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Letter from the Superintendent

Welcome to Voyageurs National Park. We are pleased that you have chosen to spend time with us getting to know the story of the 18th century fur trade and its canoemen, the Voyageurs, for whom the park is named. We also hope that you will enjoy the spectacular scenery of rocks, water and sky that combine to make this part of northern Minnesota a quiet and serene respite from everyday life. As public employees entrusted with the responsibility of ensuring that the outstanding natural and cultural resources of the park are protected for future generations, we hope you will take special care during your visit to make sure you and your actions are contributing to that protection.

The park’s rules and regulations were developed to help all our visitors understand what each of us needs to do to make sure Voyageurs and its resources are cared for responsibly by each visitor. Perhaps no single thing is more destructive to the park than improper wood gathering for campfires. We know the joy and wonder of a campfire on a long summer evening. We too get “lost in the fire.” There is something about a campfire that seems to speak to a deeper and more meaningful part of us as humans. The rules make it clear that firewood is to be dead and down. If you look around your campsite, you may see where branches have been ripped from live trees. In other campsites, people have cut down live trees. Not only are these practices devastating to the campsites, they make very poor campfires as well. Please, please make certain that your campfires are small and made from wood that is already down and dead. This may mean some extra effort on your part to find wood away from your campsite or it may mean that you bring wood with you. Sometimes, cooking is much improved if you bring a propane or gas stove, instead of using an open fire.

We want all of our visitors to feel a sense of ownership and connection to Voyageurs because it is part of the heritage of all Americans. You can demonstrate that connection by taking care of the park so that our grandchildren and their grandchildren can enjoy this special place in the same ways we enjoy it today.

—Barbara West

Getting to the Park

Roads approach the park from four points along U.S. 53 between Duluth and International Falls. There is scheduled airline service to International Falls, and Hibbing, Minnesota and Fort Frances, Ontario, Canada. Car rentals are available at airports. Transportation and lodging are also available at the park’s gateway communities.

EMERGENCIES Call 911
Cellular phones MAY NOT work in the park.
Payphones are near all visitor centers.
Winter is on the way. Its howls drift through the silence as the freeze slowly takes hold once again. Turns a dull gray before leaving for open waters. By Summer is at an end.

Leaves and the cool, crisp air, it's the perfect time to hike the park's many trails. Gold; they are the only conifer here to drop their needles. With the changing Autumn (September-November)

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

Autumn (September-November)

Maple trees become clothed in scarlet and the larches, or tamaracks, turn to gold; they are the only conifer here to drop their needles. With the changing leaves and the cool, crisp air, it's the perfect time to hike the park's many trails. Snow buntings and dark-eyed juncos from the north gather in flocks along the roadsides searching for wild seeds. They whirl up into the sky as you pass through. It's the perfect time to hike the park's many trails. Snow buntings and dark-eyed juncos from the north gather in flocks along the roadsides searching for wild seeds. They whirl up into the sky as you pass through. It's the perfect time to hike the park's many trails.

In late May, June, and July many wildflowers are in bloom. You can find orchids, such as Yellow and Showy Ladyslippers and Purple Fringed, as well as an abundance of other wildflowers in close proximity to the visitor centers and along park trails. Ask for a wildflower checklist and trail guide at one of the park's visitor centers. Summer is a time to enjoy the newest residents of the park. Eagles that hatched in May call for food from their lofty stick nests. Black bear cubs born during winter learn to search for food at their mother's side. Common loon chicks emerge from large brown eggs starting in late June, and learn about life in the park from a cozy spot on the female's back. In early August, watch for eaglets (lacking the white head and tail) tentatively leaving their white pine nests for the first time. Look down and all around at colorful lichens on the soil, rocks, and trees. Can you find the 400 kinds that grow here?

