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Park Administration Building
360 Highway 11 East
International Falls, MN 56649
(218) 283-6600
Year round
Hours of Operation: 8 - 4

Rainy Lake Visitor Center
International Falls, MN
May 27 - September 30, 9- 5
October 1 - December 31, 10 - 4
January 2 - mid-May, 10 - 4:30
(218) 286-5258

Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center
Kabetogama, MN
May 27 - September 30, 9 - 5
(218) 875-2111

Ash River Visitor Center
Ash River, MN
May 27 - September 30, 9 - 5
(218) 374-3221

Crane Lake Ranger Station
Crane Lake, MN
Open when available
(218) 993-2481

Kettle Falls Hotel
12977 Chippewa Trail
Kabetogama, MN
(218) 240-1726

Recreation.gov
www.recreation.gov
(877)-444-6777

Voyageurs National Park Association
126 North 3rd Street
Suite 400
Mpls, MN 566401
(612) 333-5424
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St. Louis, MO 63102
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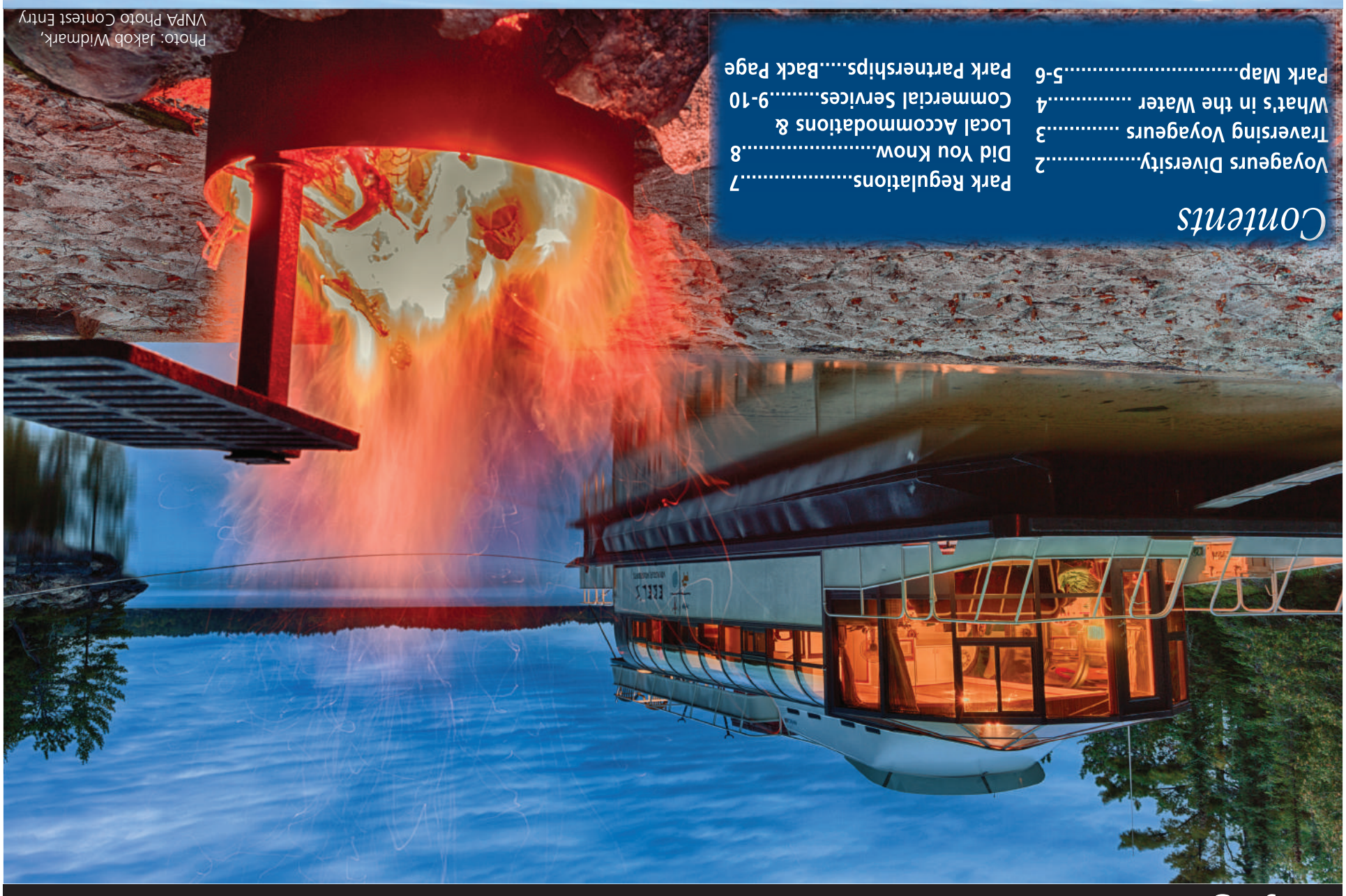


The Rendezvous

Your Guide to
Voyageurs National Park

Spring/Summer 2017

Voyageurs - The Diversity of this National Park

A Vast Ecosystem

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.

