

The Rendezvous

Your Guide to
Voyageurs National Park

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Voyageurs National Park
360 Highway 11 East
International Falls, MN 56649



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Traveling to the Park



Roads lead to six park entrances near or within the communities of Crane Lake, Orr, Ash River, Kabetogama, Ranier, and International Falls.

No matter where you choose to enter the park, each community has a range of services to assist with your trip (pages 13-15).

Remember - Voyageurs is a water-based park. To fully experience the park, you will need a watercraft or take a ranger-led boat tour.



Don't Get Caught in the Weather!

The weather can change rapidly and severely in Voyageur country. Park rangers remind you to come prepared.

During the summer, when thunderstorms are most active, make sure to seek protection when on the water. Boat to a location behind islands and wait thunderstorms out in safe harbors.

During the spring and fall avoid prolonged exposure to wind and cold as conditions for hypothermia are present this time of year.

Check conditions at visitor centers before heading onto the water or ice so you are not caught off guard.

The average high temperature in July is 79 F, the low is 54 F. The average low temperature in February is -1 F, the high is 22 F.

Ranger Tips!

When traveling in and through Voyageurs National Park remember to take these precautions for a safe and enjoyable visit.

*Ticks are present in the park including ticks that harbor Lyme's disease. Park staff recommend you wear long pants while hiking through tall grass and check your body each night.

*Mosquitoes are present in Voyageurs with the highest concentration during the spring and heavy rain seasons.

Mosquitoes can transfer West Nile Virus. Wear

repellent, long sleeves, and long pants to decrease contact.

*Carbon Monoxide can be deadly. Houseboaters should be aware of the danger of swimming the perimeter of the houseboat. Swim away from the houseboat and not near the edges.

*Black flies are present in the park, typically two weeks in June and then again in August. The best defense against black flies is to wear long sleeves and long pants.



Contact Information

Rainy Lake Visitor Center
Phone: (218) 286-5258
Open year-round
Call ahead for up-to-date hours

Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center
Phone: (218) 875-2111
Mid - May to mid - September. Call ahead for up-to-date hours

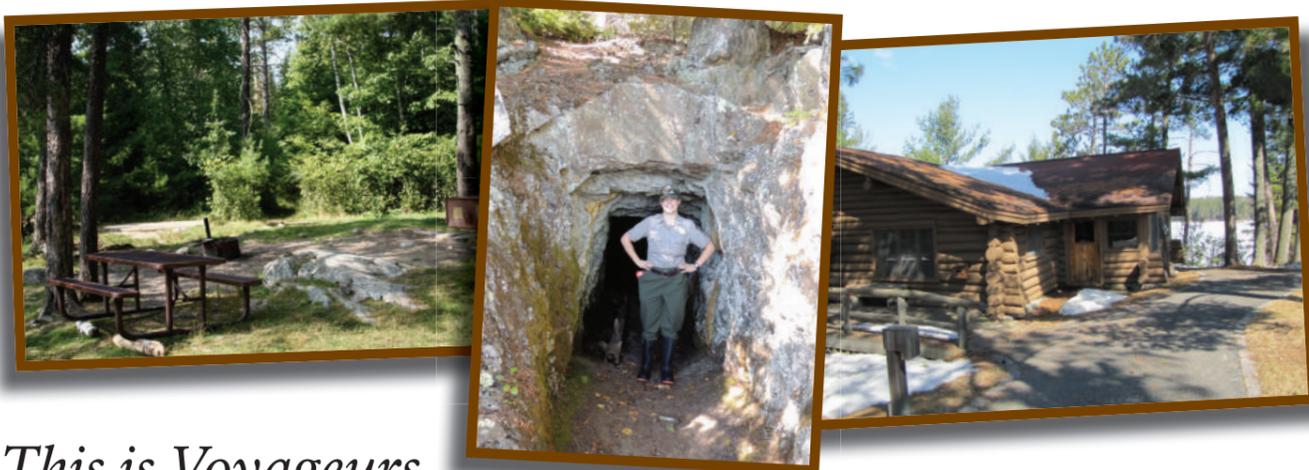
Ash River Visitor Center
Phone: (218) 374-3221
Mid - May to mid - September
Call ahead for up-to-date hours

Crane Lake Ranger Station
Phone: (218) 993-2481

Park Headquarters (Administration Building)
360 Highway 11 East
International Falls, MN 56649
Phone: (218) 283-6600
Year-round, Monday - Friday
8 am - 4:30 pm
<http://www.nps.gov/voya>

Did You Know...

3 Reasons Why Voyageurs Became A National Park



This is Voyageurs

Imagine walking through a forest mixed with golden colored tamarack or under a canopy of aspens and maples displaying an array of red, gold, and yellow leaves. This is Voyageurs.

Imagine following the smell of pine as you walk along rock covered ridges. This is Voyageurs.

Imagine seeing a fox scurrying by while hearing the call of a loon or the howl of a wolf. This is 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 seventy percent of the park.

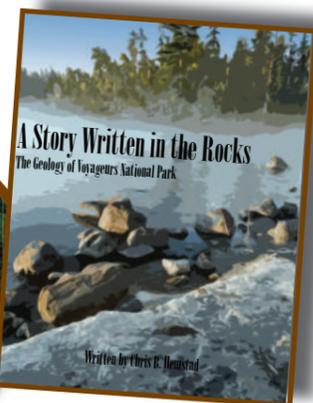
Quaking aspen dominates the forest with other species including birch, pine, spruce, and balsam fir.

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, foxes, coyotes, lynx, bobcats, beavers, black bears, eagles, ravens, and common loons.

Voyageurs also hosts more than 240 neotropical bird species who either live in or migrate through the park.

Pick up a *Plant and Animal Checklist* at any park visitor center to record your discoveries.



To learn more about the park's geological features purchase a copy of *A Story Written in the Rocks* at any park visitor center.



Rocks, Ridges, and Gold

Voyageurs National Park is one of the few places in North America where you can see and touch rocks half the age of the Earth.

The exposed rock you see all around you is the southern edge of the volcanic bedrock that forms the core of the continent and is from the birth of North America.

At one time, massive, explosive volcanoes deposited layer after layer of ash and lava. Subsequent uplifting, folding, tremendous pressure, and superheating created igneous and metamorphic rock.

Over time, erosion wore down the volcanic mountain range and the ice ages brought glaciers that moved rivers of ice and scoured away the younger rock layers.

This action exposed the roots of the ancient mountains - the granite, migmatite, and biotite schist you see today.



As the glaciers receded, torrents of melted water filled low-lying areas, creating the lakes and bogs of today's landscape.

Today, the oldest rock in the park tells a recent human story. Fault zones in exposed 2.8-billion-year-old greenstone revealed gold embedded in quartz veins.