Species Arrival Departure Destination

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<td>Common Loon</td>
<td>Ice-out, late April-mid-May</td>
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<td>Atlantic &amp; Gulf coasts; stay on ocean all winter</td>
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<td>Bald Eagle</td>
<td>Late March-early April nesting activity begins.</td>
<td>October-November</td>
<td>Atlantic &amp; Gulf coast east; Great Lakes, southwest &amp; western United States</td>
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<td>White Pelican</td>
<td>Late April, breed at Lake of the Woods, forage for fish in the park.</td>
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<td>Warblers</td>
<td>Leaf-out early–mid-May</td>
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<td>Ducks</td>
<td>Late March-early April.</td>
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<td>Black Bear</td>
<td>Den-up: October Emerge: April</td>
<td>Active at all times of day; feed, travel, rest intermittently during day</td>
<td>At locations of natural food sources such as blueberry patches and areas of hazelnuts or acorns</td>
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<td>Grey Wolf</td>
<td>Breeding season February, pups born in April</td>
<td>Warm season travel &amp; hunt at night; winter-active at all times of day</td>
<td>On large lakes on ice during winter</td>
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<td>Moose</td>
<td>Breeding September–October, calves born late May</td>
<td>Mostly active at night, but occasionally travel &amp; feed during the day</td>
<td>Feeding on aquatic vegetation along lakes &amp; ponds at dusk and dawn during spring &amp; summer</td>
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<td>River Otter</td>
<td>Breed in late winter or early spring, shortly after litter is born</td>
<td>Active swimming, feeding &amp; playing during the day</td>
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<td>Beaver</td>
<td>Breed in January &amp; February, kits born in May or June</td>
<td>Feeding activity occurs mostly from dusk to dawn</td>
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<td>Frogs</td>
<td>Breeding season March-July, depending on species: wood frog–March; green frog–July</td>
<td>Most active during evening</td>
<td>Frogs can be heard singing at dusk or dawn on ponds, lake edges and wetlands</td>
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# 2004 Boat Tours and Naturalist Programs

## Tour Boat Program Notes

### Tour Boat Reservations:
- To make reservations for tour boat cruises call toll-free (888) 381-2873, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.
- Reservations must be made with a credit card. (Visa or MasterCard only). You may pay cash once you board the boat.
- Cancellations must be made 24 hours prior to departure to avoid being charged.
- Reservations are highly recommended.
- Cruises require a minimum number of participants to go.
- See listed rates for cruises on program schedule at right.
- All trips are weather dependent.

## Group Tours:
Nonscheduled days are open for group tours and special trips.

## Other Program Notes

### Canoe Programs:
- Reservations are recommended for north canoe voyages.
- All canoe trips are weather dependent.
- Canoes, paddles, life jackets and instructions are provided.
- We recommend participants know how to swim.

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## Boat Tours – June 13-September 3, 2004

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<td>June 13 – August 29</td>
<td>Pack a picnic for a day of exploration. The cruise includes a guided tour of the Kettle Falls Hotel area and other points of interest along the way. Picnic aboard the boat or at a chosen location. Tour fees do not include a picnic lunch.</td>
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<td>June 14 – September 3</td>
<td>Voyage to the historic Kettle Falls Hotel. After a pleasant 1.5 hour cruise, arrive with another 1.5 hours on land to dine at the hotel or enjoy a picnic lunch, and to explore the hotel and nearby dam. Tour fees do not include meals.</td>
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<td>June 29 – August 5</td>
<td>August 10 – September 2</td>
<td>Experience the same beautiful trip to Kettle Falls in an evening setting.</td>
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## Boat Tours – September 4-25, 2004

