplace.					7-8 pm			Free	Free

## Kabetogama Lake (The Otter) = Tour Boat Cruise

All tour and fees are subject to change, please call ahead for schedule and fee changes. A minimum number of passengers are required for all tours.

<b>Kettle Falls Cruise – June 20 – August 13</b>   August 18, 21, 25, 27 & September 1, 8, 15, 22 Voyage to the historic Kettle Falls Hotel. Spend 2 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 (6 passenger minimum).	11-4:30		11-4:30	11-4:30	11-4:30	11-4:30	11-4:30	\$40	\$25
<b>Ellsworth Rock Gardens Tour – June 21 – August 9</b>   Board the Otter and cruise a short distance to Ellsworth Rock Gardens. Join a park naturalist on a tour of the historic site by viewing unique rock sculptures, building remnants, and exploring the winding paths.		11-12:30 & 1-2:30						\$20	\$15
<b>North Canoe Voyage – June 14 – August 10</b> See description above. Meet at Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center.		10-11:30	10-11:30					Free	Free
<b>Explore by Canoe – June 17 – August 12</b> See description above. Meet at Woodenfrog boat launch ramp.					10-11:30			Free	Free
<b>Voyageurs Adventure for Kids – July 5 – August 20</b> Kids meet at the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center to explore the world of Voyageurs National Park with a park naturalist.			1		1	1		Free	Free
<b>Special Speaker Series – June 25 – August 13</b> Join us at the Historic Woodenfrog Refectory for a special program about the park.						7-8 pm		Free	Free

## Ash River Visitor Center = Tour Boat Cruise

All tours and fees are subject to change, please call ahead for schedule and fee changes. A minimum number of passengers are required for all tours.

<b>Discover Namakan Cruise – July 7 – August 11</b>  Discover the wonder and beauty of Voyageurs National Park. The captain will navigate Namakan Lake in search of abundant wildlife, historic properties, and eventually to an historic logging camp.				2-3:30				\$20	\$15
<b>North Canoe Voyage – July 7 – August 11</b> See description above. Meet at the Ash River Visitor Center.				10-11:30				Free	Free

## TOUR BOAT AND NORTH CANOE RESERVATIONS

How to make a reservation from May 30 – August 31, 2010



All tours are subject to change; please call ahead for schedule changes. A minimum of 4- passengers are required for all tours with the exception of the Kettle Falls Tours which require a minimum of 6-passengers on the Otter and 22-passengers on the Voyageur.

Call (888) 381-2873 to make a reservation for scheduled tour boat, Explore by Canoe, and North Canoe trips. The reservation line is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Adult fees cover ages 17 and up, child fees cover ages 3 – 16, infants 2 and under are free. A credit card is required to make reservations in advance. If you do not make advance reservations you may pay at the boat if space is available. If all seats have been paid for in advance, then no walk-on passengers will be accepted. Refunds will be issued ONLY if advance reservations are canceled at least 24 hours before the scheduled tour departs. No refunds will be issued if less than 24 hours notice is given. FEDERAL SENIOR PASS and ACCESS PASS holders are eligible for a discount on park-operated tour boat and North Canoe fees. To receive the discounted rate you

must provide the number on your federal Senior Pass or federal Access Pass when making an advance reservation over the phone.

If paying at the boat you must have a Federal Senior Pass or Access Pass in your possession to receive the discount. No discount will be applied if you do not present your Senior Pass or Access Pass when paying. No discounts can be applied once the tour has started.

If paying by personal check you are required to provide your social security number if the amount due is over \$50. If you do not wish to provide your social security number you may pay with cash or credit card. Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, and Diners Club are accepted for payment.

### How to make reservations for tours departing after September 1, 2010

This information applies to those individuals who make reservations for tours after September 1.

Call the respective visitor center where your tour departs. To reach Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center call (218) 875-2111. To reach Rainy Lake Visitor Center call (888) 381-2873 or (218) 286-5258.

Credit cards are NOT accepted after August 31. Cash or check only (correct change is appreciated). All federal Senior Pass and federal Access Pass and refund information continues to apply at this time.

# Hiking Trails in the Park

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## WATER ACCESS TRAILHEADS (accessible only by boat)

*Pets are NOT allowed on park trails.*

Trail Description	Difficulty	Hiking Distance	Hiking Time (round trip)
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### RAINY LAKE

- Black Bay Beaver Pond Trail** *Moderate* *1.18 miles, roundtrip* *1 hour*  
This trailhead is located across Black Bay, north of the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. This trail takes you through northern pine country to a scenic and active beaver pond.
- Anderson Bay Trail** *Moderate* *1.75 mile loop* *2 hours*  
The trailhead is located on the east end of Rainy Lake just past the Kempton channel. This trail takes you up a rocky cliff to a spectacular view of Rainy Lake.
- Little American Island**  *Easy* *.25 loop* *20 minutes*  
Discover the past on Little American Gold Mine Island while you explore the history of gold mining activities. Today mine shafts, tailings, & machinery remain from the 1890s gold rush. Experience this as a naturalist-led program or on your own with self-guided wayside exhibits and brochures.

### KABETOGAMA LAKE

- Cruiser Lake Trail** *Strenuous* *9.5 miles, one way* *6 to 8 hours*  
This trailhead is accessible from either the Rainy or Kabetogama Lake side of the park. This trail crosses over the peninsula, up rocky cliffs, and down into remote wetland areas. If you are hoping to spot some of the park's larger wildlife, hiking this trail will increase your chances of spotting a moose or hearing the howl of a wolf.
- Locator Lake Trail** *Strenuous* *2 miles, one way* *2 hours*  
The trailhead is located across Kabetogama Lake north from the visitor center. This trail takes you up and down a variety of hills and through forests and wetlands.



### NAMAKAN LAKE

- Beast Lake Trail** *Moderate* *.25 mile, one way* *45 minutes*  
This trail climbs the majority of the way along a ridge top. A steep climb at the beginning and at the end awaits the adventurous.

## LAND ACCESS TRAILHEADS (accessible by car)

Trail Description	Difficulty	Hiking Distance	Hiking Time (round trip)
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- Oberholtzer Trail**  *Easy* *1.7 miles* *45 minutes*  
Travel from just outside the Rainy Lake Visitor Center to two overlooks to see the diversity of forest and wetland types in Voyageurs National Park. This trail is wheelchair accessible for the first 1/4 mile. This trail is tracked for snowshoeing during the winter.
- Echo Bay Trail** *Easy* *2.5 mile loop* *2 hours*  
This park trail is located 3 miles from the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center off County Road 122. A wide path takes you from aspens to pines as you pass through lowlands and rocky outcrops. Birding is great with a great blue heron rookery and sightings from warblers to woodpeckers. Bring your binoculars, bug spray, and a sense of adventure. Sections of this trail are groomed for skiing in the winter months.
- Kab-Ash Trail** *Strenuous* *27.87 mile system* *Days*  
This trail connects the Kabetogama and Ash River communities. Travel through backcountry forests and wetlands on this extensive system of interconnected trails. Four trailheads make it possible to hike sections of this trail or the whole trail for an in-depth view of the park.
- Blind Ash Bay Trail** *Moderate* *2.8 mile loop* *2.5 hours*  
Park at the Kabetogama Lake Overlook near the Ash River Visitor Center to access the trailhead. Travel a narrow, winding rocky trail to experience the wonders of the boreal forest and to view spectacular scenery.

### Overlooks

- Beaver Pond Overlook**  *Moderate* *0.2 mile, one way* *30 minutes*  
This is the second trailhead on your right as you leave the Ash River Visitor Center. A short uphill hike leads to a rocky terrace high above a beaver pond (first section of trail is accessible). Although beavers are no longer active at this pond, this trail provides great birding opportunities, and the possibility of spotting large wildlife.
- Voyageurs Forest Overlook** *Easy* *0.5 mile loop* *30 minutes*  
The entrance to this short trail is furthest from the Ash River Visitor Center, and is located on the left side of the park road just before reaching County Road 129. A picnic table and restroom are located at the trailhead, making this a good spot to get out of your car and stretch your legs.
- Kabetogama Lake Overlook**  *Easy* *0.2 mile one way* *20 minutes*  
This is the third pullout on your left as you are driving to the Ash River Visitor Center. This short walk is handicap accessible and will take you to a wayside that looks west towards Kabetogama Lake.



