A Wild Idea

**THIS YEAR MARKS THE FIFTIETH** anniversary of the Wilderness Act, a federal law that identifies, defines and protects spectacularly wild places around the country. There is, perhaps, no better way to celebrate this anniversary than with a visit to Isle Royale National Park, among the nation’s first wilderness parks and a place that had much to do with informing our ideas of what a wilderness should look like. But before we crack open our Nalgene bottles to toast the Act, it is worth reflecting on what the Wilderness Act has done for Isle Royale (and hundreds of other wild areas) and what it simply cannot do. For there is much to be gained—but also something lost—when a place is identified as wilderness.

Isle Royale is a park thanks in large part to the early wilderness movement. In the 1920s and 30s the young National Park Service was looking to expand into the eastern and midwestern United States in order to increase visitation. The National Park Service was combing the Midwest for a place that would compare in beauty to the great western parks that were the foundation of the park system. They may not have found it in Isle Royale but for one thing: wilderness.

While many visitors to early parks were clamoring to see Old Faithful and El Capitan via newly built roads and hotels, another—vocal—group of visitors was criticizing the Park Service for making parks too accessible, too developed, too car-filled and traffic choked. This wilderness group prodded the Park Service to approach its management of Isle Royale differently. Early wilderness advocates helped park managers design a recreational space that would honor the attributes that made Isle Royale special. In marked contrast to Isle Royale’s contemporaries, the island did not get wide, graded trails. No hotels were placed in the backcountry and no roads or cars marred the island’s solitude.

When the Wilderness Act was passed in 1964, many of the management decisions that the National Park Service had practiced on Isle Royale were codified into law. Designated wilderness areas can have no roads or wide trails, no buildings or other permanent signs of humans. Indeed, wilderness is defined in the Act as, “a place untrammeled by man... where man himself is a visitor who does not remain.” The Wilderness Act we celebrate this year has helped protect untrammeled wilderness across the United States, at great benefit to animals, ecosystems and people seeking peace and quiet. But the Act has also helped shape our ideas of what a wilderness is—including the idea that wildernesses are places somehow removed from their surrounding landscapes: untouched and untouchable.

This idea could not be further from the truth. The boundaries that we have put around our wildernesses are paper boundaries, nothing more. All of our celebrated wild places are tied to the land, air, water and climate that envelop them. Isle Royale, a vanguard of wilderness, is facing pressure from a changing climate and invasive species—threats that come from outside its protective boundaries. With each passing year it becomes ever clearer that we cannot protect wilderness separately from other places. The decisions that we make in our day-to-day lives, no matter how far we live from wilderness, are decisions that affect our untrammeled landscapes.

Many people find solace, peace and refuge on the island trails. Come experience the island is calling. And journey to Isle Royale, you abandon your hectic schedules and your mechanical conveniences. You are left only with your own senses, your own resourcefulness. You become part of the island’s wild song.

But how much of this wilderness song should be composed by us? Do we deliberately introduce wolves, or follow a course of non-intervention? What parts of our history on the island should remain visible and interpreted? I encourage you to ponder these questions as you wander the island trails. Come experience Isle Royale, take time to listen, and discover for yourself the meanings and importance of wilderness. The crash of waves upon the shore? The aria of a white-throated sparrow? The deep silence of the ridges?...
Did You Know?

Since the passage of the Wilderness Act in 1964, Congress has designated more than 750 Wilderness Areas, giving this highest form of conservation protection to almost 110 million acres of federal lands. Take this 50th anniversary challenge and test your knowledge of the wild.

1) The National Wilderness Preservation System is made up of areas of National Park Service, US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and US Fish and Wildlife Service lands. Which agency protects the most acres of designated wilderness?

2) What percentage of the United States land base is protected as designated wilderness?

3) The first National Park Service Wilderness Areas were not designated until 1970. They heightened protection for wild places with ancient stone trees and a lunar-like landscape. In what two NPS sites are these Wilderness Areas located?

4) When the Wilderness Act passed the United States Congress in 1964, how many of the 375 members voted in favor of the bill?

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Wilderness Act established the National Wilderness Preservation System to “secure for the American people of present and future generations the benefits of an enduring resource of wilderness”

Forever Resorts: Rock Harbor and Windigo

Lodge Rooms
Sixty rooms are available; each accommodates four and offers private bath. Open 6/3 through night of 9/5.

Housekeeping Rooms
Twenty duplex cottages accommodate six and are furnished with utensils, dishware, private bath, double bed and two bunk beds. Open 5/23 through night of 9/5.

Gift Shop and Dockside Store
Gift Shop offers handcrafted gifts, apparel, photo supplies, postcards, souvenirs, daily fishing licenses, and tackle. The store offers groceries, freeze-dried foods, fishing tackle, stove fuel, daily fishing licenses and tackle, gifts and photo supplies. The marina offers gasoline, pump-out service, and boat rental. The marina is located on Round Island Point.

Greenstone Grill
Hearty meals, including fresh Lake Trout. Visitors welcome for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Food service Open 6/3 through breakfast 9/6.

Marina and Water Taxi
Offers 450 feet of dock space in Rock Harbor accommodating boats up to 65 feet. Electrical, fresh water hook-up, sewage pump-out, gasoline, and diesel fuel, motorboat, canoe, and kayak rental. Water taxi service drops off or picks up visitors, canoes, or kayaks at many island docks. Services Open 5/23 through 9/4.

Windigo Store and Marina
Offers groceries, cold sandwiches, camping supplies, stove fuel, daily fishing licenses and tackle, gifts and photo supplies. The marina offers gasoline, pump-out service, and motorboat, canoe and kayak rental. Shower and laundry facilities available. Open 6/3 through 9/7.

Windigo Cabins
Two rustic cabins; each accommodates up to six and is furnished with table, chairs, full size futon, two bunk beds with mattresses, electrical outlets and lighting and have picnic table and propane grill. Water spigot and privy are nearby. Open 6/3 through night of 9/4.