The discovery sparked a short-lived gold rush and boomtown in the 1890s. Many of the newcomers stayed for good, and their descendents live in the region today.

The Fur Trade

The waterways of Voyageurs include an important segment 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.

As the fur trade expanded, it relied on the voyageurs, or French-Canadian canoeists, to muscle trade goods and furs between Montreal and the Canadian northwest.



The voyageurs in turn, relied on native peoples for furs, guide services, clothing, food, and medicine.

The route of these voyageurs shaped the international boundary between the US and Canada, and the legacy of these voyageurs inspired the naming of this national park.

From supporting the life and culture of Native Americans, to supplying resources for the fur trade, commercial fishing, gold mining, and timber and tourism industries, the interconnected waterway system of this area has influenced the movement of people for thousands of years.

Voyageurs Watershed

Voyageurs is a water-based park where to truly experience the park, visitors must leave their cars behind and travel by watercraft.

The park lies in the 14,900-square-mile Rainy Lake basin. About seventy percent of the basin lies within Ontario, Canada and thirty percent in Minnesota.

The general direction of water 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 main lakes are controlled by a dam crossing the international border at Fort Frances, Ontario Canada and International Falls, MN, as well as dams at Kettle Falls and Squirrel Falls on Namakan Lake.



Navigation You Need To Know

The United States Coast Guard (USCG) numbered red and green buoy system is used to guide boaters and mark hazards.

To use this system you need to know the direction of lake flow. Remember, red buoys to your right while traveling up-lake: red, right, return.

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.



Photo: Joshua Bell

Boating Guidelines

- Minnesota state law requires all watercraft (including canoes and kayaks) to have one wearable United States Coast Guard (USCG) approved personal flotation device (PFD) on board and accessible for each person.
- The State of Minnesota requires all children under 10 years of age to wear a life jacket when in a recreational boat.
- When swimming around or behind boats, always make certain engines and generators are turned off to prevent toxic gas exposure.
- When moving, passengers should be seated. Riding on the bow or gunwale is prohibited.

Emergencies

- Call 911
- Cellular phones may not work in the park
- Phones are located near all visitor centers
- Park rangers monitor marine band 16 for emergencies during business hours

Boating Checklist

- A wearable life preserver readily accessible per person
- Type IV throwable cushion
- Navigation maps
- Navigation lights at night
- Whistle or horn
- Anchor and paddles or oars
- Spare propeller
- Flashlight and first aid kit

What's in the Water?

Exotic Species in Voyageurs

Spiny Water Flea

This tiny (1/4-5/8") species of 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 water fleas are spread when either live adult water fleas or viable resting eggs are transferred to a new body of water. Spiny water fleas can be transported on bait buckets, anchor ropes, fishing line, boats, waders, nets, or any gear that contacts infested waters.

Spiny water fleas were first found in Rainy and Namakan Lakes in 2006. The main 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.

Emerald Ash Borer

has decimated ash trees in Michigan and is spreading westward to Superior, WI and Mpls./St. Paul, MN.

These insects, and other forest pests, can be transported to the park in contaminated firewood.

Do not bring firewood into the park unless purchased from a MN DNR approved firewood vendor.

You may collect dead and downed wood near your campsite.

Eurasian Watermilfoil

is moving northward in Minnesota and may reach park waters soon.

This plant has been found to interfere with boating, fishing, swimming, and can also crowd out native water plants.

Rusty Crayfish

were discovered in the park in 2006, are more aggressive than native crayfish, and can disrupt aquatic plant and animal communities by eliminating aquatic plants in infested areas.

Never release any pet or aquarium species of crayfish into lakes. Remember that using live crayfish for bait is prohibited in all park waters.



What Can You Do?

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.

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

- *Use 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.



Thinking of Drinking Lake Water?

Visitors are advised to always treat lake water before using it for drinking or cooking.

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

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 like pea soup should be avoided. For detailed information visit the MPCA website: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/>. (Make sure to search for harmful algae blooms MPCA in the search box).

Fish Species in the Park

Fish in Voyageurs are abundant. There are 54 species known to exist in park lakes. Walleye is the most frequently sought after by anglers. Yellow perch and northern pike are the most widely spread species.

Other fish include smallmouth bass, crappie, sauger, lake trout, muskellunge, and burbot.

Not all of these fish are native to the park. Some of these species may be native in the four main lakes of the park but not native to the interior lakes where they exist due to prior stocking.

General Park Regulations & Things to Know

Protect

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, driftwood, flowers, or pine cones.



You may harvest up to one gallon of berries for personal consumption.

Pets

Are allowed on a leash in developed areas (around visitor centers, boat launch ramps, picnic areas, campsites), on the four main lakes, and along park entrance roads.



Pets are NOT allowed on park trails (except the Rainy Lake Recreation Trail) or in the back-country. This rule is in place to protect park wildlife and your pet.

Wildlife

Do not harass or feed wildlife. Observe wildlife quietly from a distance. Do not disturb wildlife, especially breeding or nesting birds, or adult animals with young.

Closures

Respect public use closures. Check at visitor centers and boat launch ramp bulletin boards for areas that have been closed to protect visitors, wildlife, and other sensitive

resources. Closed areas are posted with signs. When in doubt, ask a park ranger.

Hunting

Hunting is not allowed.

Customs

Know Canadian and U.S. Customs and fishing regulations before you cross the border.

Canadian customs: (807) 274-3655 and United States customs: (218) 283-0769.

Quiet Hours

10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Campfires

Use a camp stove or build campfires in established fire rings only. Never leave a fire unattended. Drown and stir all campfires with water. 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.

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

Day Use

Visitors may stop and enjoy Day Use sites throughout the park.

Visitors may not stay overnight at a Day Use site. These sites are marked with a picnic table icon on National Geographic Maps.

Amenities at these sites include a picnic table, fire ring, and privy.



Day Use is allowed at reservable sites between the

hours of noon and 2:00 pm if the site is not occupied.

Firearms

As of February 22, 2010, Federal law allows people who can legally possess firearms under Federal, Minnesota, and local laws - with a valid state permit to carry - 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; this Federal law does not alter the existing regulatory restrictions on the use and possession of these firearms within the park.

In addition, Federal law prohibits possession of firearms on 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.

Black Bears

Bears are a normal part of park life. Today, there are approximately 250 black bears in Voyageurs.

Visitors are often surprised to discover bears will swim from place to place. While black bears are found throughout the park, by nature, they do not seek out people.

Always remember to keep your distance when encountering a bear. Here's how you can have a safe and enjoyable visit:

All food, garbage, scented items, and equipment used to cook, needs to be stored in a vehicle, metal bear-proof food locker, or hung 10-feet high and 4-feet out from a pole or tree.