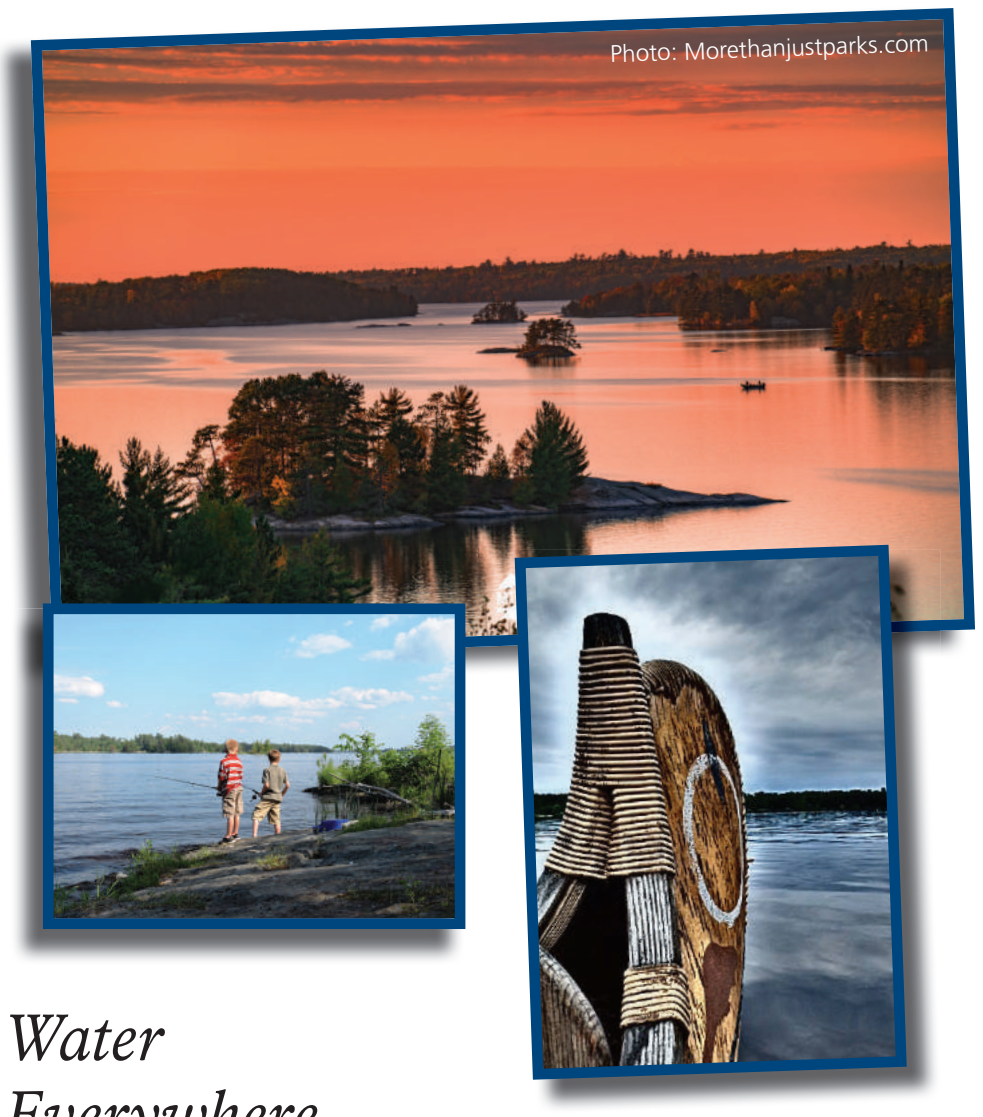
Quaking aspen dominates the forest with other species including birch, pine, spruce, and balsam fir.

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.



Water Everywhere

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.

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 canoemen, 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.

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.