The cost for utilities on Isle Royale is much higher than on the mainland. A utility surcharge will be added to the cost of some goods and services.
Wilderness Summers

Each time I near Isle Royale, I marvel at my amazing good fortune to have this place in my life, this green stone gem blue-sea-set.

In 1960 I was a college student looking for summer work. The only offer I received from a batch of applications was for “kitchen aid” at Rock Harbor Lodge on an island I’d never heard of. Having no better prospects, I accepted.

Though the job was really dishwasher, I fell in love with the island. Its wild beauty and isolation from crowds and mechanized hustle revealed a whole new possibility for joy in life. Over the next three seasons, I rose to the position of night watchman and met Barbara, the office secretary.

June, 1964. No more summer idylls. It was time for dedication to careers and marriage. Then came the call: the guy hired for Ishpeming Fire Tower had backed out. Would we be interested? Could we sail in five days? Our decision led to three wilderness summers, the last with our fifteen-month-old daughter.

Ishpeming Fire Tower does not “tower.” It squats on one-story legs on the second highest point on the Greenstone Ridge. Apparently planners assumed the spot would remain open and the tower would always have an unrestricted view. Not so. Trees grow. As hikers today discover, you don’t see the tower until you are almost upon it.

However, during our time the view was spectacular. To the north across blue Lake Superior waters was the Canadian shore, a dim line of headlands. Below us lay low ridges and boggy valleys of varying shades of green. To the south was the series of ridges that Ishpeming Trail alternately climbs and parallels as it ascends from Siskiwit Lake. We could see up and down the Greenstone Ridge, the undulating backbone of the island.

Our perch provided great sky watching. Distant thunderstorms moving across Lake Superior were silent flashes of light, and as they approached became bright bursts followed by muffled reports. Heavy nighttime lightning overhead really got our attention. Almost simultaneous explosions of light and sound were magnified and reflected inside our metal and glass skybox. Though we’d been assured the tower was well grounded, we nervously avoided the walls.

In the pitch blackness of a cloudy night you could get a lost, almost floating feeling as you peered out the windows trying to get some visual orientation. But on a clear, dark night standing on the catwalk gazing into the heavens, you had no doubt about your place in the universe. Stars beyond numbering formed a dome of lights stretching as far as you could see and deeper than you could imagine.

We still return to Isle Royale regularly, drawn both by the pleasure of the journey and the memories evoked. When we visit the tower, there is sadness at seeing it empty and abandoned.

The Other 1%

A very small sliver of the total land base of Isle Royale National Park is not designated as wilderness. Discussion about the amount of non-wilderness in the park was one of the main reasons twelve years elapsed from the time that the Wilderness Act was passed in 1964 until the bill designating wilderness at Isle Royale became law in 1976. Rock Harbor, Windigo and Mott Island were areas that would obviously not be included in wilderness. But what about places like Malone Bay or McCargoe Cove, where park facilities and significant cultural resource footprints also existed? Should they be included in wilderness?

Early in the process, during the mid-1960s, the National Park Service (NPS) and the Department of the Interior (DOI) recommended that only the most pristine lands should be included in wilderness. But their initial proposals met resistance in Congress. Senator Frank Church (D-Idaho) had been heavily involved in the passage of the Wilderness Act and, in reviewing these proposals, he argued that the act was much more inclusive, saying:

“...The test of suitability of an area for wilderness designation is simply and solely in the definition of wilderness in Section 2(c), which is a reasonable, flexible definition, resting basically on a balancing judgment of the imprint of man’s work being substantially unnoticeable within the proposed wilderness...”

The definition in section 2(c) of the Wilderness Act allows features of “ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historical value” to be included in wilderness areas. As a result, the next round of proposals was much more inclusive, adding 8,883 acres of wilderness.

By the early 1970s, a citizens coalition had formed that was specifically interested in the Isle Royale wilderness proposal. Working with legislators, including Michigan Congressman Philip Ruppe (R-MI), they developed a counterproposal called the Citizens’ Alternative, which sought to gain wilderness designation for as much of the park as possible, to provide maximum protection for park resources.

Between 1965 and 1972, Isle Royale visitation doubled from 7,500 to 16,000. The NPS and DOI were concerned that, if the trend continued, the park might need to expand facilities in response. In 1973 Isle Royale Superintendent Hugh Beattie commissioned a basic carrying-capacity study for the island, in part to gain a sense of how much non-wilderness might be needed to support higher visitation numbers.

Because the Isle Royale legislation was wrapped up with legislation for a dozen other parks, the process of working out an agreement was lengthy. The final bill included an additional 2,400 acres, bringing the total wilderness area to 143,008 acres. In the end, 92% of the land base of the park was designated as wilderness. Parts of Malone Bay, Siskiwit Bay and McCargoe Cove, as well as the areas surrounding Rock Harbor and Windigo, were excluded from wilderness to allow for thoughtful expansion of facilities if the need arose. In the almost forty years since the Isle Royale Wilderness legislation, that need has not presented itself, but the other 1% remains—a possibility for the future.

Lucas Westcott
Isle Royale Park Ranger 2009 - present

Beyond the portals, the visitor embraces self-sufficiency and simplicity.
**Interpretive Activities**

Enjoyable and educational programs are offered on Isle Royale at Rock Harbor and Windigo, and they are also presented on the National Park Service vessel, Ranger III. In addition, the tour boat MV Sandy offers guided excursions.

Ranger guided tours are free, although those involving MV Sandy and the Ranger III waterway cruises include a transportation fee. Check at local bulletin boards for further details.

For outdoor activities, dress for the possibility of cold or rain and wear sturdy footwear. Trails are rocky and can be slippery during or after wet weather. Wear shoes with good ankle support, weatherproofing, and soles that grip well. Come join us!