# Trails Outside the Park Yet Close Enough to Check Out

Remove this section of the paper for a hiking guide of trails near Voyageurs National Park.

## LAND ACCESS TRAILHEADS (accessible by car)

Trail Description	Difficulty	Hiking Distance	Hiking Time (round trip)
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- NEAR RAINY LAKE**  
**Tilson Bay Hiking Trail** *Moderate* *2 mile loop* *1.5 hours*  
This scenic trail is located just outside the park on Highway 11. Parking is available across the street from the trailhead and Tilson Bay boat launch ramp. Leashed dogs are permitted on this trail.
- NEAR CRANE LAKE**  
**Orr Bog Walk**  *Easy* *.25 mile loop* *20 minutes*  
Located behind the Orr Travel Information Center on Highway 53, this short loop trail provides access through a variety of forest and wetland types on a well-maintained boardwalk.
- Vermilion Falls** *Moderate* *.25 mile, one way* *20 minutes*  
A walk on a well-maintained interpretive trail brings you to Vermilion Falls, a cascading torrent of water forced through a 10-foot wide opening in the granite. Two miles before reaching Crane Lake, turn left on U.S.F.S. Road 491. Travel four miles to the trailhead. Leashed pets are allowed on this trail.
- Vermilion Gorge Trail** *Moderate* *3 miles, round trip* *1.5 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 0.1 mile north of the ranger station on the west side of the road in Crane Lake. Leashed pets are allowed on this trail.



### ROCK CAIRNS

Many of the trails in the park are marked with rock cairns. If you see a rock cairn, please respect that it is a trail marker for visitors to find their way and do not destroy it.

# History and Science

## VISITOR DESTINATIONS

Voyageurs' General Management Plan provides for the development of 15-20 destinations that visitors could boat to and learn more about the park and its significance. The park has identified 15 locations that will eventually be developed with picnic facilities and interpretive exhibits. Many destinations are historic structures that are being preserved by the National Park Service.

Development of picnic facilities and interpretive exhibits at Visitor Destinations is in various stages and work on historic structures is ongoing. For more information, pick up a Visitor Destination brochure at a park visitor center.

### Rainy Lake

Harry Oveson Fish Camp \*, Camp Marston \*\*, Surveyors Island \*\*, Anderson Bay \*

### Kabetogama Lake

Gold Portage Area \*, Ellsworth Rock Gardens \*

### Namakan Lake

I.W. Stevens Pine Cove Resort \*, Hoist Bay \*, Moose River Indian Village \*\*

### Sand Point/Crane Lakes

Grassy Bay \*\*, Ingersoll Island \*\*, Casareto Cabin \*

\* Limited development to date: Some Day Use facilities exist such as a bathroom, picnic tables, and fire ring

\*\* No development to date

## Ellsworth Rock Gardens

Jack Ellsworth constructed a unique sculpture garden on his vacation property on Kabetogama Lake from 1944 to 1965. Mr. Ellsworth designed terraces containing 32 varieties of flowers atop a 60-foot granite outcrop. Over 13,000 lilies bloomed during the garden's peak.

The Ellsworth Rock Gardens are accessible only by water. Picnic facilities and a bathroom are located at this popular visitor destination. Naturalist-guided boat tours depart from the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center to bring people out to the gardens throughout the summer (see program schedule on page 5). Stop by a park visitor center to pick up a brochure if exploring this visitor destination on your own.



## Kettle Falls Hotel and Dam

Built in the early 1900s, the historic Kettle Falls Hotel attracted a transient community of people, including lumberjacks, fish buyers, prospectors, bootleggers, and tourists.

Long before the hotel and dam were built, Ojibwe Indians and voyageurs portaged their birch bark canoes and trade goods on this narrow strip of land between Rainy and Namakan Lakes.

The Kettle Falls Hotel is in Voyageurs National Park and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Kettle Falls Hotel and restaurant continue to welcome visitors each summer.

This popular destination is managed by a private concessionaire. Call (218) 240-1726 during the summer and (218) 875-2070 during the winter for more information. You may also visit Kettle Falls on-line at [www.kettlefallshotel.com](http://www.kettlefallshotel.com).

Naturalist-guided boat tours to Kettle Falls depart from the Kabetogama Lake and Rainy Lake Visitor Center during the summer months (see program schedule on page 5).

## Little American Gold Mine Island

Discover the past on Little American Gold Mine Island while you explore the remains of mining activities from the 1890s Rainy Lake gold rush. Naturalist-guided boat tours to Little American Island depart from the Rainy Lake Visitor Center during the summer months (see program schedule on page 5).

Stop by a park visitor center to pick up a brochure if exploring this visitor destination on your own.



## A DEMAND FOR HATS

The waterways of Voyageurs National Park include one of the most important segments of a 3,000-mile fur trade route of the late 18th and early 19th centuries. The driving force behind the fur trade was a demand for hats—beaver hats desired by fashionable Europeans. When beaver could no longer be found in Europe, the demand shifted to North America.

As the fur trade expanded westward, it relied on the voyageurs, or French-Canadian canoemen, to muscle trade goods and furs between Montreal and the Canadian northwest. The voyageurs depended on native North Americans for furs, guide services, clothing, food, and medicine.

The lakes of Voyageurs National Park became a strategic relay and supply point along the fur trade route. The route of the voyageurs shaped the international boundary and the legacy of the voyageurs inspired the naming of this national park.

From supporting the life and culture of American Indians to supplying resources for the fur trade, commercial fishing, gold mining, timber and tourism industries, the interconnected waterway system of Voyageurs National Park has influenced the movement of people for thousands of years.

## THE TALKING ROCKS OF VOYAGEURS

The rocks of Voyageurs National Park tell amazing stories that stretch across time. The rocks tell of continent building and movement, mountain rising, ice ages and soil formation. One of the reasons Voyageurs National Park was established was because of the amazing geological features.

In 1975, Voyageurs National Park was established “to preserve, for the inspiration and enjoyment of future generations, the outstanding scenery, geological conditions, and the waterway system which constituted part of the historic route of the Voyageurs who contributed significantly to the opening of the northwestern United States.”

The rocks of Voyageurs National Park are dated to be about half as old as the planet. Nowhere else in North American parks can you see and touch extensive exposures of rocks this old. The rocks of Voyageurs were created in the Precambrian Era, and are part of the Canadian Shield. They are older than the schist at the bottom of the Grand Canyon.

Visit Voyageurs National Park to see the story of gold and mica mining and hear the story of volcanoes erupting and the shifting of fault lines. We think you also will be amazed at the small amount of soil that supports the vast amount of life in this national park.

## AMAZING FLORA AND FAUNA

Have you ever walked through a forest mixed with golden colored tamarack or under a canopy of aspens and maples displaying an amazing array of red, gold, and yellow leaves? Have you ever followed the smell of pine scents as you walk along rock covered ridges all while a fox scurries by and you spot signs of wolves along a trail? That is just some of what lies within Voyageurs National Park.

The park lies in a transition zone between the boreal forests to the north and deciduous forests to the south. Nearly 700 species of plants have been identified within the park. Boreal forest species are most abundant, occupying about 70% of the park. Quaking aspen dominates the forest with other species including birch, pines, spruces, and balsam fir.

Within this abundant diversity of the northern forest, wildlife abounds. Many animals characteristic of the north woods are found here including moose, white-tailed deer, gray wolves, fox, coyotes, lynx, bobcats, black bears, ravens, and common loons. A host of other animals can be found such as bald eagles, beavers, river otters, red squirrels, and small rodents. Voyageurs also hosts more than 240 bird species who either live in or migrate through the park.