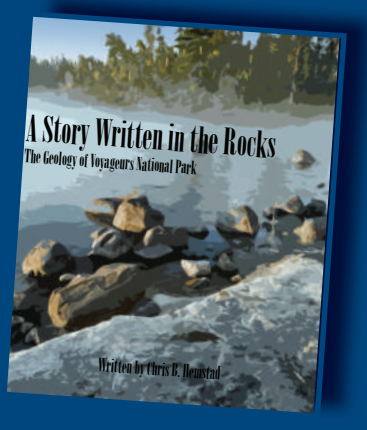
Over time, erosion wore down the volcanic mountain range and the ice ages brought glaciers that moved rivers of ice and scoured away the younger rock layers.

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.



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

Traversing Voyageurs

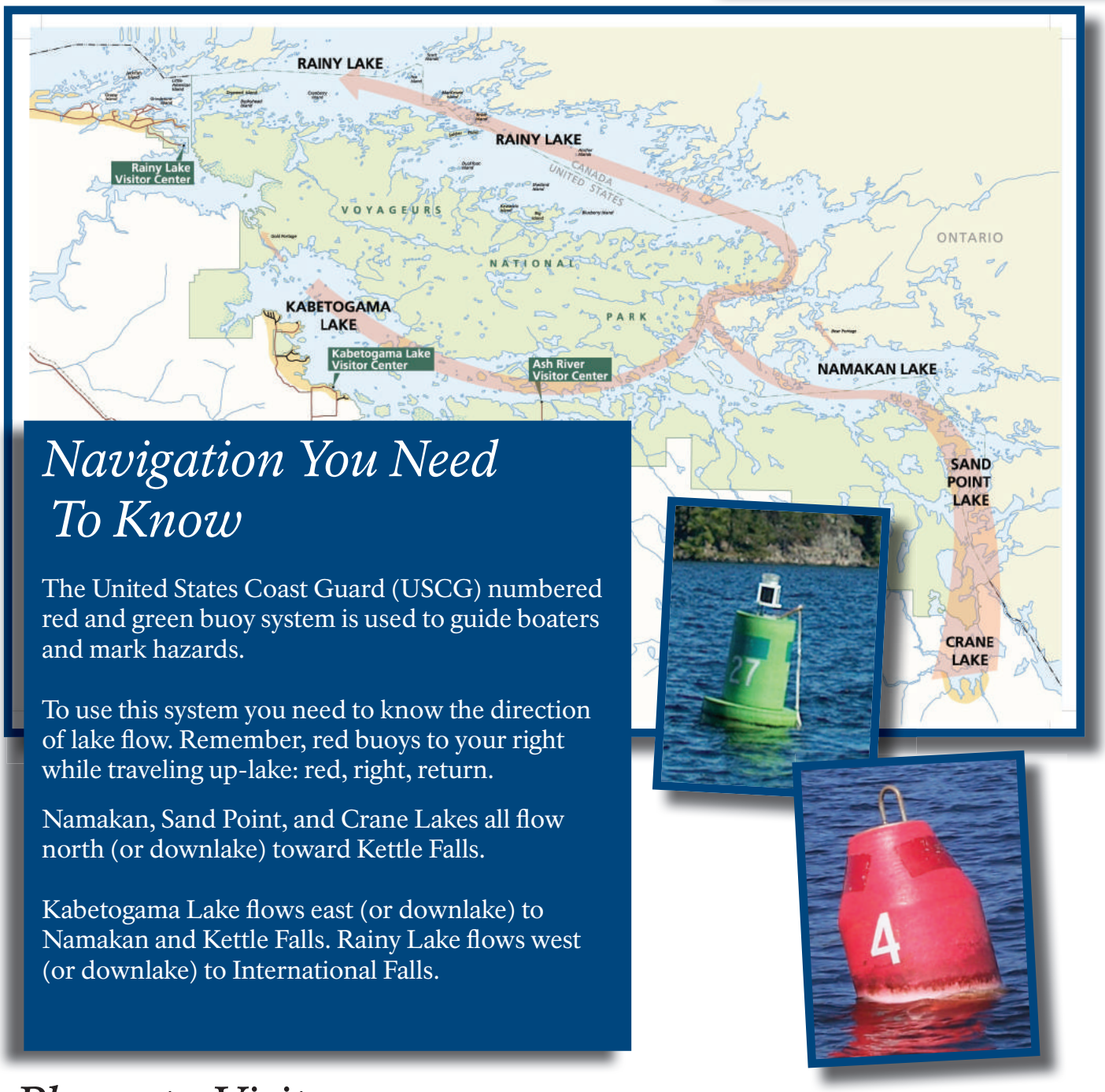
Traveling to the Park

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 9-10).

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

Traveling Through the Park



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.

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.

Watercraft Rentals on the Kabetogama Peninsula

Experience the solitude of a remote backcountry lake on the Kabetogama Peninsula without having to portage a watercraft.