Coolers will not protect food from black bears. Bears are strong, and placing a rock or other heavy item atop your cooler will not keep them out.



Improperly stored food has drawn bears to campsites and houseboats, resulting in property damage and an increased risk to human safety.

Filleted Fish

When fishing in or traveling on Kabetogama, Namakan, Sand Point, and Rainy Lakes, you cannot possess filleted fish because these lakes are classified as experimental waters.

Minnesota fishing regulations state "when on or fishing experimental, special, border, or other waters with size restrictions different from the statewide regulations, all fish for which that regulation applies must have their heads, tails, fins, and skin intact."

If you are camping in the park and want to bring fish home, the fish must stay measurable until you reach the boat landing.

There are two ways to do this: 1) gut and gill the fish to keep them measurable. 2) bring a live box to keep your fish alive until you plan to leave.

Live fish can be transported, and when you get off the water, they can be filleted at that time.

Summer Ranger-led Boat Tours and Programs

*Ticket sales stop 30 minutes prior to departure.
*Reservations (877) 444-6777 or www.recreation.gov.

Rainy Lake Visitor Center	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	ADULT 17 and Up	CHILD 3 - 16	TODDLER 2 and under
Grand Tour - (June 19 - September 3, 2.5 hours, 4-passenger minimum) Board the <i>Voyageur</i> Tour Boat and navigate Rainy Lake in search of active eagle nests, view a commercial fish camp from the boat, and watch for abundant wildlife. A stop at Little American Island (1/4 mile accessible walk) explores the 1890s Rainy Lake gold rush.	2 pm	2pm		2 pm		2 pm	2 pm	\$30	\$15	\$3
North Canoe Voyage - (June 20 - August 17, 1.5 hours) 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, paddling required, and weather dependent. Reservations recommended - call the visitor center (218) 286-5258.		10 am		10 am				Free	Free	N/A
Beaver Lodge Canoe Trip - (June 21 - August 20, 2 hours) Get a close up view of a beaver lodge while paddling the waters of Black Bay. Minimum age is 5, paddling required, and weather dependent. Reservations recommended - call the visitor center at (218) 286-5258.			10 am			10 am	10 am	Free	Free	N/A
Ethno-botanical Garden Tour - (June 19 - September 3, 30 minutes) Join park staff and walk through Voyageurs' diverse ecosystem. An Ojibwe Indian camp awaits at the heart of the native plant garden (accessible 1/4 mile walk).	1 pm	1 pm	1 pm	1 pm	1 pm	1 pm	1 pm	Free	Free	Free
Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	ADULT	CHILD	TODDLER
Kettle Falls Cruise - (June 19 - August 19, 5.5 hours, 6-passenger minimum) Voyage to the historic Kettle Falls area. Spend 2 hours on land, dine at the hotel, enjoy a picnic lunch, or explore the hotel and nearby dam. Meal fee separate.	10 am		10 am		3:00 pm	10 am		\$40	\$20	\$3
North Canoe Voyage - (June 21 - August 18, 1.5 hours) See description above. Reservations recommended - call the visitor center at (218) 875-2111.			10:30 am		10:30 am			Free	Free	N/A
Twilight Walk into the Past - (June 22 - August 17, 1 hour) Join park staff as they portray a historic character from the region's past. Let the whispers of a different time come alive. Meet at the Woodenfrog Refectory. Call the visitor center at (218) 875-2111.				8:30 pm				Free	Free	Free
Kettle Falls	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	ADULT	CHILD	TODDLER
Kettle Falls Dam Tour - (June 19 - August 19, 30 minutes) Meet out front of the Kettle Falls Hotel. A ranger will guide you through the history of the area and walk to the dam overlook (not accessible).	1 pm		1 pm		6 pm	1 pm		Free	Free	Free

Autumn Ranger-led Boat Tours and Programs

Rainy Lake Visitor Center	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	ADULT	CHILD	TODDLER
Grand Tour - (September 7 - 10) 2.5 hours, 4-passenger minimum) See description above.				2 pm		2 pm	2 pm	\$30	\$15	\$3
Kettle Falls Cruise - (September 4, 11, 18) (6.5 hours, 22-passenger minimum) See description above.	10 am							\$45	\$22.50	\$3
Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	ADULT	CHILD	TODDLER
Kettle Falls Cruise - (August 23 - September 22, 5.5 hours, 6-passenger minimum). See description above.			10 am		10 am			\$40	\$20	\$3
Kettle Falls	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	ADULT	CHILD	TODDLER
Kettle Falls Dam Tour - (August 23 - September 22, 30 minutes) Meet out front of the Kettle Falls Hotel. See description above.	1:30 pm		1 pm		1 pm			Free	Free	Free

Special Events

May 7, 2016
Minnesota Fishing Opener

July 1 - 4, 2016
U.S. and Canada Independence Day festivities.
International Falls, MN and Fort Frances, Ontario, Canada

July 9-10, 2016
Voyageur Days, Crane Lake, MN

August 12-13, 2016
Ranier Summer Festival
Ranier, MN

August 25-27, 2016
International Falls Bass Championship
International Falls, MN

Sept. 16-17, 2016
Voyageurs National Park's Fall Volunteer Rendezvous
Voyageurs National Park, MN

January 13-17, 2016
Icebox Days
International Falls, MN

Winter Special Speaker Series
January 20 - March 23, 2017
Rainy lake Visitor Center
Sundays, 2- 4 pm

For a listing of special Centennial activities check the park's website at www.nps.gov/voya.