## VOYAGEURS WATERSHED

Voyageurs National Park lies in the 14,900-square-mile Rainy Lake basin. About 70% of the basin lies within Ontario and 30% in Minnesota. The general direction of flow through the four main lakes in the park (Rainy, Kabetogama, Namakan, and Sand Point) is northwesterly. Water leaving Rainy Lake flows to the Rainy River and then to Lake of the Woods which in turn flows to the Winnipeg River. Ultimately, the system drains to Hudson Bay.

Lake levels in the park's four largest lakes are controlled by a dam crossing the international border at Fort Frances and International Falls, as well as by small dams at Kettle Falls and Squirrel Falls on Namakan Lake. Rainy Lake is controlled separately from the Namakan Reservoir, which is composed of Kabetogama, Namakan, Sand Point, Crane, and Little Vermilion Lakes. The Namakan River, which enters Namakan Lake from the east, is the largest source of flow to the park.

## FISHERIES IN VOYAGEURS

There are 54 fish species known to exist in park lakes with yellow perch and northern pike being the most widely spread and walleye and northern pike being the species most frequently sought after by anglers on the park's four large lakes. Other predatory fish include smallmouth and largemouth bass, crappie, sauger, lake trout, muskellunge, and burbot.

Not all of these fish are native to the park. Largemouth bass and rainbow smelt are not native in these lakes. There is conflicting evidence as to whether smallmouth bass, black crappie, bluegill, and green sunfish are native in these lakes. Additionally, some of these species may be native in the four large lakes of the park but not native to the interior lakes where they exist due to stocking. With the exception of rainbow smelt, all of the non-native fish listed were introduced to these lakes for sport fishing before the park was established.

Pick up a checklist of fish at any of the park's three visitor centers.

## LOOKING FOR INFORMATION ON SCIENCE AND HISTORY OF VOYAGEURS NATIONAL PARK?

Check out our park newsletter *The Voyageur Messenger* at any one of the park's three visitor centers or on-line at [www.nps.gov/voya](http://www.nps.gov/voya).

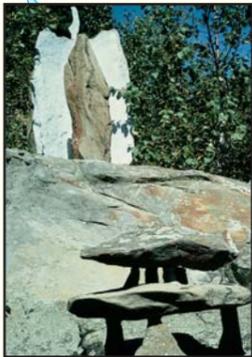
**Little American Island's** quarter mile loop with exhibits tells the story of the Gold Rush of 1893.



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



# Map — I



**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.

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## PARK HIKING TRAILS — No Pets Allowed

#	Trail Name	Length	Access
1	Black Bay Beaver Pond Trail	1.18 miles (round trip)	Water
2	Oberholtzer Trail	1.7 miles (round trip)	Car
3	Locator Lake Trail	2 miles (one way)	Water
4	Echo Bay Trail	2.5 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	1.75 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
13	Little American Island	.25 mile (loop)	Water

# Destinations and Trails

## Fur Trade Canoe Route

Ojibwe Indians & voyageurs paddled birchbark canoes along what is now the boundary between the U.S. and Canada.



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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       |

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## Kettle Falls Hotel

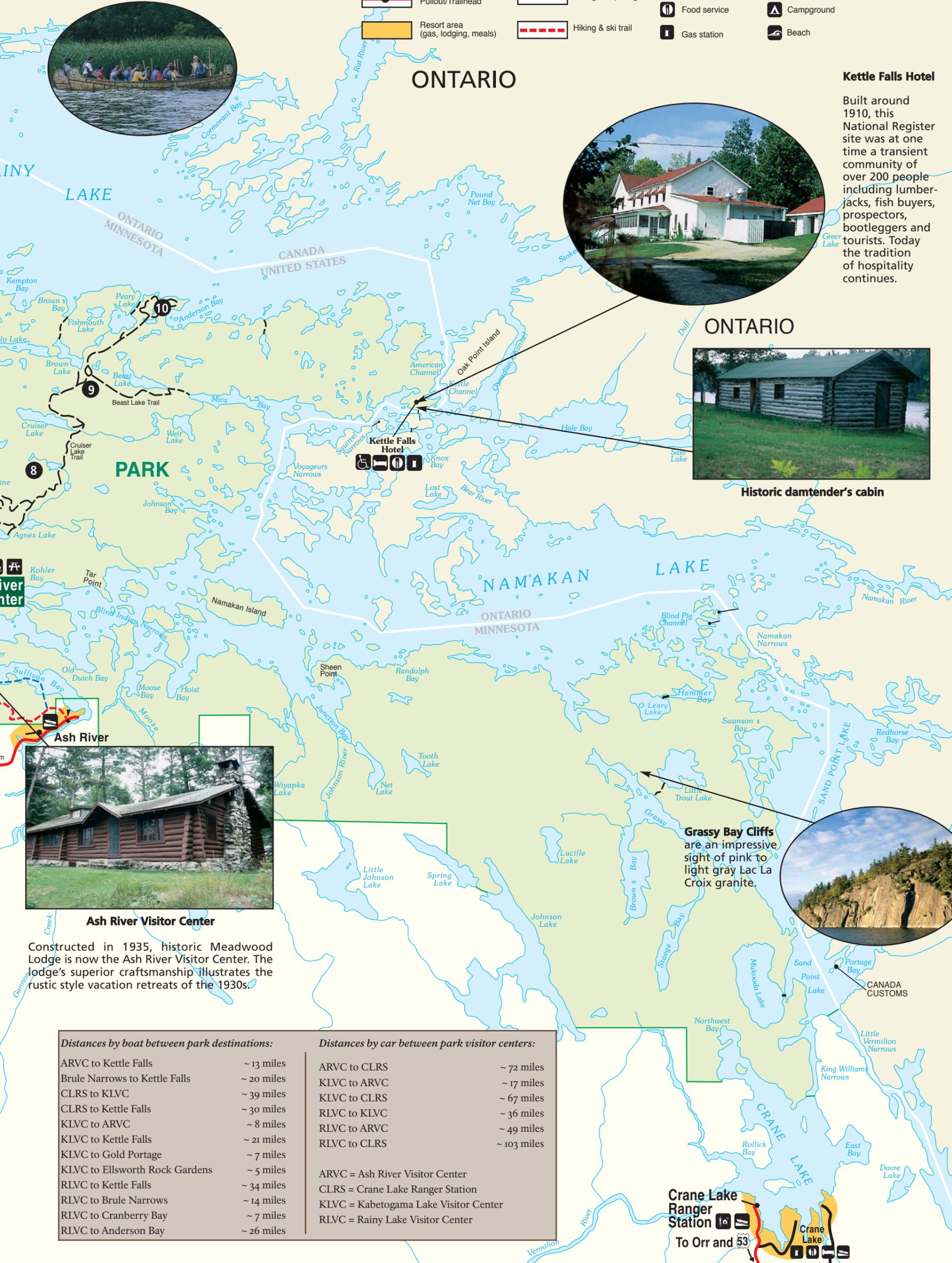
Built around 1910, this National Register site was at one time a transient community of over 200 people including lumberjacks, fish buyers, prospectors, bootleggers and tourists. Today the tradition of hospitality continues.



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Historic dam tender's cabin



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



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.

### Distances by boat between park destinations:

ARVC to Kettle Falls	~ 13 miles
Brule Narrows to Kettle Falls	~ 20 miles
CLRS to KLVC	~ 39 miles
CLRS to Kettle Falls	~ 30 miles
KLVC to ARVC	~ 8 miles
KLVC to Kettle Falls	~ 21 miles
KLVC to Gold Portage	~ 7 miles
KLVC to Ellsworth Rock Gardens	~ 5 miles
RLVC to Kettle Falls	~ 34 miles
RLVC to Brule Narrows	~ 14 miles
RLVC to Cranberry Bay	~ 7 miles
RLVC to Anderson Bay	~ 26 miles

### Distances by car between park visitor centers:

ARVC to CLRS	~ 72 miles
KLVC to ARVC	~ 17 miles
KLVC to CLRS	~ 67 miles
RLVC to KLVC	~ 36 miles
RLVC to ARVC	~ 49 miles
RLVC to CLRS	~ 103 miles

ARVC = Ash River Visitor Center  
 CLRS = Crane Lake Ranger Station  
 KLVC = Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center  
 RLVC = Rainy Lake Visitor Center

Crane Lake Ranger Station  
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# Camping, Houseboating, and Day Use Information

## The Basics

 You need a boat to camp in the park. All campsites are accessible by water only. Car camping is available at the nearby Woodenfrog & Ash River state forest campgrounds and at private campgrounds.