Voyageurs provides canoes and/or rowboats on several backcountry lakes for a small fee. A few things to keep in mind when visiting the Peninsula.

- Reservations are required through www.recreaton.gov for boat rentals and 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 to access the trails that lead to the park's boats
- Watercrafts on the Peninsula are located on the following lakes: Locator, War Club, Loiten, Quill, 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

Places to Visit by Boat

Voyageurs offers 33 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 12 pm 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, Little American Island, and Anderson Bay.

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. Pick up a Day Use and Visitor Destination Map at any park visitor center or go on-line at www.nps.gov/voya.

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 throughout the eastern United States and has spread westward to the Mpls./St. Paul metro area and Duluth 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).

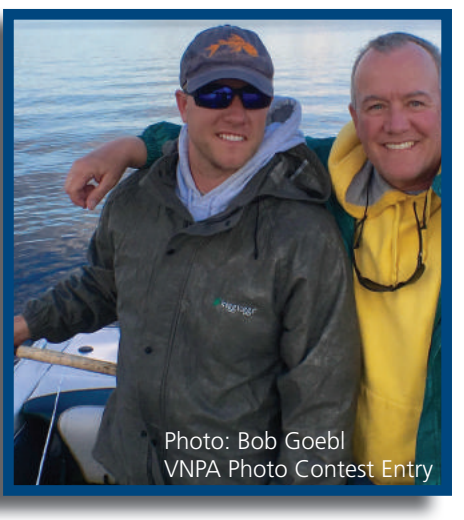
*No privately-owned watercraft allowed in interior lakes (the park will continue to provide canoes and row boats for rent through www.recreation.gov and Commercial Use Authorizations on Mukooda Lake).

*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.



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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.

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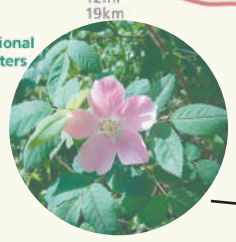

Map Key

North

0 1 2 3 Kilometers
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- Unpaved road
- Pullout/trailhead
- 3mi 5km 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 - ungroomed
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 - ungroomed
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

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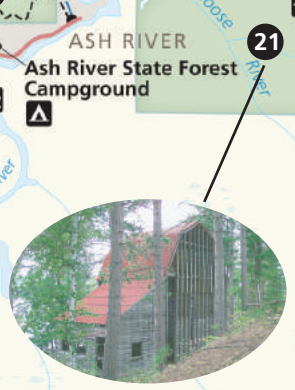

Distance Around the Park by Boat

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

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Point
Finlander Bay
Big Island
Blueberry Island
Kempton Channel
Browns Bay
Finger Bay
Anderson Bay Overlook Trail
Camp Marston
Peary Lake
Anderson Bay
Ryan Lake
NATIONAL PARK
Brown Lake
Beast Lake
Beast Lake Trail
MICA BAY
Mica I
Shoepack Lake
Little Shoepack Lake
Jorgens Lake
Cruiser Lake
Cruiser Lake Trail
Quarter Line Lake
Ek Lake
Agnes Lake
LOST BAY
Island
Kettle Falls Historic District
Hotel
Kettle Falls Dam
Portage via vehicle
Squirrel Falls Dam
American Channel
Canadian Channel
Voyageurs Narrows
Kubel Island
Ash River Visitor Center
Blind Ash Bay Hiking Trail/ Snowshoe Trail
Kab-Ash Hiking Trail/ Ski Trail
Kabetogama Lake Overlook
Beaver Pond Overlook
Sullivan Bay Snowshoe Trail
Kab-Ash Ski Trail
Tar Point
Blind Indian Narrows
Old Dutch Bay
I.W. Stevens Resort
Hoist Bay
Moose River
Junction Bay
Fox Island
Pike Island
Blind Pig Channel
Namakan River
Namakan Narrows
NAMAKAN LAKE
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3mi 5km
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ASH RIVER
Ash River State Forest Campground
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Ash River
Ash River Falls
KABETOGAMA STATE FOREST
Grassy Bay Cliffs
Little Trout Lake
Burnt Island
SAND POINT LAKE
GRASSY BAY
Browns Bay
Harrison Narrows
Canada Customs
PORTAGE BAY
Mukooda Lake
Northwest Bay
King Williams Narrows
Indian Island
CRANE LAKE
Casareto Cabin
Vermilion River
Vermilion Gorge
U.S. Customs
Crane Lake Ranger Station
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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 metal fire rings or existing rock rings. 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.

Do not burn trash.

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

Day Use is not allowed at Houseboat sites.