- All times are Eastern Daylight Time
- $ = Transportation cost
- ** = Indicates tours with a park ranger

### ROCK HARBOR AREA

#### Sunday
- Rock Harbor Visitor Center
  - Information, books, maps, educational sales materials, camping permits, dive permits, user fee payments, and Jr. Ranger Program.
  - Daily 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. – July and August
  - Reduced schedule in May, June, and September

#### Tuesday
- Interpretive Programs
  - Join a park representative for an exploration of Isle Royale’s natural and cultural history.
  - Check the bulletin board for program schedule.

#### Wednesday
- MF Sandy Tours from Rock Harbor
  - The trails on tours are rocky and uneven with some steep climbs and descents; trails may be slippery. Be prepared for cold temperatures and the possibility of rain.

- MV Sandy Tours from Rock Harbor
  - For all tours and programs involving the MV Sandy, obtain tickets and information at the Lodge Registration Office. MV Sandy Tours will operate from June 3 through September 5. Rates for the various tours are available at the Rock Harbor Lodge and Rock Harbor Visitor Center. Children under 12 are charged half-price for the MV Sandy. Water Bus service for hikers/paddlers available with some tours. Contact Rock Harbor Lodge for details.

#### Saturday
- MV Sandy tours from Rock Harbor
  - The MV Sandy crosses one of Isle Royale’s popular shipping lanes. The 2-mile round-trip hike leads to Passage Island Lighthouse and explores an area of low moose presence.
  - 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

- Edisen Fishery and Rock Harbor Light ($)
  - Visit the historic commercial fishery with the resident fishery demonstrator and take a quarter-mile walk to the oldest lighthouse (1855) on Isle Royale and enjoy its maritime exhibits.
  - 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

- Raspberry Island/Sunset Cruise ($)
  - Take a walk along a boardwalk through the spruce bog on Raspberry Island followed by a cruise on the MV Sandy around Scoville and Blake Points to view features like the Canada shoreline, the site of the Monarch shipwreck, and a Lake Superior sunset (after Aug. 15, cruise only).
  - 8:00 a.m. to Sunset in June–July
    - 7:30 p.m. to Sunset in August–September
  - 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (tour goes to Raspberry Island only)

- Evening Programs
  - Explore Isle Royale’s natural and cultural history with a guest speaker.
  - Check the campground bulletin board for program schedule.

### DAISY FARM

#### Sunday
- Evening Programs
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### WINDIGO

#### Sunday
- Windigo Visitor Center
  - Information, books, maps, educational sales materials, camping permits, dive permits, user fee payments, and Jr. Ranger Program.
  - Daily 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. – July and August
  - Reduced schedule May, June, and September

#### Saturday
- Interpretive Programs
  - Join a park representative for an exploration of Isle Royale’s natural and cultural history.
  - Check the bulletin board for program schedule.

### HOUGHTON

#### Sunday
- Houghton
  - Information, trip planning, books, maps, and other educational sales materials, Ranger IF and group camping reservations, boater camping permits, dive permits, and user fee payments.
  - 6/2 through 8/16 open 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
  - 8/18 through 9/13 open 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; Saturday 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
  - 9/15 through 6/9/2015 open 8:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday through Friday, closed holidays.

### RANGER III

#### Sunday
- Interpretive and Educational Programs
  - While onboard, park staff and guest speakers, weather permitting, will explore Isle Royale’s natural and cultural history or topics related to the Lake Superior Basin. Park staff will assist in trip planning, answering questions, and issuing backcountry camping permits.
  - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 5/27 through 9/9
  - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 5/28 through 9/10
  - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 5/30 through 9/12
  - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 5/31 through 9/13

#### Saturday
- Keweenaw Cruises ($)
  - Enjoy an afternoon cruise along the scenic Keweenaw Waterway aboard the Ranger III.
  - For reservations call (906) 482-0984
  - 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
  - 7/17 and 7/31
Camping

Permits are required for all overnight stays at campsgrounds, cross-country sites, docks, or at anchor, regardless of group size or method of travel. For trip planning assistance call (906)482-0984, write to Isle Royale National Park, 800 East Lake Shore Drive, Houghton, MI 49935 or email ISRO.ParkInfo@nps.gov

Group Camping — groups of seven or more (see chart below)

Advance reservations are required for any group or organization bringing seven or more people to the island. If your group exceeds ten people you must split into two parties, each independent and traveling on completely separate itineraries. Organizations may not have more than twenty people camping on the island at any one time and are limited to eighty people a year.

Group leaders should carry medical information for each group member including known allergies and medical conditions, and medications currently taken.

Small Party Camping — parties of six or less (see chart below)

Camping for individual parties is on a first-come, first-served basis. All small party campsites contain either tents sites or a three sided shelter. Tent sites and tent sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Shelters may not be reserved and may not be used solely for cooking sites or the storage of gear. Tents may not be erected outside at shelter sites. Close shelter doors gently to minimize intrusive noise. Expect crowded conditions at campsites from late July through August. When sites are full campers should double up and share empty tent pad space.

Camperst must stay in established campsites unless off-trail (cross country) arrangements are made when permitting. Off-trail hiking and camping are difficult on Isle Royale.

Commercial Groups and Special Use Permits

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Precautions should be taken to prevent filters from becoming clogged. Filter water from a pot rather than directly from a lake or creek. Allow the sediment in the pot to settle and filter only from the clean water on top.

Dehydration is a factor in most medical problems experienced in the park. In hot weather the Greenstone, Minong, and other trails become hot and dry, and creeks that once offered water may be dry.

“Quiet, Please”

Most visitors come to Isle Royale to hear the sounds of nature in a wild setting. Excessive human noise disturbs wildlife and other visitors. During quiet hours, between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. EDT, if people in adjacent campers can hear your activities, you are being too loud.

Respect Wildlife

Observe, photograph, and enjoy park wildlife from a safe distance. Use binoculars or a zoom lens “to get closer” to wildlife. Loons and other birds especially sensitive to disturbance, and may abandon their nests when approached too closely by boats. Cow moose with calves, particularly in the spring, and bull moose during the fall can be dangerous, give them a wide berth.