 All individual campsites in the park are free. There is a \$35 per night fee for group campsites (see information below).

A free permit is required for all overnight stays in the park (see information below).

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)
- Within 1/4 mile of any structure

 Tent campers use tent sites. Tent campers may not stay overnight in houseboat sites or day use sites. Day use is allowed at unoccupied tent sites until 2:00 p.m.

 Houseboaters use houseboat sites. Houseboaters may not stay in tent sites or day use sites. Day use is not allowed at houseboat sites because there are no toilets.

 Overnight docking is permitted at Kettle Falls, but there is no overnight docking at park visitor centers.

 All sites, except the group campsites and the Voyageurs Narrows accessible campsite, are occupied on a first-come, first-served basis. No reservations are available.

It is illegal to leave unattended property at a campsite overnight.

 Developed campsites have tent pads available. No digging, trenching, or leveling is allowed in the park.

 Obey all site closure signs. Closures are established to protect sensitive areas and visitor safety.

 Maximum group sizes are designed to provide enjoyable conditions for visitors and to prevent campsites from being degraded. (See list below).

Small tent sites – 9 people

Large tent sites – 18 people

Houseboat site – 2 houseboats

Group tent sites – 30 people

## Campfires

Use a camp stove or build campfires in established fire rings.

Never leave a fire unattended. Drown and stir all campfires with water to be sure they are out cold. If ashes are still warm to the touch they may still start a fire.

Collecting wood for campfires is allowed only if the wood is DEAD and DOWNED. Do not cut down any tree in the park, living or dead, for firewood.

Do not bring firewood into the park from outside of the immediate area unless it is from an approved Minnesota DNR firewood vendor. Gypsy moths, emerald ash borer, and other pests that endanger forest health may be hiding in unapproved firewood. Please help us protect forest health.

## Voyageurs National Park is Bear Country

Store all food, garbage, scented items, and equipment used to cook and store food in a vehicle, metal food storage locker, or hung 10 feet high and 10 feet out from a pole or tree. This regulation applies throughout the park.

Stop by a park visitor center for more information on how to store food properly in bear country to discourage bears from making your meal their own.

Coolers will not protect food from bears. Black bears are strong, and placing a rock or other heavy item on top of your cooler will not keep them out. Improperly stored food has drawn black bears to campsites on several occasions, often resulting in property damage and an increased risk to human safety.



Photo: Kevin Grossheim

## CAMPING PERMITS

- A free permit is required for all overnight stays in the park.
- Permits are not required for day use.
- Permits are available at park visitor centers and adjacent to all park boat launch ramps. Permits are also available at the Woodenfrog State Forest and Crane Lake public boat launch ramp.
- Only one permit for each party (individual or group) per stay is required.
- Your permit must be displayed at your campsite – on your tent, food locker, or on each houseboat.
- Park rangers may visit your site and ask to see your overnight permit. Failure to possess and display a valid overnight permit may result in a citation.
- Permits are not a reservation for a campsite! All campsites are first-come, first-served with the exception of the group campsites and the accessible campsite.

## GROUP CAMPSITES

Do you need a campsite for 14 to 30 people? If you said yes, then we have two group campsites that are just what you need! One site is on Rainy Lake near the west entrance to the Brule Narrows. The other site is on Kabetogama Lake just east of Cuculus Island. The group campsites have a wheelchair-accessible core area.

Reservations are required from May 22 – September 6, 2010. The sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis during the rest of the year.

Reservations may be made online at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) or by calling (877) 444-6777.

Advanced reservations may NOT be made at park visitor centers.

Fee: \$35 per night, Maximum group size is 30 people.

If your group size is less than 14 you may stop by the Rainy Lake or Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center to see if a group campsite is available for use on that day.

Need more details? Stop by a visitor center or visit our website at [www.nps.gov/voya](http://www.nps.gov/voya)

## DAY USE SITES

Visitors looking for a place for picnics or day time activities may stop and enjoy Day Use Sites throughout the park. They are marked with a green box on the *Camping, Houseboating, and Day Use Map* that can be picked up at any of the park's three visitor centers. Amenities at these sites include a picnic table, fire ring, privy, and bear proof food locker. Visitors may not stay overnight at a Day Use Site.

## Proposed Interior Lake Campsite and Interior Lake Boat Reservations

Voyageurs National Park has 17 campsites on the interior of the Kabetogama Peninsula. The park is considering a reservation system and fee for these campsites. Of the 17 campsites 11 have boats. There would be an added fee for sites with boats.

Campsite	Boat	Proposed Reservation Fee	Existing Amenity Fee
Agnes Lake	No	\$14.00 - \$19.00	N/A
Jorgens Lake	No	\$14.00 - \$19.00	N/A
Loiten Lake	No	\$14.00 - \$19.00	N/A
Oslo Lake	No	\$14.00 - \$19.00	N/A
Quarter Line Lake	No	\$14.00 - \$19.00	N/A
Ryan Lake	No	\$14.00 - \$19.00	N/A
Cranberry Creek	Yes	\$14.00 - \$19.00	+ \$10.00/day for boat
Peary Lake	Yes	\$14.00 - \$19.00	+ \$10.00/day for boat
Brown Lake	Yes	\$14.00 - \$19.00	+ \$10.00/day for boat
Cruiser Lake	Yes	\$14.00 - \$19.00	+ \$10.00/day for boat
Ek Lake	Yes	\$14.00 - \$19.00	+ \$10.00/day for boat
Little Shoepack Lake	Yes	\$14.00 - \$19.00	+ \$10.00/day for boat
Shoepack Lake	Yes	\$14.00 - \$19.00	+ \$10.00/day for boat
Locator Lake	Yes	\$14.00 - \$19.00	+ \$10.00/day for boat
War Club Lake	Yes	\$14.00 - \$19.00	+ \$10.00/day for boat
Quill Lake	Yes	\$14.00 - \$19.00	+ \$10.00/day for boat
Beast Lake	Yes	\$14.00 - \$19.00	+ \$10.00/day for boat

Having the campsites and canoes/rowboats on a reservation system will allow visitors who reserve an interior campsite to be guaranteed a canoe and/or rowboat with that site or be able to plan in advance.

You may leave your comments regarding these proposed fees and the reservation system at 218-283-6708. Please be specific about your concerns or questions.

The public comment period is available until May 1, 2010. For more information go to [www.nps.gov/voya](http://www.nps.gov/voya).

## ACCESSIBLE CAMPSITE

Site N41 at Voyageurs Narrows is an accessible campsite available by reservation only. Call (218) 875-2111 at least one week in advance to request a reservation for use of this site. If you need an accessible lift for this site a three day advance reservation is required.

## STATE FOREST CAMPING

Are you looking for a place to car camp while visiting the park? Two Minnesota state forest campgrounds are located near the park. For more information, call (218) 365-7229 or visit [www.dnr.state.mn.us/state\\_forests/index.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_forests/index.html).

# Working Together - Park Partners

## Jefferson National Parks Association (JNPA)

*Mission: Providing quality educational products and related services that enrich public understanding and appreciation of America's national parks, public lands, and historic places.*



Jefferson National Parks Association (JNPA) is honored to be a new non-profit partner to Voyageurs National Park. JNPA operates visitor center stores for the benefit of the public and our park partners. Since our inception in 1961 we have contributed over \$20 million dollars in financial and in-kind support to ensure that present and future generations can continue to enjoy our national treasures.

With Voyageurs National Park as a new partner, we now serve 3 public land sites in Minnesota including Chippewa National Forest and Mississippi National River and Recreation Area. We also partner with Lewis and Clark Visitor Center in South Dakota, Little Rock Central High School in Arkansas as well as Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site and Jefferson National Expansion Memorial in Missouri. We collaborate with our partners to provide quality, educational products and publications to help visitors enjoy and extend their experiences with these special places. It is our pleasure to now have the opportunity to provide these services in visitor center stores at Voyageurs National Park.