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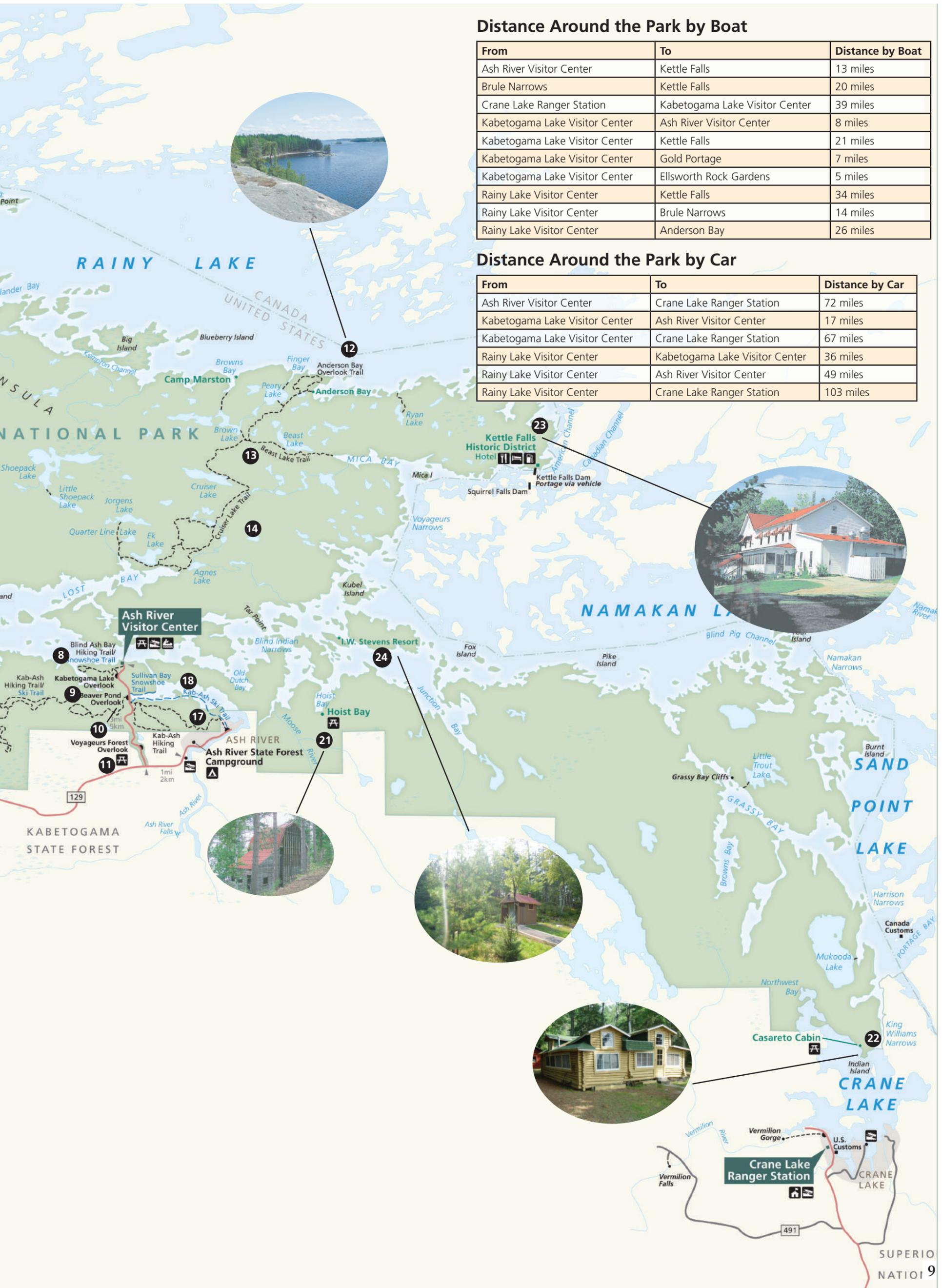


- Unpaved road
 - Pullout/trailhead
 - Distance indicator
 - Hiking trail/portage trail
 - Cross-country ski trail
 - Snowshoe trail
 - Ranger station
 - Picnic area
 - Boat ramp
 - Food service
 - Lodging
 - Boat fuel
 - Canoe and kayak access
 - Boat tour
 - Public campground
- Food, lodging, boat fuel, and other services are available in gateway communities outside Voyageurs National Park.

Visitor Destintions and Trails

#	Trail Name	Summer Access	Winter Access	Difficulty	Distance	Hking Time	Winter Activity
1	Little American Island Visitor Destination and Trail	Water	Foot/Snowmobile/Ski	Easy	0.25 mile, loop	20 minutes	Snowshoe
2	Oberholtzer Trail	Car	Car	Easy	1.7 miles, round trip	45 minutes	Snowshoe
3	Ethno-botanical Garden Trail	Car	Car	Easy	0.25 mile	20 minutes	Snowshoe
4	Black Bay Ski Trail System	Water	Foot/Snowmobile/Ski/Car	Moderate	1 to 5 miles, loop	30 minutes to 2 hours	Ski - groomed
5	Locator Lake Trail	Water	Foot/Snowmobile	Moderate to Strenuous	2 miles, one way	2 hours	Snowshoe
6	Echo Bay Trail	Car	Car	Easy to Moderate	2.5 miles, loop	2 hours	Ski - groomed
7	Kab-Ash Trail (West Section)	Car	Car	Moderate to Strenuous	28 miles	Days	Snowshoe/Ski - ungrooved
8	Blind Ash Bay Trail	Car	Car	Moderate	2.8 miles, loop	2.5 hours	Snowshoe
9	Kabetogama Lake Overlook Trail	Car	Car	Easy	0.2 mile, one way	20 minutes	Snowshoe
10	Beaver Pond Overlook Trail	Car	Car	Moderate	0.2 mile, one way	30 minutes	Snowshoe
11	Voyageurs Forest Overlook Trail	Car	Car	Easy to Moderate	0.5 mile, loop	30 minutes	Snowshoe
12	Anderson Bay Overlook Trail	Water	Snowmobile/Ski	Moderate	1.75 miles, loop	2 hours	Snowshoe
13	Beast Lake Trail	Water	Snowmobile/Ski	Moderate	0.25 mile to Beast Lake and 2.5 miles, one-way to Brown Lake	3 to 4 hours	Snowshoe
14	Cruiser Lake Trail System	Water	Snowmobile/Ski	Moderate to Strenuous	9.5 miles, one way	6 to 8 hours	Snowshoe
15	Rainy Lake Recreation Trail	Car	Car	Easy	1.75 miles, one-way	1.5 hours, round trip	Snowshoe/Ski
16	Tilson Connector Ski Trail	Car	Car	Easy	1 mile, one-way	20 minutes	Ski - groomed
17	Kab-Ash Trail (East Section)	Car	Car	Moderate to Strenuous	28 miles	28 miles	Snowshoe/Ski - ungrooved
18	Sullivan Bay Trail	Car	Car	Easy	1.5 miles, one-way	2 hours	Snowshoe
19	Black Bay Beaver Pond Trail	Water	Car/Ski/Snowmobile/Foot	Moderate	1.2 miles, round trip	1 hour	Snowshoe
20	Ellsworth Rock Gardens Visitor Destination	Water		Moderate	1/4 mile, one-way	1/2 hour	N/A
21	Hoist Bay Visitor Destination	Water	Snowmobile/Ski	Easy to moderate	1/4 mile, one-way	1/2 hour	N/A
22	Casareto Cabin Visitor Destination	Water	Snowmobile/Ski	Easy	N/A	1/2 hour	N/A
23	Kettle Falls Visitor Destination	Water	Snowmobile/Ski	Easy to Moderate	1/2 mile, one-way	20 minutes	Hotel not open
24	I.W. Stevens Visitor Destination	Water	Snowmobile/Ski	Easy	1/4 mile, one-way	20 minutes	N/A