Keep wild animals wild by discouraging them from approaching humans. Practice proper animal food storage and keep a clean camp. To protect your food make sure it is sealed and secured. It is illegal to feed, touch, tease, or intentionally disturb wildlife, their homes, nests, or activities. Animals, particularly fox and otter, when habituated to human food, may eventually overcome their natural wariness of humans and may have to be destroyed.

Human Waste

Proper disposal of human waste helps prevent pollution of water sources, minimizes aesthetic impacts to other visitors and reduces the spread of illness. Never defecate within 100 feet (at least 30 steps) of lakes, streams, trails, gullies, or campsites. In areas without outhouses, select a site that visitors are unlikely to discover. With a small trowel, dig a “cat hole” 6 to 8 inches deep and 4 to 6 inches in diameter. Use toilet paper sparingly. After use, cover the “cat hole” with the excavated soil and disguise it with natural materials. Uminate on durable surfaces away from campsites and water sources. Pack out all used feminine-hygiene products, carrying them in plastic bags, doubled to confine odor.

Waste Water Disposal

Cleaning Cookware

Most cookware can be cleaned with hot water, a little elbow grease, and sand or other natural scrubbers. Clean cookware at least 100 feet from lakes, streams, trails, gullies, or campsites. Soap is unnecessary for most dishwashing jobs. Even biodegradable soaps take a long time to degrade. Use these products sparingly and keep them at least 100 feet from water sources and campsites.

Use a small strainer or screen to remove food bits from the water and pack them out with your garbage. The remaining gray water should be scattered or broadcast over a wide area away from camps and water sources.

Bathing/Cleaning Clothes

When bathing use soap only if necessary and use it sparingly. Get wet, then move at least 100 feet away from all water sources and campsites to lather and rinse. Rinse water can be carried in collapsible containers or pots. Clothes can be cleaned by taking them away from water sources and campsites and thoroughly rinsing them with plain water.

Drinking Water

Potable water is only available in Rock Harbor and Windigo. All surface lake and stream water should be considered contaminated with pathogens. Drinking contaminated water can make you very sick. Water collected in the park should be boiled at a rolling boil for at least one minute or passed through a 0.4 micron filter. To be assured of no risk of contamination from small bacteria and viruses, all filtered water should be further treated with iodine or other approved chemical methods. By itself, chemical treatment is not an effective method of water purification. If you boil your water, bring plenty of stove fuel. If filtering, bring a replacement cartridge for filters that cannot be cleaned in the field. Please note: SteriPENs and other UV purifiers have not been manufacturer-tested for a common Isle Royale parasite and cannot be considered effective.

Drinking Water Notice

In recent years, blue-green algae blooms have occurred in several inland lakes. Blue-green algae can be toxic and filtering does not remove toxins from the water. Avoid swimming, fishing or filtering water if it has a cloudy-blue cast or looks like “pea soup”. Report possible algae blooms to park staff. If algae blooms occur, advisories will be posted at park visitor centers. For more information visit the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency website, http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/cnp-toxalg.htm.

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Leave What You Find

Enjoy your discoveries and take them home via photographs, drawings, and memories.

Natural objects of beauty or interest such as moose antlers, plants, driftwood, cultural or archeological resources, rocks, minerals, including those found in Lake Superior, must be left where they are so others can experience the same sense of discovery. Removing, possessing, or disturbing park resources is prohibited. This may seem like a harmless act, but the cumulative effect of each person doing it can be quite damaging to park resources. Picking small quantities of berries for personal consumption is permitted.

Planning Your Visit

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6 people or fewer

Individual camp sites.

Small Party Backcountry Camping Permit

Rock Harbor or Windigo Visitor Centers upon arrival or on board Ranger III ferry.

$0

Two or more parties of 6 people or fewer (not to exceed 20)

Individual camp sites.

Two Small Party Backcountry Camping Permits or one party of campers.

Group Camping office in Houghton in advance or online http://www.nps.gov/isro/planyourvisit/group-camping-parties-of-seven-to-ten.htm

$25 for first 10 people

Additional $25 for 11 to 20 people.

$25

One group of 7 – 10 people

Reserved Group tent sites

Group Camping Permit

Group Camping Permit

$50

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Group Small Party Backcountry Camping Permit

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**Separate itineraries means that small parties/groups cannot camp in the same campground at the same time.**

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Distance•Elevation•Change•General Comment

Malone Bay - Siskiwit Lake
– .3 miles, 40’ Gradual Slope

Siskiwit Lake - Intermediate Lake
– .4 miles, 40’ Gradual

Intermediate Lake - Lake Richie
– .6 miles, 120’ Hilly and wooded

Wood Lake - Lake Whittlesey
– .6 miles, 80’ Rolling

Lake Whittlesey - Chippewa Harbor
– .6 miles, 140’ Steep grades and rocky

Chippewa Harbor - Lake Richie
– 1.2 miles, 160’ Hilly

Moskey Basin - Lake Richie
– 2.0 miles, 120’ Gradual but very long

Lake Richie - Lake LeSage
– .6 miles, 120’ Steep grades, wet

Lake LeSage - Lake Livermore
– .4 miles, 80’ Steep grades, wet

Lake Livermore - Chickenbone Lake
– .2 miles, 40’ Steep but short

Chickenbone Lake - McCargoe Cove
– 1.2 miles, 80’ Hilly

Pickerel Cove
– .1 miles, 10’ Short and sweet

Lane Cove - Stockly Bay
– .1 miles, 8’ Short and sweet

Five Finger Bay - Duncan Bay
– .2 miles, 8’ Short and sweet

Duncan Bay - Tobin Harbor
– .8 miles, 175’ Extremely steep

Tobin Harbor - Rock Harbor
– .2 miles, 40’ Up and over

NOTE: Because of Isle Royale’s geology, north-facing slopes are much steeper than south-facing slopes.
**SAFETY TIPS**

The island's Wilderness and Lake Superior present challenges and potential hazards to the inexperienced or ill-prepared.