Connect with us online at [www.jnpa.com](http://www.jnpa.com)

Receive free monthly tips, recipes and news about JNPA and its park partners [www.monthlytips.jnpa.com](http://www.monthlytips.jnpa.com)

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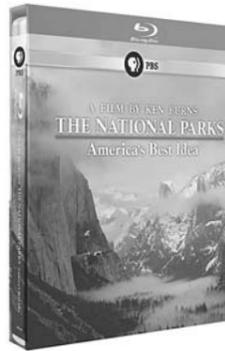
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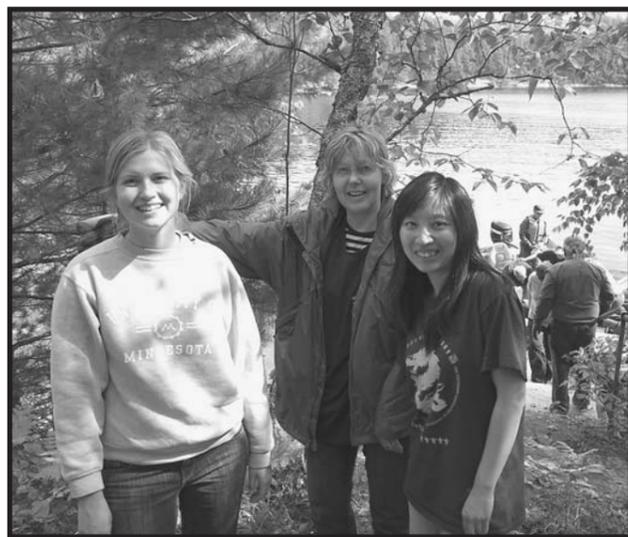
The Passport is perfect for planning a trip to visit our national parks and for saving your memories after you've left. The Passport contains maps, park information, and a listing of all the national park areas in America.



## Voyageurs National Park Association

What brings you to Voyageurs National Park? Perhaps it is the chance to experience seemingly endless blue lakes and quiet forests. Or to see bald eagles soar and hear timber wolves howl.

You can enjoy Voyageurs National Park today because past generations worked hard to protect this extraordinary place. You can help ensure that the Park is just as beautiful for future generations by joining Voyageurs National Park Association today.



This year, Voyageurs National Park Association (VNPA) is celebrating its 45th anniversary. VNPA was founded in 1965 to help create Voyageurs National Park, which was accomplished

ten years later. VNPA continues today to protect and support the Park. For example, we preserve the Park from new development by helping the Park acquire private properties inside its boundaries from willing sellers. Through the Volunteer Rendezvous, we recruit volunteers each year to restore shoreline habitat important for wildlife such as loons and otters. We provide funding for Park projects, such as production of the educational film, Minnesota's National Park Legacy, which we will distribute to 5,000 schools and libraries throughout the state. We also work to protect the Park's remarkable resources by educating decision makers and the public about threats that face the Park, such as inadequate funding, air pollution, and development.

Voyageurs National Park Association relies on members and donors to achieve our mission. As the Park moves into its 35th year, become a member or make a tax-deductible donation to help us continue to protect this amazing and irreplaceable resource. For more information, to become a volunteer, or to join VNPA, visit [www.voyageurs.org](http://www.voyageurs.org), email us at [vnpa@voyageurs.org](mailto:vnpa@voyageurs.org), or call (612) 333-5424.



## Friends of Voyageurs National Park

Have you noticed the action around the children's activity tables at the park visitor centers? Have you hiked the Echo Bay Trail, listened to the nickelodeon play at the Kettle

Falls Hotel, or attended an evening program at Woodenfrog? Have you borrowed a pair of snowshoes or kids' skis in wintertime at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center? And behind the scenes, the Friends of Voyageurs National Park (FVNP) have helped fishermen "Get the Lead Out" by swapping their lead sinkers for non-toxic ones. They have also provided funds to collect and analyze eaglet blood samples, checking for contaminants such as pesticides. The Friends of Voyageurs National Park have provided funding for all of these projects and many others.

How do they do it? With help from people like you! The Friends are a non-profit organization sustained by your tax-deductible donations. The mission of the Friends of Voyageurs National Park is to sponsor outreach that supports natural, historical, and educational activities available at Voyageurs National Park.

For more information on how to join the Friends of Voyageurs National Park visit [www.nps.gov/voya/supportyourpark](http://www.nps.gov/voya/supportyourpark).



## Volunteers-In-Parks are Very Important People

In 2009 the park benefited from the generous donation of time and talent of 85 people who volunteered over 9,000 hours in support of park activities. Volunteers assist with education programs, help maintain park trails, assist with park research and monitoring and staff park visitor centers. Opportunities to volunteer at the park range from one day projects to multi-month assignments. If you are interested in learning more about volunteering in the park, contact the park's volunteer coordinator at (218) 283-6600, or visit the park's website at [www.nps.gov/voya](http://www.nps.gov/voya).



## Destination Voyageurs National Park

The mission of Destination Voyageurs National Park (DVNP) is to connect people to Voyageurs National Park via implementation of an ongoing, comprehensive marketing and public relations campaign that will effectively encourage awareness and result in increased visitation and economic growth. For more information visit [www.destinationvoyageurnationalpark.com](http://www.destinationvoyageurnationalpark.com).

# Winter in Voyageurs National Park

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## What to do in the Winter

### View the Aurora Borealis

The Northern Lights occur when charged particles from the sun interact with a magnetic field 50 to 100 miles above the Earth's surface. The best time to watch is from 10:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

### Watch for Wildlife

Some creatures are dormant in the winter but many remain active. Watch for tracks in the snow. Moose, wolves, and deer can be seen crossing over the frozen lake surface. If you do see wildlife within the park, please respect them by staying at least 100 feet away.

### Get Outside and Go

The Rainy Lake Visitor Center offers skis, snowshoes, binoculars, and a variety of Discovery Packs for visitors to use. Small fees apply for adult ski rentals. The park also offers over 110 miles of groomed snowmobile trails.

### Winter Special Speaker Series

Each winter from Mid-January through March the park offers naturalist-led family friendly activities for people of all ages. Try making your own snowshoes, learn about wolves, bear, and other wildlife in the park, or go on a full moon hike. Check the park's website for current programs at [www.nps.gov/voya](http://www.nps.gov/voya) or call the Rainy Lake Visitor Center at (888) 381-2873.

### Winter Environmental Education Field Trips

Each winter from Mid-January through March students come to the Rainy Lake Visitor Center to learn about the history of snowshoes and animal tracking techniques and to cross-country ski. If you and your school would like to come, please contact the park at (218) 283-6670 for more information or to schedule a field trip today.

## Snow Camping

Snow camping requires an overnight permit. Visitors may obtain one from any of the three park visitor center boat launch permit boxes; park headquarters or inside the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. Summer rules and regulations apply to winter camping. See page 10 for more information on camping rules and regulations.

## Prepare for Winter Weather

Voyageurs National Park offers excellent opportunities for exploration and adventure in the wintertime. To make sure you have a safe and fun adventure, follow these guidelines:

### Dress Warmly and Stay Dry

Cold temperatures, wet snow, and wind can easily rob you of body heat. To avoid hypothermia and frostbite, dress warmly and stay dry. Wear layers of wool or synthetics like pile and polypropylene under a waterproof shell. Avoid exposure to wind, drink lots of water, and take warm-up breaks.

### Beware

Pay attention to the weather. It's easy to get lost or fall when the weather turns bad. The trails can quickly cover with snow and blanket your route whether on foot, skis, or snowmobile. You need to know where you are and how to get to safety.

### Prepare & Take Care

When hiking, snowshoeing or skiing bring the "10 Essentials" and know how to use them. Tell someone your travel plans.

1. Map of the area
2. Compass
3. Extra food and water
4. Extra clothing
5. Emergency shelter
6. First Aid Kit
7. Flashlight or headlamp
8. Sunglasses or sunscreen
9. Pocketknife
10. Waterproof matches



# Winter in Voyageurs National Park

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.