International Park



Distance Around the Park by Boat

From	To	Distance by Boat
Ash River Visitor Center	Kettle Falls	13 miles
Brule Narrows	Kettle Falls	20 miles
Crane Lake Ranger Station	Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center	39 miles
Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center	Ash River Visitor Center	8 miles
Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center	Kettle Falls	21 miles
Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center	Gold Portage	7 miles
Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center	Ellsworth Rock Gardens	5 miles
Rainy Lake Visitor Center	Kettle Falls	34 miles
Rainy Lake Visitor Center	Brule Narrows	14 miles
Rainy Lake Visitor Center	Anderson Bay	26 miles

Distance Around the Park by Car

From	To	Distance by Car
Ash River Visitor Center	Crane Lake Ranger Station	72 miles
Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center	Ash River Visitor Center	17 miles
Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center	Crane Lake Ranger Station	67 miles
Rainy Lake Visitor Center	Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center	36 miles
Rainy Lake Visitor Center	Ash River Visitor Center	49 miles
Rainy Lake Visitor Center	Crane Lake Ranger Station	103 miles

Winter in the Park

Park Trails

Cross Country Ski Trails and Equipment Loans

Trails are tracked and groomed on a regular basis within park boundaries. Trails include: Black Bay, Echo Bay, and Tilson Connector Ski Trails.

For a more rugged and solitary experience, the ungroomed Kab-Ash Ski Trail is also available and ranges from easy to moderate.

Ski equipment is available free-of-charge for adults and children during regular visitor center hours at Rainy Lake.

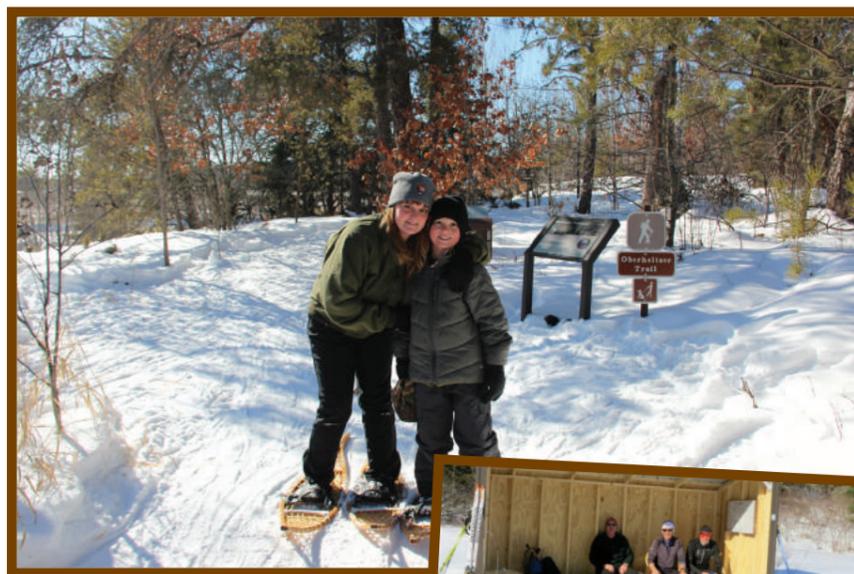
Snowshoes are available through a free loan program at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center during regular hours.

Ice Anglers are required to have a current Minnesota State fishing license and an up-to-date shelter (fish house) registration.

The park requires placement of equipment or any type of structure to be greater than 50 feet off the edge of all ice roads and 50 feet off the center line of all snowmobile trails.

Ice Roads are maintained when ice conditions allow. Two ice roads typically exist during winter months.

One extends from the boat launch ramp at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center and goes as far as ice conditions allow. The other ice road starts at the boat launch



ramp at the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center and connects to the boat launch ramp at the Ash River Visitor Center.

Check with the Rainy Lake Visitor Center for up-to-date information.

The speed limit is 30 mph.

When heavy snow, slush, or thin ice exists, ice roads may be closed or shortened. Travel beyond the plowed section is unsafe.

Snowmobiling in the Park

Snowmobiling in the park is allowed. Voyageurs is the nation's only national park that provides groomed snowmobile trails, in the heart of a park, without the use of a road system.

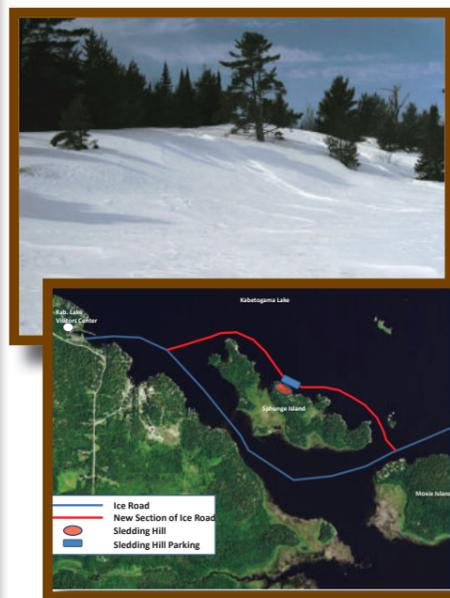
Park staff, along with local gateway snowmobile clubs, maintain over 110 miles of groomed trails on frozen surfaces.

Rangers ask snowmobilers to remember these rules when on the trails!

- Snowmobiling is allowed on frozen lake surfaces and designated safety portages but all land areas, including rock faces, are closed to snowmobiles.
- Hill climbing with snowmobiles is prohibited.
- Obey all closure signs. Areas are closed to protect your safety and to protect sensitive resources.
- The use of snowmobiles off the frozen lake surfaces and staked trails is prohibited and causes irreversible scarring of rock surfaces by the carbide skids and studded tracks.
- Dress for the weather.
- Carry a snowmobile trail map.
- Keep to the right on trails.
- Leave a route plan with someone.
- Pressure ridges are disturbances in ice conditions that change the surface of the lake. Be sure to always stop and inspect ridge areas before crossing. Some hazardous pressure ridges are marked by park staff with two crossed orange caution stakes.

- Slush and open water are dangerous. Avoid these conditions by staying on staked and groomed trails.
- Park winter trails are marked with stakes approximately every 0.10 mile for easy identification. Signs are posted to direct you to area resorts and additional trails.
- The speed limit on frozen lake surfaces is 45 mph.
- The speed limit on land portages is 25 mph.
- Conditions are updated weekly at <http://www.nps.gov/voya/planyourvisit/winter-ice-and-trail-conditions.htm> and at www.facebook.com/Voyageurs/NPS.

Kabetogama Lake Sledding Hill



The Kabetogama Lake Sledding Hill will be a new addition to the winter activities within Voyageurs National Park.

The existing Kab-Ash Ice Road goes to the hill which is located on the East side of Sphunge Island on Kabetogama Lake.

The sledding hill has visitor parking and 2 picnic tables.

The hill itself has some gradual smaller hills on the lower section for the younger kids and a bit larger hill for the older kids and adults in the family.