- Basic emergency services are available on the island, but contacting rangers for assistance can be difficult. Emergency response and evacuation may take time, requiring you to rely on your own skills and equipment. Most private boaters on Lake Superior have radios and can contact park rangers in an emergency.
- Bring a good first aid kit, a sufficient supply of any needed medications, and clothing appropriate for the time of year.
- Filter with chemical treatment or boil all surface water. Drink plenty of water. When dehydrated, you tire more quickly, don’t think clearly, and are more prone to fall.
- Weather and lake conditions can deteriorate quickly and unexpectedly. Hypothermia can occur any time of the year, especially near Lake Superior, where water and air temperatures are cool to cold year-round. Fog and waves can quickly create dangerous conditions for boaters, especially for paddlers.
- Many people underestimate hiking travel times and overestimate their abilities. Plan shorter, realistic travel days; don’t turn your wilderness trek into a forced march.

**FISHING REGULATIONS**

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For additional fish species, seasons, creel limits and 2014 regulation updates and changes review the Michigan Fishing Guide.

* Park boundaries extend 4.5 miles out into Lake Superior from the outermost land areas of the park.
* Artificial lures mean any lure or fly manufactured in imitation of, or as a substitute for natural bait. It is unlawful to use or possess live bait, dead or preserved bait, organic or processed food, or scented material on interior lakes or streams.
* Only barbless hooks may be used for fishing the park’s rivers, creeks, and streams, and all inland lakes. Barbed hooks are only allowed in Lake Superior waters.
planning your visit

Insects
Expect mosquitoes, black flies, gnats, and other insects to peak in June or July. During wet summers and subsequent drier summers, mosquitoes can continue well into August. Bring insect repellent, netting, or other skin barriers. Dry summers will produce an abundance of yellow jackets. Being an epithepikke kit if you or a member of your party is allergic to bee stings. For others, over-the-counter antihistamines may help counter minor swelling and itching.

Minimize Use of Fires
Campfires are permitted at only a handful of locations. Basic wood drying stumps is a must, these stoves are lightweight, dependable, easier to use, and less damaging to the park than wood fires. Where campfires are allowed, a metal fire ring is provided, never build your own ring. Gather only dead and down wood away from the camp area. Do not import firewood; insects and pathogens from an infected wood source could devastate Isle Royale’s forests. Use small diameter wood no larger than an adult’s wrist, as this will burn completely and will eliminate the need to pack a hatchet or saw. Collect wood from a wide area and away from the immediate vicinity of camp. This keeps the camp area from becoming depleted of wood and potential nutrients. Do not break branches or strip bark from standing trees, live or dead. Residue in the form of driftwood or wood from beaver dams or lodges. Do not burn trash in any form. The fire should be kept small. Once finished, make sure the flames and coals are dead out and cold to the touch, double check before going to bed or leaving camp.

Canoeing/Kayaking
Lake Superior is well known for its cold temperatures, fog, and sudden squalls that can generate waves that could easily swamp a canoe. This along with scarce outer shore landing sites adds to the potential danger. Small, open vessels are encouraged to use the numerous miles of waterways that the inland lakes provide. Canoeists and kayakers should be familiar with weather patterns and consult the marine forecast at visitor centers before embarking. Be prepared to adjust your schedule to the weather. A portable marine radio is recommended.

Portages
Canoe routes and portages are on the northwestern half of the Island. Portages are marked with a letter “P” on a post.

PFD
Every canoeist and kayaker must have a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device. Wear it, your life may depend on it.

Boat Rental
Canoe, kayak, and motorboat rentals are available at Windigo and Rock Harbor. For more information contact the Rock Harbor Lodge. (refer to page 2). 8

Loons
Isle Royale National Park contains over 100 loon nesting territories, supporting the only known population which still breeds in Great Lakes waters. These birds nest on land very close to the shoreline, making them highly susceptible to human disturbance. An adult loon who treks (the laughing call) is sending a message that you are too close. From mid-May through July 15 (loon nesting season) visitors are to stay at least 150 feet away from small islands. Additional areas may be closed due to loon nesting, please check at the visitor centers for updated information.

Aquatic Invasive Species
Invasive species are considered to be one of the top threats to the ecological integrity of our national parks. Please take time before and during your trip to do your part to repel the invasion.

What can you do to stop the spread?
Before traveling to Isle Royale
Boaters
Drain live wells and bilge on land - remove transom water, lake water, and unwanted bait from your boat. Wash your boat, including bilge and equipment with either: a) hot (>104 degrees F) water, b) high pressure water, c) disinfactant OR Clean and dry your boat and equipment in the sun for five days. Rainy days don't count.
Backpackers
Prior to departure, clean your tent, backpack, camping gear, clothing, and boots.
Canoeists and Kayakers
Remove weeds, algae, and other plant and animal materials from your boat. Wash your boat and equipment with either: a) hot water (>104 degrees F), b) high pressure water, c) disinfactant OR Clean and dry your boat and equipment in the sun for five days. Rainy days don’t count.
Anglers
Clean fishing gear before island departure.
Divers
Wash all dive gear in warm chlorinated tap water - Disinfect your wetsuit with a special-purpose shampoo - dry all dive gear and wetsuit for seven days before island departure.
While on Isle Royale
If you filter water from Lake Superior, change your filter or backflush several times with filtered water before using inland.
Canoeists and Kayakers
Wipe down your boat and associated gear before moving from Lake Superior to inland waters.
Anglers
When moving from Lake Superior to inland waters, clean gear and change line spools.
Wheeled Vehicles/ Devices
Wheeled vehicles (except for non-motorized wheelchairs) or other mechanical forms of transportation are not allowed outside developed areas at Rock Harbor and Windigo. This includes bicycles and portaging devices.