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<td>Join a ranger to learn the basics, then set out to see nearby islands and wildlife by canoe. We provide lessons, canoes, paddles, and life jackets. All from novice to expert are welcome. Meet at the Woodford Boat Launch. We recommend that participants know how to swim.</td>
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<td>June 14-August 14</td>
<td>Explore the natural world around you with a park ranger. Ask about our Junior Ranger Program. Meet at the Woodford Beach.</td>
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<td>Paddle back in history aboard a North Canoe. Learn the Voyager paddle salute and explore the life of a voyager. Meet at Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center. Minimum age is 5. We recommend that participants know how to swim.</td>
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<td>June 18-August 13</td>
<td>Sit back, relax and let a guest speaker intrigue you about the northwoods. Call (888) 381-2873 for a schedule.</td>
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## Autumn Rendezvous:
August 28 & 29, Saturday and Sunday
Greet the change of seasons through nature walks, talks, boat tours and paddling. Create an autumn craft to remind you of your visit. Schedule available in August, call (218) 875-2111.

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Tour Boat Cruise; Reservations recommended, call toll-free 888-381-2873, 9 am-5 pm

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Gold Mine Tour:
June 13 - August 21
This tour takes you to Little American Gold Mine Island where you depart from the tour boat for a Ranger-led 1/4 mile walk (fully accessible) through the remains of the mining activities. Return to the boat and experience a tour through the “Gold Fields” of Rainy Lake.

Discovery Cruise:
June 13 - August 21
Discover the wonders and beauty of Voyageurs National Park. The captain will navigate Rainy Lake in search of active bald eagle nests, abandoned gold mines and abundant wildlife. Bring your camera!

Sunset Cruise:
June 13 - August 21
Enjoy the beauty of Rainy Lake! Join a Ranger for a relaxed evening cruise through the waters of the inside channel while discovering the night life of Voyageurs National Park.

Full Moon Cruise:
July 2 & August 2
Enjoy a tranquil boat trip while the moon glitters on the waters of Rainy Lake. Discover the night life of Voyageurs National Park and listen for the possibility of howling wolves.

Boat Tours – August 25 – September 17, 2004
Ed-Venture Cruise:
Learn about Rainy Lake’s Gold Rush history and watch for wildlife. This trip combines a visit to Little American Gold Mine Island with a trip through Rainy’s inside channel. Trip dates listed at right. *All trips from 1-3 p.m.

North Canoe Voyage: (reservations recommended)
June 17 - August 17
Paddle back in history aboard a 26-foot North Canoe. Learn the Voyageur paddle salute and explore the life of a voyageur. Minimum age is 5. We recommend that participants know how to swim.

Pack and Paddle: (reservations recommended)
June 15 - August 12
Paddle across Black Bay and then hike 1.3 miles round trip to a scenic beaver pond. Equipment is provided. All skill levels welcome. We recommend that participants know how to swim.

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

Naturalist Programs – June 15 – August 14, 2004

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June 4, 5, 6 Birders Rendezvous – This celebration of spring migration offers bird hikes and boat tours with regional ornithologists. Schedule available in February, call (218) 286-5258.


Kettle Falls Hotel Special Events

July 4th Weekend Extravaganza
Labor Day BBQ
Call 888-534-6835 for more information

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Kettle Falls Hotel Special Events

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

Where to Go?

Rainy Lake

Little American Gold Mine Island (25 mile loop)
Discover the past on Little American Gold Mine Island while you explore the remains of mining activities. Today, a 210-foot shaft along with machinery and adits (entrances leading into mines) remain from the Rainy Lake Gold Rush. You may experience the island as part of a ranger-led walk (fully accessible) during a tour boat program or on your own with self-guided wayside exhibits and brochures. Bring along a sack lunch and stop at one of the benches for a leisurely and historical afternoon. Boat access only.

Oberholtzer Trail (1 mile one way)
Travel to two overlooks to view the vast diversity of flora the park has to offer. Wheelchair accessible the first 1/4 mile. The trailhead is located just outside the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. Trail maps and self-guided brochures are available at the trailhead and visitor center. Tracked in winter for snowshoeing.

Anderson Bay (2.1 mile loop)
This trailhead is only accessible by watercraft. It will take you high up on the rocky cliffs to view spectacular scenery of Rainy Lake. See cover photo.