Did You Know...

Climate Change in Voyageurs

Voyageurs National Park is a land of stunning beauty and natural wonders.

Lying at the southern edge of the northern boreal forest that extends throughout much of Canada, the feeling we get when living and traveling in the North Woods is unique.

However, it may not always be like this. As the global climate changes, the plants and animals on the landscape respond. Those



adapted to living in cooler climate move northward while those which tolerate warmer temperatures move in from the south.

Scientists at the University of Minnesota and Voyageurs National Park project that within 75 years, much of the

park will be covered in an oak savannah - clusters of oak woodlands in a grass dominated landscape.

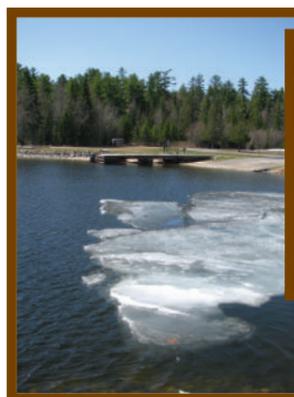
The range of some species of wildlife will shift as well. Some species, like moose, will no longer be found in the park. The National Park Service recognizes that humans are a

contributor to the changing of our global climate.

Like many parks, Voyageurs is studying the impacts these change will have on our natural landscapes as well as on the experiences of our visitors.

We know we can all make a difference in how we impact our climate and the natural world

in which we live. For more information on what you can do, visit NPS.gov/climatechange.



You Too Can Volunteer at Voyageurs

*Volunteers-In-Parks (VIPs)
You Make A Difference*

In 2015, 130 volunteers donated over 15,000 hours of service to Voyageurs. Volunteers maintain trails, help with research, and assist park visitors. Opportunities to volunteer range from one day projects for a few hours to multi-month assignments. Together, we improve the facilities, the water, and the wildlife for all to enjoy.

To learn more about volunteering, contact the park's volunteer coordinator at (218) 283-6636, or visit the park's website: www.nps.gov/voya/getinvolved/volunteer.htm

Opportunities

Ethno-botanical Garden
Assist with maintaining an Ethno-botanical Garden at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. Learn the botany of the area and educate visitors on invasive species and native plants. For local volunteers, hours are flexible in the summer, usually a few hours a week. Long term summer opportunities also exist, and RV hookups maybe available.

Headquarters Assistant
Volunteer at the park headquarters in International Falls. Assist with different projects from data entry, to information requests, to



brochure creation. Hours are flexible, generally one day a week for a few hours.

Visitor Center Volunteer

If you enjoy meeting new people and providing information, this may be the position for you. For local volunteers, hours are flexible, filling in at a visitor center when needed. Volunteers are needed year round for the Rainy Lake Visitor Center and during the summer for the Kabetogama and Ash River Visitor Centers. Long term summer opportunities also exist and park housing or RV hookups maybe available.

Website Assistant Volunteer

Volunteer from home! Assist with updating web information, layout, and page development. Hours are flexible, generally one day a week for a few

hours. You would work closely with park staff and receive web management training as needed. Prior web experience is preferred but not mandatory.

Loon Survey Volunteer

Help monitor the park's loon population! Spend a day on the water observing loon habitat, nests, and young. Surveys usually occur in Late August.

Fall Rendezvous

Every September volunteers from across the state gather for a two-day work blitz sponsored by Voyageurs National Park Association. Projects range from trail clearing, to native plant restoration, to building maintenance. Learn more about this community event at www.voyageurs.org/volunteer-rendezvous/

Volunteer Spotlight



Jan Smith has dedicated two summers to volunteering in Voyageurs, donating over 800 hours of service.

Over several years, she served at the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center greeting and helping thousands of visitors. When other opportunities arose, she enjoyed all she could; she banded eagles, counted loons, and hiked nearly every trail.

When asked about her experience, Jan said, "I loved working with a wonderful group of people. Life seems pretty grand when eagles perch high in the trees, loons call over the lake, and fresh picked blueberries top your pancakes. That is priceless!"

Thank you, Jan, for all that you have done, and all that you continue to do for Voyageurs National Park.

Your Park Partners & Opportunities to Help Voyageurs

Voyageurs National Park Association (VNPA)



For over 50 years, Voyageurs National Park Association's mission has been the protection and promotion of the natural, recreational, and historic resources of Voyageurs National Park. By connecting kids, visitors, volunteers, partners, and donors to the park, we help to preserve it for future generations.

In 2016, the National Park Service will celebrate its Centennial. Locally, VNPA will work with the park service to launch several significant projects. VNPA supports these efforts with financial and volunteer support:

Restore Wetlands in Voyageurs National Park

By providing matching private support, we can leverage Federal funds to initiate large-scale wetland restoration at Voyageurs. Efforts will help improve habitats for fish and waterfowl by removing invasive cattails. Together we can protect Voyageurs' ecosystems by restoring diversity and promoting healthy habitats in wetlands throughout the park.

Rehabilitate the Cruiser Lake Trail System Combining Federal funding with matching support from VNPA members and partners, we will improve the condition of the 7-mile long Cruiser Lake Trail by removing hazardous trees, repairing boardwalks, and controlling erosion. The Cruiser Lake Trail has always been a wonderful way to experience wildlife, enjoy blueberries, and take in scenic lake views on the Kabetogama Peninsula – now we can make it safer and more accessible.

Send our 100th Teen Ambassador to Voyageurs Our national parks are our greatest outdoor classrooms. We are fortunate to have the resources to experience Minnesota's national park but many youth do not. The National Park Teen Ambassador program is a free program that introduces a young and diverse audience to national

park sites in Minnesota and sparks a love for conservation and the outdoors. With your help, we will connect our 100th Minnesota high school student to the park in 2016.

Celebrate the National Park Service Centennial and Voyageurs National Park Through an expanded outreach and awareness campaign, we will work with leaders in our state and partners like REI, the Minnesota State Fair, Explore Minnesota Tourism, Minnesota sports teams, and Voyageurs National Park's gateway communities to shine a spotlight on our park so it is known, valued and protected.

Explore, volunteer, learn, and celebrate with us in 2016:

- Volunteer – Join us at the annual Volunteer Rendezvous September 16-17, 2016. More info at voyageurs.org.
- Become a Member – Voyageurs National Park Association is a nonprofit partner that relies on the generous contributions of businesses and individuals who love Voyageurs National Park and want to make an impact. Become a member today at voyageurs.org/donate.
- Come to an Event – Join us at a Centennial event. Details at voyageurs.org/centennial.
- Connect with Voyageurs National Park Association on Facebook ([Facebook.com/voyageursnpa](https://www.facebook.com/voyageursnpa)), on Instagram and Twitter at @VoyageursNPA or sign up for our e-newsletter at Voyageurs.org.
- Get social! Share your experiences, stories, photos, and love for Voyageurs National Park using the hashtags #FindYourPark #Voyageurs

Together we can help protect and enhance this amazing national park for present and future generations.