Weapons, Traps, & Nets
The use or possession of weapons, traps, and nets is prohibited. Weapons include any implements designed to discharge a projecile or missile in the air or water and include among other things the slingshot, blowgun, and bow and arrow. Fireworks are prohibited. Exception: Possession of firearms within the park is regulated by Michigan law regarding open and concealed carry. Federal law prohibits possessing firearms in certain federal facilities. For information on weapons restrictions aboard ferries and seaplanes, see park website. Please note: The discharge of firearms within park boundaries is prohibited. For more detailed information about firearms and links to pertinent legislation and laws visit www.nps.gov/isro/parkmgmt/lawsandpolicies.htm

Pets
Dogs, cats, and other mammals are not allowed. This includes pets on boats within the park boundaries, which extend 4.5 miles into Lake Superior from the outermost land areas of the park. Visitors bringing pets to Isle Royale will be required to leave immediately. Pets disturb wildlife and can transmit diseases, particularly to wolves. Special conditions apply to service animals. Please contact the park for further information.

Shower
The concession operation offers token-operated shower facilities at Rock Harbor 9/3 through 9/5 and Windigo 6/5 through 9/7.
Boating
All boaters staying overnight at anchor, at docks, or in campsgrounds must first obtain a camping permit. Lake Superior offers challenging and often dangerous weather in the form of dense fog, high winds, waves, and thunderstorms. Combine this with rocky reefs, limited safe harbors, and Isle Royale’s remoteness, and it pays for you, your crew, and your boat to be shipshape. For additional information on boating and trip planning please request the park’s Isle Royale Boating Guide. In addition to Houghton, Rock Harbor, and Windigo, boaters may obtain Isle Royale camping permits on-line at www.nps.gov/isro.

Restricted Water Activities
- Water skiing and personal watercraft including vessels commonly referred to as jet skis, wave runners, sea-dos, water bikes, or surf jets are prohibited. Since all of the park’s inland lakes are located within designated Wilderness, they can only be explored by paddling. Vessels with motors (even if motors are not in use) are prohibited on inland lakes and streams.

Portable Generators, Electronic and Motorized Devices
- Operation of electronic and motorized devices such as stereos, televisions, radios tuned to commercial stations and portable generators are not permitted except in developed and open-water motorized zones. Developed areas include the Windigo and Rock Harbor developed areas, and the Mott Island Headquarters area. Open water motorized zones include Lake Superior waters outside of designated “quiet/no wake” areas.

On-Board Generators
- The operation or use of permanently installed (by the boat manufacturer) on-board gasoline generators is allowed between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time in developed zones and at the following docks: Beaver Island, Belle Isle, Caribou Island, Grace Island, Hay Bay, Malone Bay, Rock Harbor, Tobin Harbor and Windigo. On-board generators may not be operated or used at the following public docks: Birch Island, Chippewa Harbor, Daisy Farm, Duncan Bay, Evan Narrows,McCarrage Cove, Merritt Lane, Moskey Basin, Siskiww Bay, Three Mile, Todd Harbor, and Toookers Island. Vehicles at anchor within Quiet/No Wake Zones may operate on-board generators between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, except when anchored within 1/4-mile of a designated park campground.

Quiet/No Wake Zones
These zones promote a quality visitor experience by providing relatively tranquil, natural marine surroundings. Within the zone, vessels must not exceed 5 mph or create a wake in excess of 6 feet in size. Quiet/No Wake Zones include specified areas near Todd Harbor, Johns Island, Barnum/Washington Islands, Hay Bay, Wright Island, Malone Bay, Chippewa Harbor, Conglomerate Bay, Moskey Basin, Loresi Lane, Tobin Harbor, Merritt Lane, Passage Island, Duncan Bay, Fire Finger Bay, Lane Cove, Robinson Bay, Pickell Cove, Belle Harbor, Crystal Cove, and McCargo Cove. Consult map on page 6 and 7.

Pollution Prevention
- Head pump-out service is available at Windigo and Rock Harbor when the concession operation is open.

Vessels carrying spare fuel in portable containers must use legally approved containers. Fuel may not be stored on docks.

Customs
All vessels arriving from Canada (U.S. or Canadian) must clear U.S. customs at Windigo or Rock Harbor Visitor Center. A valid passport, U.S. Passport card, enhanced drivers license, or trusted traveler program card is required. Visitors from Canada can be cleared for Isle Royale only. For additional information go to www.cbp.gov.

Divers
Please refer to your dive permit regulations concerning compressor use.

Fuel
Gasoline is sold from 6/3 through 9/7 at Windigo, gasoline and diesel fuel are sold from 6/3 through 9/7 at Rock Harbor. Diesel fuel is not available at Windigos. Early and late season service or fuel may be obtained at Windigo and Mont Isle if personnel are available.

For detailed information on park regulations visit www.nps.gov/isro/parkmgmt/lawsandpolicies.htm

For additional information on Leave No Trace request a copy of the park’s LNT booklet or visit www.lnt.org

Your Guide To Isle Royale National Park – 2014
Passage of the Wilderness Act of 1964 represented a new direction in management of America’s public lands. Unlike other public lands, where management regimes and practices change over time, lands designated as wilderness will always be managed as wilderness, to leave these lands “...unimpaired for future use and enjoyment as wilderness, and so as to provide for the protection of these areas, the preservation of their wilderness character...”

Our understanding of the world has changed significantly since 1964, and so has our ability to see our fingerprints in places we never imagined. Atmospheric deposition of pollutants, climate change and invasive species have all left marks on our ability to see our fingerprints in our wilderness. “What are these benefits?”

Part of the Act’s stated purpose is to “secure for the American people of present and future generations the benefits of an enduring resource of wilderness.” What are these benefits?

The Act specifically mentions “outstanding opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation,” but is that it? The answer is no. In wilderness, people find a huge suite of benefits—scientific, cultural, metaphysical, personal and other benefits—some of which the authors of the Act could never have imagined. Wilderness is a place you can go to seek the benefits you desire.

In this sense, protecting wilderness is about protecting an experience, an experience where people are not only able to explore iconic examples of the American landscape, but also to do so while being free from all but the most basic elements of life. It is an opportunity for people to go find what they are looking for, whatever that might be.