Black Bay Beaver Pond Trail (6 mile one way)
and Black Bay Ski Trail (6 miles total)
The Black Bay Trails are accessible only by watercraft in the summer and the ice road in the winter. The Black Bay Beaver Pond Trail takes you through high pine country to a stunning beaver pond overlook. The Black Bay Ski Trail offers 1.5 miles of beginner trails and 4.6 miles of intermediate trails.

Crane Lake

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

Vermilion Falls
A 10-minute hike on a well-maintained interpretive trail puts the visitor at Vermilion Falls, a cascading torrent of water forced through a 10-foot wide opening in the granite. Two miles before Crane Lake turn left on USFS Road 499; travel four miles to the trailhead.

Vermilion Gorge Trail
At a leisurely pace, this 3-mile round-trip trail can be easily hiked in 2 hours. The trail passes over rugged landscape of sheer granite cliffs and rock outcrops while paralleling the Vermilion Gorge. Interpretive signs along the trail describe the history of this area. The trailhead is located 1 mile north of the ranger station on the west side of the road in Crane Lake.

Kabetogama Peninsula

Boats on Interior Lakes Program
Experience the solitude of a remote lake on the Kabetogama Peninsula without having to portage. For those who wish to paddle on remote lakes reachable only by trails, Voyagers provides canoes and/or rowboats for a fee of $10 per boat per day. The park DOES NOT provide rental canoes or boats stationed at the visitor centers or at park entry locations.

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Visitors must bring their own water transportation, or contact a local resort or outfitter for water taxi service to the trailheads to these interior lakes. Park canoes and/or rowboats are located on the following nine interior lakes only: Locator, Cranberry Creek (to get to Locator), Quill, Elk, Cruiser, Brown, Peary, Little Shoepack and Shoepack.

Reservations are recommended, and can be made one week in advance by phone or in person. Call the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center (287) 875-321 or the Rainy Lake Visitor Center (287) 286-5258 during hours of operation for more details.

Cruiser Lake Trail system (9.5 miles one way)
Visitors can enter the Cruiser Lake Trail System from either Rainy Lake or Kabetogama Lake. The trail will take you up rocky cliffs and down to wetland areas. The trail winds its way to several interior lakes. A visitor is more likely to see the park’s larger wildlife, such as moose while in this nonmotorized backcountry area.

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

Chain-of-Lakes Snowmobile Trail
During the winter season get on your snowmobile and head out to the peninsula for a ride in the park’s pristine backcountry. Follow the 6-mile Chain-of-Lakes Trail (ungroomed) from Rainy to Kabetogama Lake.
**Where to Go?**

**Kabetogama Lake**

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

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

**Ash River**

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

**Ash River Scenic Drive (11 miles one way)**
Don’t miss this! In a water-based park, scenic drives are hard to find, but this one rivals any others. Off Highway 53, the Ash River Trail (County Road 129), is a scenic paved, winding road that takes you to the visitor center. In summer, a spectacular carpet of native wildflowers lines the trail followed by brilliant red maples in the autumn. Miniature frozen waterfalls grace the rock faces in winter. Travel through spruce bogs and red pine forests as you watch for deer, foxes, grouse, gray jays, and wolves, all seen quite often along the road.

**Locator Lake Trail (2 miles one way)**
Reaching this trailhead by boat is only the start of the adventure! Portage your own canoe, or reserve a park canoe or rowboat (Boats on Interior Lakes program) on this scenic lake which marks the head of the interior chain of lakes. Enjoy a close-up view of a beaver dam and lodge as you hike this narrow, rocky, and colorful trail.

**Echo Bay Trail (2.5 mile loop)**
Follow the signs to reach this trailhead by car northwest of the visitor center. Hike in summer, or ski the groomed trail in winter. A wide path takes you from aspens to pines as you pass through lowlands and rocky outcrops. Birding is great here with a great blue heron rookery and sightings of warblers, woodpeckers, and even a great gray owl. Bring your binoculars and a sense of wonder to enjoy what you may discover.