Firearms
Firearms are typically allowed in the park with some exceptions. It is the visitor's responsibility to understand and comply with all applicable state, local, and Federal firearms laws.

See https://www.nps.gov/voya/learn/management/firearm-regulations.htm for complete information on firearms.

Black Bears
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.

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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.

Overnight Stays
All tent and Houseboat 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.

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.

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

Emergencies
Call 911, cellular phones may not work in the park, phones are located near all visitor centers, and park rangers monitor marine band 16 for emergencies during business hours.

Did You Know...

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.

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.

You Too Can Volunteer at Voyageurs

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

In 2016, 108 volunteers donated over 13,708 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 may be 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.

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 may be 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 (VNPA).

Projects range from trail clearing, to native plant restoration, to building maintenance. Learn more about this community event at www.voyageurs.org/volunteer-rendezvous/

Hike to Health

Voyageurs National Park promotes a healthy lifestyle by encouraging people to get outside and be active with the Hike to Health: Trails Passport Program.

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.

Local Accommodations

Rainy Lake, Ranier & International Falls

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

			Housekeeping Cabins & Rooms/Tent Sites	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-Bathhouse, 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)
America's Best Value Inn		(888) 800-8801, (218) 283-8811	50	1		IP(FGO)WF					All Year
Arnold's Campground & RV Park	arnoldscampground.com	(218) 285-9100		1		FDS	WESDB24TRV				May-Oct
Bear Ridge Guest House	bearridgeguesthouse.net	(218) 286-5710				WF		F(FGO)			All Year
Knights Inn	budgethostinn.net	(800) 880-2577, (218) 283-2577	28	1		IPWF		(FGO)			All Year
Casa Loma Vacation Home	rainylakevacationhomes.com	(800) 554-9188	1	7				FD			All Year
City Beach Campground	www.ci.international-falls.mn.us	218-283-9484		1		PSF	6BT		B		June-Aug
Days Inn Motel	daysinn.com	(800) 329-7466, (218) 283-9441	58	1		IP(FGO)WF				R	All Year
Falls Motel	ifallsmotel.com	(800) 328-8435, (218) 283-8434	23	1		IPWF					All Year
Hilltop Motel & Cabins	hilltop53@frontier.com	(800) 322-6671, (218) 283-2505	16	1		IP(FGO)WF					May-Oct
AmericInn		(218) 283-8000	126	1	PL	IPWF			P	R	All Year
Island View Lodge & Cabins	gotorainylake.com	(800) 777-7856, (218) 286-3511	23	1R-3C	PL	BIGP		PKC(FGO)FDPO)	B		Summer Only
The Lakeview, Cabins & RV Park		(800) 888-5737, (218) 286-5737	5	3		D	WESD4RV	D(FGO)	B		May-Oct
Northernaire Houseboats of Rainy Lake	northernairehouseboats.com	(800) 854-7958, (218) 286-5221			16 houseboats						May-Sept
Northern Lights Motel	northernlightsifalls.com	(800) 889-6009, (218) 283-2508	22	1		IPWF		(FGO)			All Year
Rainy Lake Houseboats	rainylakehouseboats.com	(800) 554-9188, (218) 286-5391			29 houseboats						May-Sept
River Mist Retreat Vacation Home	rivermistretreat.com	(866) 961-1711	1	3							All Year
Rainy Lake Inn at Tara's Wharf	rainylakeinn.com	(877) Rainylk, (218) 286-5699	4	1		Ice Cream	Bike Rentals	FPCD			All Year
Sha-Sha Resort	shashaonrainylake.com	(800) 685-2776, (218) 286-3241	9	3	PL	IGWF		FCD			May-Sept
Tee Pee Motel	teepeemotelifalls.com	(800) 850-1518, (218) 283-8494	40	1		IWF(FGO)					All Year
Thunderbird Lodge	thunderbirdrainylake.com	(800) 351-5133, (218) 286-3151	25	1R,3C	PL	GIPWF		FRCPPoD	B	P	AllYear
Voyageur Motel	voyageurmotel.net	(877) 283-9424, (218) 283-9424	20	1	PD	IWF(FGO)			R		All Year
WoodsPort Cottages	woodsport.com	(218) 286-4034	3	3		P(FGO)		D(FGO)			All Year
Woody's Rainy Lake Resort	fairlyreliable.com	(866) 410-5001, (218) 286-5001	3	3		PWF		F			All Year
Camp Idelwood Resort	campidelwood.com	(888) 741-1228, (218) 286-5551	10			IFWIFIPSGF(FGO)		F	B		May-Sept