The wilderness experiences of Isle Royale visitors are varied and intensely personal, but there is one frequent theme. People treasure their time on Isle Royale. This is evidenced by the deeply personal connections they make with the island, and their frequent inclination to return...again and again.

So the challenge of protecting wilderness is not only about mitigating our impacts on our most pristine landscapes, it is about protecting an experience we treasure: an experience Isle Royale offered long before 1964, but one that will endure, thanks to the Wilderness Act.

Lucas Westcott, Isle Royale Park Ranger 2009 - present

If the wilderness could speak, what would it say?

The wilderness speaks to each of us in a different way.

What does the Isle Royale Wilderness say to you?

What does Isle Royale wilderness mean to you? Join the celebration by sharing your thoughts at a ranger station or ISRO_ParkInfo@nps.gov

Update: Cultural Resources Management Plan

Last winter, the National Park Service completed formal public scoping for the ongoing Cultural Resources Management Plan (CRMP). The public had the opportunity to review preliminary alternative concepts and to provide their thoughts and feedback. The team is now working to finalize a range of alternatives and the draft document is scheduled to be available this fall or winter. Public involvement is a critical part of this planning process, and we look forward to working with you and appreciate your continued interest in the future of cultural resources in Isle Royale National Park.

Newsletters, opportunities to participate and other information related to the CRMP can be found online at http://parkplanning.nps.gov/ISROcrmp.

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“Breathe in deep. This rich, sweet air shall invigorate your soul.”

“Be free to explore, have an open mind about what you will discover, and learn from what you find.”

“Take it all in. Look at the beautiful landscape, animals and unimaginable wilderness around you.”

“Beauty, balance and harmony...rain, rocks, roots”

“Tread lightly in this sacred place.”

“Life is peaceful if you take the time to realize the good things in it.”

“In the deep still silence, I could feel the Earth’s beating heart.”

“Come back, come back to me, you belong here.”
Fishing at Isle Royale

A Michigan fishing license is required for fishing in Lake Superior, including narrow bays and harbors, and when transporting fish from the island to the mainland. If you are under 17 years of age, you may fish without a license. Licenses are not required to fish on the inland waters of Isle Royale; possession limits are generally the same as those set by the State of Michigan. Anglers should refer to the Michigan fishing regulations for possession limits and detailed license requirements for Lake Superior (also see the chart on page 7 for a brief guide to regulations). Only 24-hour licenses are available on the island and only when concession services are open. You may purchase a Michigan fishing license online at www.michigan.gov/dnr.

Inland Waters

Catch and release only for all lakes, streams, and creeks. Only fish for food. It has been found in Lake Superior waters that the Lake trout is part of a global system. Ongoing research in six inland lakes (Sargent, Marquette, Ontonagon and Ashland) all have documented infestations. If so, take extra measures to assure decontamination.

Fishery Conservation

With its multitude of islands and bays on Lake Superior, as well as numerous lakes and streams on the interior of the island, Isle Royale provides many opportunities for outstanding recreational fishing for wild, native fish. It is up to you to help conserve and minimize damage to the Isle Royale fishery:

- The possession of only one bait for fishing within the Lake Superior waters of the park is limited to those fish and/or fish parts that are caught within Isle Royale National Park boundaries. Transporting fish or fish parts for use as bait to the park is prohibited.
- Catch only what you plan to keep or eat. Catch and release, while encouraged, can be damaging and very stressful on fish.
- Know the minimum and maximum legal size of fish so that if they are too small or too large they can be quickly released.
- If moving from Lake Superior to an inland lake, change to a new spool of line. This will help prevent spread of the spiny water flea, an exotic aquatic invertebrate that competes with juvenile fish for food. It has been found in Lake Superior waters of the park but is not yet documented in inland waters. Spiny water fleas can adhere to fishing line and easily spread to other bodies of water.
- Release larger fish and keep medium size fish to ensure future productivity. Larger, more mature fish produce more offspring than smaller fish.
- Instead of killing trophy fish, consider a modest-sized fish that will be released. Take a picture of the fish.
- Return fish to the water as soon as possible. While unhooking them, keep fish in the water as much as possible.
- Try not to handle fish, but if you need to, do so with a wet hand. Release handled fish gently by allowing them to swim from your hands rather than throwing them back into the water.
- Do not squeeze the fish or place fingers in the gills, since a torn gill can cause the fish to bleed to death.
- Remove the hook gently. Pliers work best. Cut the line near the hook if a fish is deeply hooked. A steel hook will decompose in time.

Fish Consumption Advisory

Contaminants discovered in the Park ecosystem remind us that although Isle Royale is remote, it is part of a global system. Ongoing research looking at mercury levels exceeding the State of Michigan's consumption advisories.

Stopping the Spread - Visitor Responsibilities

Vessel owners are legally responsible for Aquatic Invasive Species decontamination prior to entering park waters (extending 4.5 miles from Isle Royale and the outer islands). This applies to all vessels (power and sailboats, canoes, kayaks, etc.), regardless of size or configuration. Please take the following steps to prevent the transport of zebra mussels and other aquatic invasive species to Isle Royale waters:

- Inspect for zebra mussels and other aquatic invasives attached to your trim tabs, swim platform, motor mounts, hull and equipment. Feel the hull. A coarse sandpaper texture may indicate larval mussels attached to your boat.
- Remove all zebra mussels and other invasive species along with any aquatic plants from your boat, trailer and equipment. Larval mussels are best removed with a scrub brush or similar method. Treat invasives like litter. Dispose of them in a trash can.
- Drain all water from your motor, livewell, bilge, transom, etc. away from any body of water.
- Wash your boat, including bilge and equipment with either: a) hot water (greater than 80 degrees F), b) high pressure water, or c) disinfectant OR
- Clean and Dry your boat and equipment in the sun for five days. Rainy days don’t count.
- Check to see if your boat is coming from a port known to have zebra mussels. Duluth, Superior, Thunder Bay, Marquette, Ontonagon and Ashland all have documented infestations. If so, take extra measures to assure decontamination.