Jefferson National Parks Association (JNPA)



JNPA is honored to be a non-profit partner and operates three stores at the park – Rainy Lake, Kabetogama Lake, and Ash River Visitor Centers.

We offer unique educational products and park memorabilia for all ages. From replica 19th century accessories worn by voyageurs of the North Woods, to books, toys, and collectibles. Visitors are sure to find special items at our stores. Shop online: www.shop.jnpa.com.

JNPA is proud to help spread awareness about the park and its events. The proceeds from

the sales of our products support a wide variety of educational programs, exhibits, and events at Voyageurs.

JNPA has operated visitor center stores and provided educational programs for national parks, historic sites, and public lands across the country since 1961.

1 Memorial Drive, Suite 1900
St. Louis, MO 63102-2443
Phone: (314) 678-1500
<http://www.jnpa.com>

Heart of the Continent Partnership (HOCP)



HOCP is a coalition of land managers and diverse local stakeholders working together on cross-border projects.

These projects promote the natural, cultural, and economic health of the lakes, forests and communities on the Minnesota - Ontario border.

Our mission is to sustain and celebrate the health, beauty, diversity, and productivity of the natural and cultural

resources of the border lakes region.

Along with support for public lands and the development of a common regional identity, HOCP works to create and sustain economic stability for the communities that surround these public lands.

126 North 3rd Street Suite 400
Minneapolis, MN 55401
<http://www.heartofthecontinent.org>

Destination Voyageurs National Park (DVNP)



DVNP connects people to Voyageurs via implementation of an ongoing, comprehensive marketing and public relations campaign that will effectively encourage awareness and result

in increased visitation and economic growth.
360 Highway 11 East,
International Falls, MN 56649
<http://www.destinationvoyageurnationalpark.com>

Local Accommodations

Crane Lake

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

Business Name	Website	Phone	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, WF-WIFI, P-Parking Lot, R-Groceries, S-Shower, G-Gas, F-Firewood, (FGO) For Guests Only	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 shut-down periods)
Anderson Outfitters	anderson-outfitters.com	(218) 993-2287									May-Sept.
Bayside Retreat	visitcranelake.com/waterfront_home	(218) 993-2600	7								May-Oct.
Cabins on Crane	cabinsoncrane.com	(218) 993-2401	5	1						FKCP(FGO)	All Year
Dave's Guide Service	davesguideservice.biz	(218) 993-2453	1	3							May-Sept.
Gateway Resort Outfitters		(218) 993-2415	4	1						FC	All Year
Handberg's Marine	handbergs.com	(218) 993-2214								FRD P	All Year
Lakeview Motel	lkvmotel.com	(218) 993-2311	3	1						FRPPOrbDCK	May-Oct.
Nelson's Resort	nelsonsresort.com	(218) 993-2295	27	1	APL					FPo B RP	May-Sept.
Norway Lodge	norwaylodge.com	(218) 993-2226	3	7						FD P	May-Nov.
Pine Point Lodge & Resort	pinepointlodge.com	(218) 993-2311	12	1	L					FCPRPoRbD B RP	May-Oct.
Pine Ridge Motel	pineridgemotel.com	(218) 993-2265	4	1							All Year
Sand Point Lodge	sandpointlodge.net	(218) 290-6854	6	1	P					FC B	May-Oct.
Scott's Peaceful Valley Resort	scottspeacefulvalley.com	(218) 993-2330	5	2						F B RP	May-Sept.
Scott's Resort & Seaplane Base	scottsoncranelake.com	(218) 993-2341	3	1	PL					FPoSD B P	All Year
Trail's End Resort	trails-end-resort.com	(218) 993-2257	11	1	PL					FPo B	All Year
Voyagaire Lodge & Houseboats	houseboatvacation.com	(218) 993-2266		1	APL					FCR B P	Jan. - Oct.
			14 hotel rooms, 34 houseboats							B PPOKN	
Wildwood Escape-Deluxe Privacy	wildwoodescape.com	(952) 334-0135	2	3							All Year

Orr

Orr Pelican Lake Resort Association, PO Box 144, Orr, MN 55771, (800) 777-4690, www.orrpelicanlake.com

Aspen Resort	aspenresortvacation.com	(888) -802-7736	10	3								May-Oct
Birch Forest Lodge		(218) 757-3479										
Cabin O' Pines	cabinopines.com	(218) 757-3122	9	2								May-Sept
Deer Lodge Resort		(888) 592-7051										
Grey Wolf Lodge	greywolflodge.com	(800) 840-9653	11	1								May-Oct
Hundred Acre Wood B&B	voyageurcountry.com/HundredAcreWoods	(218) 757-0070	2	3								All Year
Island View Resort	islandviewresort.com	(800) 777-7235	13	3								May-Sept
Norman's One Stop & Motel		(218) 757-3291										
North Country Inn		(218) 757-3778										
Northland Lodge	northlandlodgeorr.com	(218) 757-3445	10	2	APL							May-Sept
Norway Point Resort		(800) 314-3432										
Oveson's Pelican Lake Resort and Inn	ovesonpelicanlakeresortandinn.com	(800) 860-3613	48	1	PL							All Year
Pine Acres Resort	pineacres.com	(800) 777-7231	13	2								May-Sept
Pine Grove Resort		(218) 757-3308										
Richardson's Shangri-La Resort	Rs-1.com	(218) 757-3380	9	7								May-Sept

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Minnesota Wild - wild.nhl.com