Kabetogama Lake

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

Arrowhead Lodge & Resort	arrowheadlodgeresort.com	(218) 875-2141	18	1	ALP	BDWiFiPSGF	3WESDRV	FCPoDK	B	P	May-Oct
Birch Grove Resort	birchgroveresort.com	(877) 878-4502 , (218) 875-2172	6	1		BIPRG	4WESBTRV	FCPRBDK	B		May-Oct
Birchwood Resort	birchwoodonkab.com	(218) 875-2007	5	3		WFP	RV7	FD(FGO)	B		May-Oct
Driftwood Resort	driftwoodlodgeresort.com	(218) 875-3841	20	1		BIGFLSWF		PDC		P	May-Oct
Eagle Wing Resort	eaglewingresort.com	(218) 875-3111	4			BIG		F(FGO)	B	P	May-Sept
GrandView Resort	www.grandviewresort.net	(218) 875-2171	5	3		BIGWF		CP(FGO)FPo	B		May-Sept
Herseth's Tomahawk Resort	hersethstomawkresort.com	(888) 834-7899, (218) 875-2352	9	2		BIGWF		FCP(FGO)	B	P	May-Oct
Kec's Kove	kecsKove.com	(800) 777-8405, (218) 875-2841	9	2	APL	BIGWF		FCKPoD(FGO)		Hot tub	All Year
Krueger's Harmony Beach Resort	harmonybeachresort.com	(218) 875-2811	17	3			4WEBTRV	PD(FGO)K(FGO)FPo	B	P	All Year
Voyageur's Sunrise Resort	VoyageursSunriseResort.com	(877) 422-2471, (218) 875- 2471	12	2		BIGWF	10RVWES	FPDPo	B	RP	May-Oct
Moosehorn Resort	moosehornresort.com	(800) 777-7968, (218) 875- 3491	9	3		BIPGFWF		FRPoD	B	P	May-Oct
North Star Resort		(218) 875-2175	6	3		BGWF		F(FGO)			May-Sept
Northern Lights Resort & Outfitters	nlro.com	(800) 318-7023, (218) 875-2591	13	3		BIPGFWF		FCKPoP	B	RP	May-Sept.
Park Point Resort	parkpoint.com	(800) 272-4533	7	3		BIWF		F(FGO)			May-Sept
Pine Aire Resort	pineaire.com	(877) 875-2161, (218) 875-2161	17	1	L	BILPWF	2WESWEW2	PoFCK(FGO)	B	RP	All Year
Pine Tree Cove	pinetreecoveresort.com	(218) 875-2088	4	2		IGWF		CDK			May-Oct
Pines of Kabetogama	thepineskab.com	(218) 875-2000	6	3		BIWFGF(FGO)	WES25RV	CPPoDFRK	B	P	May-Oct
Sandy Point Lodge & Outfitters	sandypointlodge.com	(800) 777-8595, (218) 875-2615	16	1	APL	BIPGWF		KFCPo	B	P	All Year
Snyder's Idlewild Resort	idlewildresort.com	(218) 875-3831	11	3		BIGWF	4WEBRV	FP(FGO)	P	RP	May-Sept.
State Forest Campground Woodenfrog	dnr.state.mn.us	(218) 365-7229					63WTRV		B		May-Sept
Voyageur Park Lodge	voyageurparklodge.com	(800) 331-5694, (218) 875-2131	14	3		BIGWF		FCPPo	B	RP	May-Sept
Voyageur's Sunrise Resort	voyageurssunriseresort.com	(877) 422-2471, (218) 875-2471	12	1		BFLWiFiG	10WERV	FPPoD	B	P	May-Oct