## Rainy Lake Visitor Center Winter Hours and Services

September 26, 2010 – December 31, 2010  
Wednesday - Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
January 2, 2011 – mid-May 2011  
Wednesday - Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Call (218) 286-5258 or (888) 381-2873

### The visitor center offers:

- Voyageurs National Park information
- Convenient snowmobile parking
- Trail and ice condition updates
- A cozy fire and hot cocoa
- A children's corner

- Maps of ski, snowshoe, and snowmobile trails
- Bookstore
- Life-size bull moose
- Exhibits and films
- Snowshoes for loan
- Cross-country ski rentals for adults and free loan program for kids

## Winter Special Speaker Series

January – March Voyageurs National Park offers naturalist-led programs at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. Call (218) 286-5258 or (888) 381-2873, Wednesday – Sunday for a schedule of events or visit [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov). Schedule available in December.

## Cross-Country Skiing

Enjoy the tranquility of cross-country skiing in Voyageurs National Park. Area ski trails (groomed and tracked unless noted) include:

### Black Bay Ski Trail

Located one mile north of the Rainy Lake Visitor Center on the Rainy Lake Ice Road and offers 6 miles of trail.

### Voyageurs' Tilson Connector Trail

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources manages this ten mile network of interconnected ski trails. Several routes are possible, ranging from short loops to longer excursions. You can access this system from the Rainy Lake Visitor Center area on the park's Tilson Connector Trail.

### Echo Bay Trail

This 3.5 mile loop trail is located a few miles from the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center (closed winter). Follow County Road 122 north toward the Woodenfrog State Forest campground to access the trailhead.

### Kab-Ash Trail

This challenging backcountry trail system is 27.87 miles of ungroomed trail and is for the experienced skier. Bring a map and be prepared for winter travel in a remote area if exploring the Kab-Ash Trail in winter.



## Snowshoeing

Explore the winter landscape on one of the park's three tracked snowshoe trails.

### Blind Ash Bay Trail

(2.5 miles round trip)  
The 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. The trailhead is just past the Beaver Pond Overlook on the north side of Sullivan Bay.

### Oberholtzer Trail

(2 miles round trip)

The trailhead is just outside the Rainy Lake Visitor Center.



## 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.



## Ice Fishing

Ghostly winter quiet, rugged piney shorelines, and outstanding angling make Voyageurs National Park an ice angler's dream. Place icehouses at least 50 feet from the center of snowmobile trails and the ice road. Check ice conditions before going out. Fishing license and icehouse registration is required.

## Snowmobilers

Snowmobiling is allowed on frozen lake surfaces and designated safety portages in Voyageurs National Park. The park provides 110 miles of staked and groomed trails for snowmobiling.

All land areas, including rock faces, are closed to snowmobiles with the exception of designated safety portages. Hill climbing is prohibited.

Obey all closure signs. Areas are closed to protect your safety and to protect sensitive resources.

### Be Safe!

- Carry a trail map with you
- Keep to the right on trails
- Leave a route plan with someone

### Watch For

Pressure ridges – they change the surface of the lake. Always stop and inspect ridge areas before crossing. Pressure ridges are marked with two crossed orange caution stakes on each side.

Slush and open water – avoid them by staying on staked and groomed trails.

### Trail Conditions

Voyageurs National Park trail conditions are posted weekly at [www.nps.gov/voya](http://www.nps.gov/voya). Click on "news" or "winter trail report" for detailed information.

- International Falls, (800) FALLS MN
- Kabetogama Lake, (800) 524-9085
- Ash River, (800) 950-2061
- Crane Lake, (877) 466-7669 (466-SNOW)

**Voyageurs National Park**

**ATTENTION  
SNOWMOBILERS**

**45**

**mph**

Lake Surfaces

**25**

**mph**

Land Portages



**DRINKING AND  
SNOWMOBILING  
DON'T MIX!**

It is illegal to operate a snowmobile while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

# LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Kabetogama Lake				Housekeeping Cabins & Rooms	Minimum night stay required	Dining: A-American Plan; P-Public Dining; L-Lounge/Bar; (FGO) For Guests Only	Services: B-Bait; D-Dump Station; I-Ice; L-Fishing License; P-Parking Lot; R-Groceries; S-Shower; G-Gas; F-Firewood; (FGO)-For Guests Only	Composites & Services : 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.)
Kabetogama Tourism Bureau Lake Kabetogama, MN 56669 (218) 875-2621 or (800) 524-9085 www.kabetogama.com												
Arrowhead Lodge and Resort	arrowheadlodgeresort.com	(866) 847-7118, (218) 875-2141		16	1	ALP	BDISGF	3WESDRV	FCPODK	B	P	All Year
Birch Grove Resort	birchgroveresort.com	(877) 878-4502, (218) 875-2172		6	1		BIPRG	4WEBSTRV	FCPRBD	B		May-Oct.
Carlson's Harmony Beach Resort	harmonybeachresort.com	(218) 875-2811		17	3		BIPG	4WEBTRV	PD(FGO)FPO	B	P	All Year
Deer Horn Resort	deerhornresort.com	(888) 600-3337		7	1		BIG		F			May-Oct.
Driftwood Lodge Resort	driftwoodlodgeresort.com	(888) 816-1529, (218) 875-3841		13	1		BIG		F		RP	May-Sept.
Eagle Wing Resort	eaglewingresort.com	(218) 875-3111		4			BIG		F(FGO)	B	P	May-Sept.
Grand View Resort/Tall Timber	grandviewresort.net	(218) 875-2171		10	1		BIG		CP(FGO)FPO	B	P	May-Aug.
Herseth's Tomahawk Resort	hersethstomahawkresort.com	(888) 834-7899, (218) 875-2352		9	2		BIG		FCP(FGO)	B	P	May-Oct.
Kec's Kove	fishandgame.com/kecs	(800) 777-8405, (218) 875-2841		7	1	APL	BIG	2WESRV	F		RP	All Year
Lakeview Resort	lakeviewkabetogama.com	(507) 696-9341, (877) 422-2471		9	1		BI		FP		R	May-Oct.
Moosehorn Resort	moosehornresort.com	(800) 777-7968, (218) 875-3491		9	2		BIPGF	1WERV	FRCPPOKRBD	B	P	All Year
North Star Resort		(218) 875-2175		6	3		BG		F(FGO)		P	May-Sept.
Northern Lights Resort	nlro.com	(800) 318-7023, (218) 875-2591		11	3		BIPGF		FCKPO	B	RP	All Year
Park Point Resort	parkpoint.com	(800) 272-4533		7	3		BI		F(FGO)			May-Sept.
Pine Aire Resort	pineaire.com	(877) 875-2161, (218) 875-2161		20	1	L	BILPRG	3WEBTRV	POFCPK	B	RP	All Year
Pine Tree Cove	pinetreecoveresort.com	(218) 875-2088		5	2		IG		FCD			May-Oct.
Pokorny's Resort & Campground		(218) 875-2481		6	1	PL	BIDPRG	19WEDBRV	FPR	B	R	May-Oct.
Red Pine Lodge & Resort	redpineresortandlodge.com	(218) 875-2441		16	3	APL	BIPGS	12WESBTRV	F		R	All Year
Sandy Point Lodge & Outfitters	sandypointlodge.com	(800) 777-8595, (218) 875-2615		16	1	APL	BIPSGF	2WEBRV	FCPO	B	P	All Year
Snyder's Idlewild Resort	idlewildresort.com	(888) 483-4608, (218) 875-3831		11	3		BIG	4WEBRV	FP(FGO)	P	RP	May-Sept.
Voyageur Park Lodge	voyageurparklodge.com	(800) 331-5694, (218) 875-2131		14	3		BIG		FCPPO	B	RP	May-Sept.
Woodenfrog Campground	State of MN dnr.state.mn.us	(218) 365-7229, (218) 875-2602						63WTRV		B		May-Oct.