City of Ranier - raniermn.govoffice2.com
Oveson's Pelican Lake Resort & Inn
- ovesonpelicanlakeresortandinn.com
Arrowhead Lodge & Resort - arrowheadlodgeresort.com
Ash Trail Lodge - ashtrailodge.com
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Rainy Lake																	
Billy's Guide Service	(218) 286-5422		Rainy Lake	X				X					X				
Border Country OUTFITTERS	(218) 324-0668	bcoonline.com	Rainy Lake	X			X							X			
Erickson's Guide Service	(218) 285-9598	guiderrainylake.com	Rainy Lake	X													
Full Throttle Guiding	(218) 240-2091			X													
Gator Charters	(218) 286-1397	gatorscharter.com	Rainy Lake	X									X				
Greenhead Guide Service, LLC	(218) 324-1226		Rainy Lake	X													
In-Seine Fishing, LLC	(218) 286-5675		Rainy Lake	X	X	X	X	X									
Mike Williams Boat Captain & Fishing Guide	(218) 286-3591		Rainy Lake	X				X									
Northern Houseboats	(218) 286-5221	northernhouseboats.com	Rainy Lake							X				X			
One Doggie's Guide Service	(218) 875-2412		Rainy Lake	X	X												
Pat Arnold's Charter Fishing	(218) 285-9100	arnoldsfishing.com	Rainy Lake	X				X									
Trent Eineichner	(218) 368-1573		Rainy Lake	X	X												
Rainy Lake Houseboats	(218) 286-5391	rainylakeshouseboats.com	Rainy Lake											X			
Scott Jean	(218) 766-7329		Rainy Lake	X	X	X	X	X		X							
Voyage North Guide Service	(612) 805-3967		Rainy Lake	X				X					X	X			
Voyageurs Outfitters Inc.	(218) 244-6506	voyageursoutfitters.com	Rainy Lake			X	X	X	X				X				X
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Arrowhead Lodge & Resort	(218) 875-2141	arrowheadlodgeresort.com	Kabetogama Lake	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Border Guide Service LLC	(218) 324-2430	borderguideservice.com	Kabetogama Lake	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
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End of the Trail Guide Service	(218) 374-3131	ashtrailodge.com	Ash River	X				X	X	X			X	X			
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Northern Limits Guide Service	(320) 266-4514, (218) 374-3131	northernlimitsguiding.com	Ash River	X				X		X							
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Pine Tree Cove	(218) 875-2121	pinetreecoversort.com	Kabetogama Lake		X	X	X							X			
Tomahawk Resort	(218) 875-2352	hersethtomahawkresort.com	Kabetogama Lake	X				X					X				
Travis Carlson's Guide Service	(218) 875-2811		Kabetogama Lake	X				X									
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Dave's Guide Service	(218) 993-2453	davesguideservice.biz	Crane Lake	X	X			X	X								
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Norway Lodge	(218) 993-2226	norwaylodge.com	Crane Lake	X													
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Summer in the Park

Hike to Health

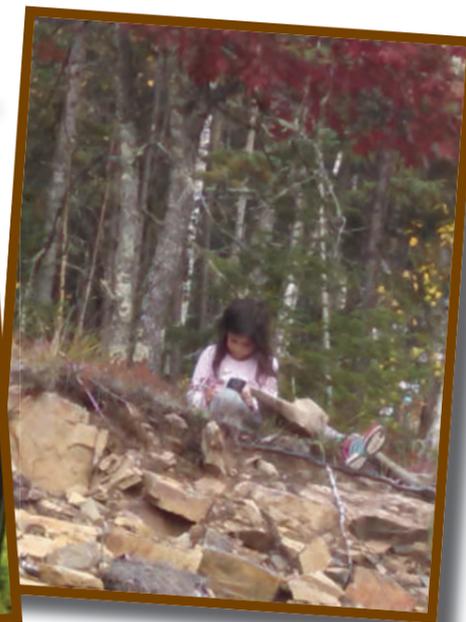
Voyageurs National Park is proud to partner with the Rainy Lake Medical Center in International Falls to bring you the Hike to Health: Trails Passport Program.

This program promotes a healthy lifestyle by encouraging people to get outside and active.

To get started, visit any of the three park visitor centers to pick up a Trails Passport and trail map.

Head out on any of the park's 19 trails, locate the trail rubbing posted along each trail, and etch it into your passport.

Once you have completed 5, 10, and all trails, bring your passport filled with rubbings back to a visitor center to receive special recognition.



Picnic & Explore a Visitor Destination

Voyageurs offers more than 20 Day Use sites throughout the park where visitors can stop and picnic.

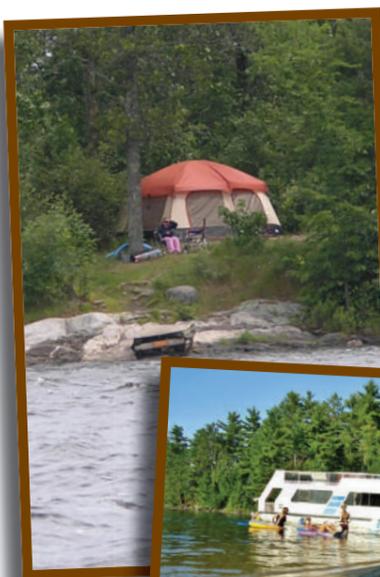
Visitors may stop and picnic also at any campsite between the hours of noon and 2:00 pm if the site is not reserved by tent campers.

Explore Visitor Destinations throughout the park such as: Ellsworth Rock Gardens, Hoist Bay, Kettle Falls, I. W. Stevens, Casareto Cabin, and Little American Island.

Visitor Destinations often offer picnic facilities as well as interpretive waysides and are a great opportunity to explore the park more in-depth.

All Visitor Destinations are only accessible by water.

Campers



All tent camping requires an advanced reservation prior to arrival at the park.

Visitors may make a reservation by going on-line at www.Recreation.gov or by calling the National Call Center at (877) 444-6777.

Houseboaters



Photo Credit: Shannon Foss

Beginning May 1, 2017, all Houseboats staying overnight within the park are required to have a reservation through Recreation.gov.

Reservations for the 2017 season open on November 15, 2016. Visitors may make a reservation by going on-line at www.Recreation.gov or by calling the National Call Center at (877) 444-6777.

For more information pick up a camping brochure at a park visitor center or go online at www.nps.gov/voya.

Visitor Destination Spotlight - I. W. Stevens Island

The I. W. Stevens Pine Cove Resort represents the resort recreation period. The site's historic buildings are set among large scenic pine trees. The site consists of I. W. Steven's home, a guest cabin, sauna, generator shed, and root cellar. I. W. Stevens acquired the property from the Virginia & Rainy Lake Lumber Company. The company chose not to cut the red pine on the site and many of the trees have reached a large, mature state.



Paddlers

Visitors wanting to experience the park in a more remote and quiet sport such as canoeing or kayaking may do so in a multitude of ways.

Canoe Rentals on the Kabetogama Peninsula

Experience the solitude of a remote interior lake on the Kabetogama Peninsula without

having to portage a boat or canoe.

Voyageurs provides canoes and/or rowboats on several interior lakes for a small fee.

A few things to keep in mind when visiting the Peninsula.

- Reservations are required through www.recreation.gov for boat rentals.
- Reservations are required

through www.recreation.gov for camping.

- Keys for the boat rentals must be picked up at a visitor center prior to departure.
- The Peninsula can only be accessed by water, so you will need to use your own boat or reserve a water taxi service (pages 13-15) to access the trails that lead to the park's boats.

- Boats on the Peninsula are located on the following lakes: Chain-of-Lakes, Ek, Cruiser, Little Shoepack, Shoepack, and Brown.

- To prevent the spread of the Spiny Water Flea, interim park regulations do not allow you to bring your own watercraft onto the Peninsula.