Crane Lake

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

Anderson Outfitters	anderson-outfitters.com	(218) 993-2287				BILPRSG		C			May-Sept
Bayside Retreat	visitcranelake.com/waterfront_home	(218) 993-2600	7			WF					May-Oct
Cabins on Crane	cabinsoncrane.com	(218) 993-2401	5	1		P		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		P		FC			All Year
Handberg's Marine	handbergs.com	(218) 993-2214				BIPRGLWF	2RVTWE	FRD		P	All Year
Lakeview Motel	lkvmotel.com	(218) 993-2311	3	1		IGBLPWF		FRPPoRbDCK			May-Oct
Nelson's Resort	nelsonsresort.com	(218) 993-2295	27	1	APL	BIFLPRSGWF		FPo	B	RP	May-Sept
Norway Lodge	norwaylodge.com	(218) 993-2226	3	7		IPWF	1DWESDRV	FD		P	May-Nov
Pine Point Lodge & Resort	pinepointlodge.com	(218) 993-2311	12	1	L	BILPRGWF		FCPRPoRbD	B	RP	May-Oct
Pine Ridge Motel	pineridgemotel.com	(218) 993-2265	4	1		P					All Year
Sand Point Lodge	sandpointlodge.net	(218) 290-6854	6	1	P	BILRGWF		FC	B		May-Oct
Scott's Peaceful Valley Resort	scottspeacefulvalley.com	(218) 993-2330	5	2		SGGWF	4RVESW	F	B	RP	May-Sept
Scott's Resort & Seaplane Base	scottsoncranelake.com	(218) 993-2341	3	1	PL	BILPGWFR	IORVSEW	FPPoSD	B	P	All Year
Trail's End Resort	trails-end-resort.com	(218) 993-2257	11	1	PL	BIGSWF	6RVEWST	FPo	B		All Year
Voyagaire Lodge & Houseboats	houseboatvacation.com	(218) 993-2266		1	APL 14 , 34	DIPSGWF	D(for boats only)B	FCRPPoKN	B	P	Jan-Oct
Wildwood Escape-Deluxe Privacy	wildwoodescape.com	(952) 334-0135	2	3		WF					All Year

Local Accommodations

Ash River

Ash River Information Center, Orr, MN 55771, (800) 950-20161, www.ashriver.com

Ash-Ka-Nam Resort	ashkanam.com	(800) 950-1081, (218) 374-3181	13	1	APL	GFWF(FGO)	5WSEDTRV	FRCPoD		RP	May-Oct /Jan-Mar15
Ash Riveriera	ashriveriera.com	(218) 374-3411	6	3			WESDBTRV18				May-Oct
Ash River State Forest Campground	dnrstate.mn.us	(218) 365-7229					9WTRV	C			May-Sept
Ash Trail Lodge	ashtraillodge.com	(800) 777-4513, (218) 374-3131	17	1	APL	BILPGWF	4WESRV	FPoRbD		R	All Year
Ebel's Voyageur Houseboats	ebels.com	(800) 253-5475, (218) 374-3571			20 houseboats		FR				May-Sept
Frontier Resort	frontierresort.net	(866) 950-2986, (218) 374-3311	1	3	PL	BIPRGWF	6WEDRV	FPo		P	May-Sept
Kettle Falls Hotel	kettlefallshotel.com	W-(218) 875-2070, S-(218) 240-1724	20	1	PL	BRSGIL		FCKP			May-Sept
Sunset Resort Campground	sunset64@juno.com	(800) 232-3161, (218) 374-3161	13	1		BIRGSFWF	5WESBRV	FPoKC	B	P	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		BIWFPSGF (FGO)	21RVWESBT	FRCPoKD(FGO)	BP	RP	May-Oct
Birch Forest Lodge		(218) 757-3479									
Cabin O' Pines	cabinopines.com	(218) 757-3122	9	2		BDIWFSGFD	WRVESDBT	FCPPoKD	B	RP	May-Sept
Deer Lodge Resort		(888) 592-7051									
Grey Wolf Lodge	greywolflodge.com	(800) 840-9653	11	1		I	RV	FPo	B	R	May-Oct
Hundred Acre Wood B&B	voyageurcountry.com/HundredAcreWoods	(218) 757-0070	2	3		IWFPSF(FGO)		Rb			All Year
Island View Resort	islandviewresort.com	(800) 777-7235	13	3		BDIWFPGF		FPoCD	B	RP	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	BIWF		FPoD		P	May-Sept
Norway Point Resort		(800) 314-3432									
Oveson's Pelican Lake Resort and Inn	ovesonpelicanlakeresortandinn.com	(800) 860-3613	48	1	PL		FCDN			P	All Year
Pine Acres Resort	pineacres.com	(800) 777-7231	13	2		BIDWFPRSGF	RVWESDBT	FRCPPoKD	B	P	May-Sept
Pine Grove Resort		(218) 757-3308									
Richardson's Shangri-La Resort	Rs-1.com	(218) 757-3380	9	7		WF		FRCK	B	P	May-Sept