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For information on fish consumption advisories check with park staff or visit the Michigan Department of Community Health website at: http://www.michigan.gov/ or the EPA Fish Advisory website at: http://water.epa.gov/drink/eatsafefish/fishadvisories
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**RESERVATIONS**

- Online reservations allowed at www.isleroyale.com. Phone reservations also take full payment deposit required. Canoes and kayaks require reservations. Major credit cards accepted.
- CANCELLATIONS
  - There is no refund if canceled less than 3 days before sailing. Cancellations received within more than 3 days notice will be issued an 85% refund. If at the last minute, no refund may be issued.
  - Full refund of fare, provided cancellation is received at least 2 full weeks prior to departure.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- The $4 per day National Park Service User Fee is collected on Isle Royale as you sail to and from the island and is payable in cash only. *Parking fee* • Hot coffee available • Light snacks • Sailing on route • Fishing poles must be in protective cases • Hard gear must be in securely closed packs • Fuel surcharge.

**FOR INFORMATION OR RESERVATIONS CONTACT**

Grand Portage National Monument, 158 Copper Harbor Road, Copper Harbor, MI 49918
- Phone: (906) 482-0984
- Fax: (906) 482-1326
- E-mail: reservations@isleroyaleboats.com

**WEBSITE:** www.isleroyaleboats.com

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**Isle Royale Queen IV**

3/4 hours one-way, cross-island operation, 3/4 hours return.

**SCHEDULE (Eastern Daylight Time)**

- Copper Harbor 9:00 a.m. 
- Rock Harbor 9:30 a.m.
- Grand Portage to Rock Harbor via Voyageur I only.
- Voyageur II

**RESERVATIONS**

- 3/4 hour for day use. 
- Cross-island trip to Isle Royale and return. 
- Round trip for Isle Royale.

**AMENITIES**

- Free parking 
- On-load Lake Superior weather information

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**Transportation Services**

**SEAPLANE**

- 1.5 hours one-way, cross-island operation, 2 hours return.
- Rock Harbor to Grand Portage via Daisy Farm, Grand Portage to Windigo.
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- Windigo to Grand Portage Round-Trip

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**RESERVATIONS**

- Online reservations allowed at www.isleroyale.com. Phone reservations also take full payment deposit required. Canoes and kayaks require reservations. Major credit cards accepted.
- CANCELLATIONS
  - There is no refund if canceled less than 3 days before sailing. Cancellations received within more than 3 days notice will be issued an 85% refund. If at the last minute, no refund may be issued.
  - Full refund of fare, provided cancellation is received at least 2 full weeks prior to departure.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- The $4 per day National Park Service User Fee is collected on Isle Royale as you sail to and from the island and is payable in cash only. *Parking fee* • Hot coffee available • Light snacks • Sailing on route • Fishing poles must be in protective cases • Hard gear must be in securely closed packs • Fuel surcharge.

**FOR INFORMATION OR RESERVATIONS CONTACT**

Grand Portage National Monument, 158 Copper Harbor Road, Copper Harbor, MI 49918
- Phone: (906) 482-0984
- Fax: (906) 482-1326
- E-mail: reservations@isleroyaleboats.com

**WEBSITE:** www.isleroyaleboats.com

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**ROCK LODGE**

**Lodge Water Taxi**

- Provides drop-in and pick-up services at Rock Harbor and Copper Harbor on the north shore and Houghton Harbor and Malone Bay on the south shore. Operates May 23 through October 31 for fares and further information visit www.rocklodge.com for contact information refer to page 2.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

- No alcohol consumption on passenger ferries.
- Pets and other animals are not allowed.
- Vehicles are allowed. • Store fuel can be carried in approved containers on ferries, but not on the planes. • Lake Superior weather is cool throughout the year, so be comfortable in a warm jacket.
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The Isle Royale & Keweenaw Parks Association, in partnership with the National Park Service, promotes the public’s understanding and appreciation of Isle Royale National Park and Keweenaw National Historical Park through education and research.

By publishing and selling products about Isle Royale National Park and Keweenaw National Historical Park, we educate people about these special places and raise funds that are reinvested in the parks to support research and interpretive programs.

Every year the Isle Royale & Keweenaw Parks Association contributes approximately $25,000 in cash and in-kind aid to Isle Royale National Park.

You Can Help...

You can support the work of the Isle Royale & Keweenaw Parks Association and our partner parks by becoming a contributing member of our organization. Your tax-deductible contribution will help us share the stories of Isle Royale National Park and Keweenaw National Historical Park with people of all ages, around the world.

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- Life: $200 (Payable in 4 installments)
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A natural history of Isle Royale for the layperson, emphasizing the ecology of the island, the relationship between its plants, animals and physical environment. Color photographs and an extremely readable text. Maps, photos, charts, illustrations. 171 pages. Author: Napier Shilton

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Trails Illustrated Map $11.95
Topographic map with wilderness tips. Leave No Trace guidelines, trails, trailheads, points of interest, campgrounds, and more. Printed on waterproof, tear-resistant material with half of the island on each side. Measures 4 x 9" folded and 18 x 25" open. Scale: 1:50,000. Updated 2006.

Isle Royale Trail Map Funda $7.50
Custom bandana shows the island’s major trails and includes fun facts about the island and a border with points of interest. 100% cotton in royal blue or hunter green.

NOAA Lake Charts $22.95 (price subject to change)
Official navigation charts for Isle Royale, Lake Superior, Grand Portage, the Great Lakes, Keweenaw Peninsula, and Portage Canal. Soundings in feet, fathoms, or miles. Add $4.00 for mailing tube if rolled.

Exploring Isle Royale DVD $21.95
This orientation video produced by the National Park Service shows how to best enjoy the island’s many attributes, including its trails, lakes, and campgrounds. Winner of the 1995 Michigan Outdoor Writers Association Best Outdoor Travel Program. 28 minutes.

Fifty Lakes One Island DVD $20.00
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