Commercial Services				Fishing Guides	Winter Guides	Camping &/or Canoeing Guides	Water Taxi & Boat Charter	Marine Repair &/or Towing	Ice Fishing Guide &/or Shelters	Boat Rentals	Gas
<i>Businesses listed are authorized to provide services within Voyageurs National Park.</i>											
CRANE LAKE	Anders Ostberg Guiding Service	(218) 993-2295		✓							
	Butch Eggen Guide Service	(218) 993-2909		✓	✓	✓			✓		
	Butch Galbraith/Sunset Guide Service	(218) 750-7122		✓			✓	towing			
	Crane Lake Adventures	(218) 993-2214			✓	✓	✓		✓		
	Dave's Guide Service davesguideservice.biz	(218) 993-2453		✓			✓				
	Lawrence Jacobson	(800) 433-0743		✓							
	Marshall Pernat	(218) 254-5532		✓							
	Norway Lodge norwaylodge.com	(218) 993-2226								✓	
	Pine Point Lodge & Resort pinepointlodge.com	(800) 628-4446, (218) 993-2311		✓			✓		✓	✓	✓
	Scott's Peaceful Valley Resort scottspeacefulvalley.com	(800) 649-SPVR, (218) 993-2330								✓	
	T&T Barging	(218) 290-6854									✓
Voyagaire Lodge & Houseboats houseboatvacations.com	(800) 882-6287, (218) 993-2266		✓			✓	✓		✓	✓	
ASH RIVER	Ash-Ka-Nam Resort & Lodge ashkanamresortandlodge.com	(800) 950-1081, (218) 374-3181		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓
	End of Trail Guide Service ashtrailodge.com	(218) 374-3131		✓		✓	✓				✓
	Kettle Falls Hotel kettlefallshotel.com	(218) 875-2070, (218) 240-1726		✓			✓				✓
	Robert Davis captrobcrunch@peoplepc.com	(218) 374-3068		✓			✓	towing			
KABETOGRAMA LAKE	Arrowhead Lodge & Resort arrowheadlodgeresort.com	(866) 847-7118, (218) 875-2141		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
	Chuck's Guide Service	(218) 875-2025		✓			✓	towing			
	Carlson's Harmony Beach Resort harmonybeachresort.com	(218) 875-2811		✓			✓				
	Frank House Guide Service	(218) 875-3051		✓							
	Granger Guide Service fishingkabetogama.com	(956) 454-3841, (218) 875-3062		✓				welding			
	Herseth's Tomahawk Resort hersethstomahawkresort.com	(888) 834-7899		✓			✓				
	Jerry Snyder Guide Service	(763) 389-1633, (218) 875-3831		✓			✓				
	Kabetogama Angling Adventures	(218) 875-2075		✓	✓	✓	✓				
	Nev's Guide Service	(218) 875-3961		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
	Pine Tree Cove pinetreecoveresort.com	(218) 875-2121, (218) 875-2088		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
	Sandy Point Lodge sandypointlodge.com	(218) 875-2615							✓		✓
Snyder's Idlewild Resort idlewildresort.com	(218) 875-3831		✓			✓				✓	
RAINY LAKE	Al Renollet/Froggie's Guide Service	(218) 283-3768		✓			✓				
	Billy Albrecht Guide Service	(218) 286-5422		✓			✓				
	Bob Heiss Guide Service	(218) 324-1251		✓							
	Border Country Outdoor Adventures bcoonline.com	(218) 324-0668, (218) 324-0474		✓	✓		✓		✓		
	Bruce Jean Guide Service rainylakeguiding.com	(763) 238-7507		✓		✓	✓	towing			
	C.C. Guide Service	(218) 240-2091		✓	✓						
	Doc Holiday Guide Service	(218) 286-2068		✓		✓	✓				
	Erickson's Guide Service	(218) 285-9598		✓							
	Havvy's Guide Service	(218) 286-5077		✓	✓	✓	✓				
	Lac A La Pluie Walleye Service	(218) 244-4837, (218) 283-6146		✓			✓				
	Northern Memories Guide Service	(218) 875-2091		✓							
	One Doggie's Guide Service	(218) 875-2412		✓							
	Pat Arnold's Charter Fishing & Water Taxi	(218) 285-9100					✓				
	Rainy Lake Houseboats rainylakehouseboats.com	(800) 554-9188		✓	✓		✓	✓			✓
	Rainydaze Guide Service rainydazeoutdoors.com	(218) 290-6102, (218) 286-3159		✓	✓						
	Ron Jean Guide Service rainylakeguiding.com	(218) 283-4400		✓			✓	towing			
	Scott's Rainy Lake Guide Service	(218) 290-1607, (218) 286-3151		✓	✓	✓	✓	towing	✓		
	Wizard Guide Service	(763) 494-9872, (218) 286-4040		✓							
	Woody's Fairly Reliable Guide Service fairlyreliable.com	(866) 410-5001, (218) 286-5001		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓

# LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS

<b>Rainy Lake, Ranier &amp; Int'l Falls</b> International Falls Area Convention & Visitors Bureau 301 2nd Avenue International Falls, MN 56649 (800) 325-5766 or (218) 283-9400 www.rainylake.org				Housekeeping Cabins & Rooms	Minimum night stay required	Dining: A-American Plan; P-Public Dining; L-Lounge/Bar; (FGO) For Guests Only	Services: B-Bait; D-Dump Station; I-Ice; L-Fishing License; P-Parking Lot; R-Groceries; S-Shower; G-Gas; K-Bikes; (FGO)-For Guests Only; F-Firewood	Campsites & Services : 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	(218) 285-9100		1		PDS	WESDB6T18RV				April-Oct.		
Bear Ridge Guest House <a href="http://bearthridgeguesthouse.com">bearthridgeguesthouse.com</a>	(218) 286-5710	2					FCS(FGO)			All Year		
Birch Point Camp	(218) 286-3541	3	3			EBWTDREV	D	B		May-Sept.		
Budget Host Inn <a href="http://budgethostinn.net">budgethostinn.net</a>	(800) 880-2577, (218) 283-2577	28	1		IP					All Year		
Casa Loma Vacation Home <a href="http://rainylakevacationhomes.com">rainylakevacationhomes.com</a>	(800) 554-9188	1	3				FD			All Year		
Days Inn Motel <a href="http://daysinn.com">daysinn.com</a>	(800) 329-7466, (218) 283-9441	58	1		P				R	All Year		
Falls Motel <a href="http://fallsmotel.org">fallsmotel.org</a>	(800) 328-8435, (218) 283-8434	24	1		IP					All Year		
Hilltop Motel & Cabins <a href="http://hilltopmotelifalls.com">hilltopmotelifalls.com</a>	(800) 322-6671, (218) 283-2505	16	1		IP					April-Oct.		
Holiday Inn <a href="http://hiifalls.com">hiifalls.com</a>	(800) 331-4443, (218) 283-8000	126	1	PL	IP			P	R	All Year		
Island View Lodge & Cabins <a href="http://gotorainylake.com">gotorainylake.com</a>	(800) 777-7856, (218) 286-3511	23	1R-3C	APL	BIGL		C(FGO), FKDPO	B	RP	Summer Only		
The Lakeview, Cabins and RV Park	(800) 888-5737, (218)286-5737	5				WESD4RV	D(FGO)	B		May-Oct.		
Northern Houseboats of Rainy Lake <a href="http://northernhouseboats.com">northernhouseboats.com</a>	(800) 854-7958, (218) 286-5221	16 Houseboats			ILRG		FC(FGO)			May-Sept.		
Northern Lights Motel	(800) 889-6009, (218) 283-2508	22	1		IP					All Year		
Rainy Lake Houseboats <a href="http://rainylakehouseboats.com">rainylakehouseboats.com</a>	(800) 554-9188, (218) 286-5391	29 Houseboats			BIGRLF		F			May-Sept.		
Rambler Motel <a href="http://ramblermotel.com">ramblermotel.com</a>	(800) 273-0464, (218) 283-8454	21	1		I					All Year		
River Mist Retreat, Vacation Home <a href="http://rivermistretreat.com">rivermistretreat.com</a>	(309) 944-5056	6	2							All Year		
Rainy Lake Inn & Suites <a href="http://rainylakeinn.com">rainylakeinn.com</a>	(218) 286-5699, (877) RAINYLK (724-6955)	4	1		Ice Cream,SK		FPCDR			All Year		
Sha-Sha Resort <a href="http://shashaonrainylake.com">shashaonrainylake.com</a>	(800) 685-2776, (218) 286-3241	8		PL	IG		FCD	B	RP	May-Oct.		
Super 8 Motel <a href="http://super8.com">super8.com</a>	(888) 800-8801, (218) 283-8811	53	1		IP					All Year		
Tee Pee Motel <a href="http://geocities.com/teepeemotel">geocities.com/teepeemotel</a>	(800) 850-1518, (218) 283-8494	40	1		IP					All Year		
Thunderbird Lodge <a href="http://thunderbirdrainylake.com">thunderbirdrainylake.com</a>	(800) 351-5133, (218) 286-3151	25	1-3	PL	GIP		FRCPPD	B	P	All Year		
Voyageurs Motel <a href="http://voyageurmotel.net">voyageurmotel.net</a>	(877) 283-9424, (218) 283-9424	20	1		I			R		All Year		
WoodsPort Cottages <a href="http://woodsport.com">woodsport.com</a>	(218) 286-4034	3	3		P		D(FGO)			All Year		
Woody's Rainy Lake Resort <a href="http://fairlyreliable.com">fairlyreliable.com</a>	(866) 410-5001, (218) 286-5001	8	3	PL	IP		NFRPOD	B	P	All Year		
<b>Crane Lake</b> Crane Lake Visitor and Tourism Bureau • 7238 Handberg Rd. • Crane Lake, MN 55725 • (800) 362-7405 • <a href="http://www.visitcranelake.com">www.visitcranelake.com</a>												
Anderson Outfitters <a href="http://anderson-outfitters.com">anderson-outfitters.com</a>	(800) 777-7186, (218) 993-2287	1	1		BILPRSG		FC			May-Oct.		
Camp 40 Outfitters <a href="http://camp40.com">camp40.com</a>	(800) 269-7377	8	1		BISG	B	CRPOK			All Year		
Dave's Guide Service <a href="http://davesguideservice.biz">davesguideservice.biz</a>	(218) 993-2453	1	3							All Year		
Gateway Resort Outfitters <a href="http://gatewayresort.net">gatewayresort.net</a>	(218) 993-2415	4	1			P	FC			All Year		
Handberg's Marine <a href="http://handbergs.com">handbergs.com</a>	(218) 993-2214				BIPRG	RVWES	FRPD		P	All Year		
Island Cabin <a href="http://visitcranelake.com/island_cabin/">visitcranelake.com/island_cabin/</a>	(218) 993-2445	1								May-Oct.		
Lakeview Motel <a href="http://lkvmotel.com">lkvmotel.com</a>	(800) 628-4446, (218) 993-2311	3	1		P		FRPPORBD			May-Oct.		
Nelson's Resort <a href="http://nelsonsresort.com">nelsonsresort.com</a>	(800) 433-0743, (218) 993-2295	27	1	APL	BILPRSG		FPO	B	RP	May-Sept.		
Norway Lodge <a href="http://norwaylodge.com">norwaylodge.com</a>	(800) 269-7377, (218) 993-2226	5	1		IP		FRCPPOKD			May-Nov.		
Pine Point Lodge & Resort <a href="http://pinepointlodge.com">pinepointlodge.com</a>	(800) 628-4446, (218) 993-2311	12	1	L	BILPRG		FCPRPOSRBD	B	RP	May-Oct.		
Pine Ridge Motel <a href="http://pineridgemotel.com">pineridgemotel.com</a>	(888) 310-4225, (218) 993-2265	4	1		P					All Year		
Sand Point Lodge <a href="http://sandpointlodge.net">sandpointlodge.net</a>	(218) 290-6854	5	1	P	BILRSG		FC	B		May-Oct.		
Scott's Peaceful Valley Resort <a href="http://scottspeacefulvalley.com">scottspeacefulvalley.com</a>	(800) 649-7787, (218) 993-2330	6	2		SG		F	B	RP	May-Sept.		
Scott's Resort & Seaplane Base <a href="http://cranelakeresort.com">cranelakeresort.com</a>	(218) 993-2341	3	1	PL	BILPG	IORV	FPPOSD	B	P	All Year		
Sherrick's Wilderness Resorts	(218) 374-3531 or winter (937) 325-5155	8	7		G		FCPO			May-Sept.		
Trail's End Resort <a href="http://trails-end-resort.com">trails-end-resort.com</a>	(888) 844-2257, (218) 993-2257	11	1	PL	BIGS	3RV	F	B		All Year		
Voyagaire Lodge & Houseboats <a href="http://houseboatvacation.com">houseboatvacation.com</a>	(800) 882-6287, (218) 993-2266	12 Hotel Rooms • 35 Houseboats		1	APL	BDILPSG	D (for boats only) B	FCR PPOKN	B	P	All Year	
Voyageurs Landing Resort <a href="http://voyageurslanding.com">voyageurslanding.com</a>	(218) 993-2401, (218) 993-2266	5	1		P					All Year		
Waterfront Home <a href="http://visitcranelake.com/waterfront_home">visitcranelake.com/waterfront_home</a>	(218) 993-2600	1								May-Oct.		
Water's Edge RV Park <a href="http://watersedgerv-park.com">watersedgerv-park.com</a>	(218) 993-2389	1	2		BDIPG	D28RV	F	B		May-Oct.		
Wildwood Escape-Deluxe Privacy <a href="http://wildwoodescape.com">wildwoodescape.com</a>	(952) 334-0135	2	3							All Year		
<b>Ash River</b> Ash River Information Center • Orr, MN 55771 • (800) 950-2061 • <a href="http://www.ashriver.com">www.ashriver.com</a>												
Ash-Ka-Nam Resort <a href="http://ashkanamresortandlodge.com">ashkanamresortandlodge.com</a>	(800) 950-1081, (218) 374-3181	13	1	APL	BIPG	10WESDRV	FRCPPORBDN		RP	All Year		
Ash River Campground State of Minnesota <a href="http://dnr.state.mn.us">dnr.state.mn.us</a>	(218) 753-2245					9WTRV				All Year		
Ash Riviera	(866) 255-1680, (218) 724-6856, (218) 374-3411	6	3		IPS (FGO)	15 ERVB	FRPRBD(FGO)PO			May-Sept.		
Ash Trail Lodge <a href="http://ashtrailodge.com">ashtrailodge.com</a>	(800) 777-4513, (218) 374-3131	17	1	APL	BILPG	WESRV	FRPORB		R	All Year		
Ebel's Voyageur Houseboats <a href="http://ebels.com">ebels.com</a>	(800) 253-5475, (218) 374-3571	20 Houseboats			BILRGF		FCRKPO			May-Sept.		
Frontier Resort <a href="http://frontierresort.net">frontierresort.net</a>	(866) 950-2986, (218) 374-3311	11	3	PL	BIPRG	8WEDRV	FPO		P	All Year		
Kettle Falls Hotel <a href="http://kettlefallshotel.com">kettlefallshotel.com</a>	winter (218) 875-2070, (218) 240-1724/1726	20	1	PL	BRSGIL		FCKP			May-Sept.		
Sunset Resort Campground <a href="http://sunset-resort.com">sunset-resort.com</a>	(800) 232-3161, (218) 374-3161	12	1		BIRGSF	7WESBRVK	FPOK	B	P	All Year		
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Gateway Lodge and Suites <a href="http://info@gatewaylodgeandsuites.com">info@gatewaylodgeandsuites.com</a>	(800) 860-3613, (218) 757-3613	50	1	LP	(FGO)			P		All Year		
North Country Inn <a href="http://northcountryinn.com">northcountryinn.com</a>	(218) 757-3778	12	1		(FGO)					All Year		
Norman's Motel <a href="mailto:normansonestop@hotmail.com">normansonestop@hotmail.com</a>	(218) 757-3272	12	1		(FGO)					All Year		



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