Commercial Services

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

				Fishing Guide	Winter Guide	Kayak/Canoe Guide	Camping Guide	Water Taxi/Shuttle	Marine Repair / Towing/salvage	Ice Fishing Shleter Rental	Private Tour Boat Services	Houseboat Support Services	Barge/Hauling Services	Other: Canoe/Kakayk Rental	Other:Mukooda Boat Rentals	
Rainy Lake																
Border Country Outfitters	(218) 324-0668	bcoaonline.com	Rainy Lake	X	X		X	X		X	X	X				
Fisheye Guide Service	(763) 238-7878		Rainy Lake	X												
Full Throttle Guiding	(218) 240-2091		Rainy Lake	X												
Greenhead Guide Service, L.L.C.	(218) 324-1226		Rainy Lake	X												
Havvy's Guide Service	(218) 286-5077		Rainy Lake	X												
In-Seine Fishing, L.L.C	(218) 286-5676		Rainy Lake	X	X		X									
Mike Williams Boat Captain and Fishing Guide	(218) 286-3591		Rainy Lake	X							X					
Northernaire Houseboats	(218) 286-5221	northernairehouseboats.com	Rainy Lake						X			X				
Off the Hook Angling	(763) 445-0980		Rainy Lake	X	X											
One Doggie's Guide Service	(218) 875-2412		Rainy Lake	X	X											
Rainy Lake Charters	(218) 324-2055		Rainy Lake	X												
Rainy Lake Guiding & Sight-Seeing	(218) 283-4400	www.rainylakeguiding.com	Rainy Lake, Kab Lake, Ash River	X		X	X	X	X		X					
Rainy Lake Houseboats	(218) 286-5391	rainylakeshouseboats.com	Rainy Lake	X	X	X		X	X			X				
Rainydaze Guide Service	(218) 286-3159	www.rainydazeoutdoors.com	Rainy Lake	X	X											
Scott's Rainy Lake Guide Service	(218) 290-1607	www.scottsrainylakeguideservice.com	Rainy Lake	X	X		X	X	X		X					
Trent Eineichner	(218) 368-1573		Rainy Lake	X	X											
Voyage North Guide Service	(612) 805-3967		Rainy Lake	X									X			
Voyageurs Outfitters Inc.	(218) 244-6506	voyageursoutfitters.com	Rainy Lake, Kab Lake, Ash River			X	X	X			X			X		
Wizard Charters	(763) 233-1957		Rainy Lake	X												
Woody's Fairly Reliable Guide Service	(218) 286-5001	fairlyreliable.com.	Rainy Lake	X	X		X	X			X	X				
Kabetogama Lake & Ash River																
American Park Tours	(651) 325-1729		Kabetogama Lake					X								
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	seethepark.com	Kabetogama Lake	X				X	X		X	X	X			
Driftwood Lodge Resort	(218) 875-3841	driftwoodlodgeresort.com	Kabetogama Lake	X					X		X					
Ebel's Voyageur Houseboats	(218) 374-3571	ebelshouseboats.com	Ash River									X				
End of the Tail Guide Service	(218) 290-5931	ashtraillodge.com	Ash River	X				X	X		X	X				
Granger Guide Service	(956) 454-3841		Kabetogama Lake	X												
Idelwild Resort	(218) 875-3831	www.idlewildresort.com	Kabetogama Lake	X												
Kabetogama Angling Adventures	(218) 875-2075	www.kabetogmaangling.com	Kabetogama Lake	X				X								
Northern Limits Guide Service	(320) 266-4514	northernlimitsguiding.com	Ash River	X				X	X		X					
Northern Memories Guide Service	(218) 875-2091		Kabetogama Lake	X												
Pine Tree Cove	(218) 240-1092	pinetreecoveresort.com	Kabetogama Lake	X					X							
Sandy Point Lodge	(218) 875-2615	www.sandypointlodge.com	Kabetogama Lake							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								
Crane Lake																
Norway Lodge	(218) 993-2226	norwaylodge.com	Crane Lake												X	

Park Partners

Voyageurs National Park Association (VNPA)

Voyageurs National Park Association helped to establish Voyageurs National Park over 40 years ago. Today, VNPA serves as the park's Friends group – a charitable partner organization dedicated to building a community of people committed to the future of Voyageurs National Park.

VNPA's mission is to connect people to Voyageurs National Park, enhance the visitor experience, and protect the park for present and future generations. It stays with us in everything we do, from rehabilitating the Cruiser Lake Trail and helping the park restore wetlands, to giving diverse youth the opportunity to visit Voyageurs for the first time through the National Park Teen Ambassador program. In 2016, we were honored with an NPS Director's Partnership Champion Award.

We are passionate about this beautiful place and want to connect with others who are too. Tell us what drew you here, become a member, join us at the annual Volunteer Rendezvous (September 15-16, 2017), or follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram at @VoyageursNPA

VNPA relies on support from individuals like you. If you love Voyageurs you can give back at Voyageurs.org/donate.

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. 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.
www.destinationvoyageursnationalpark.com

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. Visit www.jnpa.com.

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International Dental Arts
Kettle Falls Resort & Inn
Pine Tree Cove Resort & Gateway General
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