**Voyageurs Forest Overlook (.5 mile loop)**
On the entrance road to the visitor center there are three pullouts. The first pullout is the Voyageurs Forest Overlook. This pullout has a short loop trail with interpretive signs and picnic and restroom facilities. Watch for wildlife as you learn more about the area’s forest history.

**Beaver Pond Overlook (0.2 mile one way) and Kab-Ash Trail (24 miles – one way & loops)**
This is the second pullout along the entrance road. A short uphill hike leads to a rocky terrace high above one of the park’s beaver ponds. With a park population of over 2,800, the influence of beavers on the landscape is noticeable. For best viewing opportunities, visit the overlook near sunset. In winter, watch for wolf tracks leading to beaver lodges and for warm air rising from roof vents. The Kab-Ash trail has four trailheads – Salmi Road, Kabetogama; two on Ash River Trail Road; and Beaver Pond Overlook. Hikers and skiers can complete loops or one-way treks. This trail travels through forests and wetlands and offers scenic vistas. For more information call (218) 875-2111.

**Blind Ash Bay Trail (2.5 mile loop) and Kabetogama Lake Overlook (0.2 mile one way)**
This is the third and closest pullout to the visitor center. A short wheelchair accessible trail through the forest leads to a bench with a view of the lake. The overlook also serves as a starting point for the Blind Ash Bay Trail, a narrow, rocky path leading to a view of Blind Ash Bay. You may also start this popular hike from the upper overflow parking lot at the visitor center. Bring water, bug repellent, and sturdy shoes. Explore by snowshoe in the winter.

**Sullivan Bay Snowshoe Trail**
Only available in winter, strap on your snowshoes for a 1.5 mile round trip trek to view Sullivan Bay. Watch for the snowshoe sign along the entrance road. Trail is tracked.
Voyageurs — A Boater’s Park

With over 80,000 acres of water, Voyageurs National Park is a boater’s paradise. This is a unique park. With fewer than 10 miles of roads, visitors must leave their cars behind for a motorboat, tourboat (see pages 4 & 5), canoe, houseboat, kayak or sailboat to truly experience the park.

With increased numbers and types of boats in park waters, it is even more important to be courteous to your fellow visitors.

• Powerboats give canoes and kayaks a broad berth; wakes from your vessel may swamp paddlers.

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

• Motorized and nonmotorized vessels launch at the same locations, except at Ash River Visitor Center. Please watch out for each other.

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

Do You Know Where Your Lifejacket Is?

Always wear your life jacket – it won’t work unless you wear it. Minnesota state law requires all watercraft, including canoes and kayaks, to have one wearable U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device (PFD) on board and readily accessible for each person in the watercraft. The U.S. Coast Guard requires children under 13 years of age to wear a life preserver when in a recreational boat.

Safe Boating Checklist

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

Reminders...

Don’t overload the boat. All passengers should stay seated or within boat while boat is moving; bow or gunwale riding prohibited!

Watch the weather — get off the lake during thunderstorms.

Watch for hypothermia from cold water and wind. Know where you can refuel. Avoid prolonged exposure.

BOAT SOBER — operating a boat under the influence of drugs or alcohol is illegal.

Navigation You Need to Know

The U.S. Coast Guard Buoy System: The Coast Guard numbered red and green buoy system is used to guide boaters and mark hazards (see below). To use this system you need to know the direction of lake flow. Namakan, Sand Point and Crane lakes all flow north or downlake toward Kettle Falls. Kabetogama Lake flows east or downlake to Namakan and Kettle Falls. Rainy Lake flows west or downlake to International Falls. Remember red buoys to your right while traveling uplake (red right return).

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

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


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

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

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

GENERAL REGULATIONS

• Do not destroy or collect natural or cultural resources in the park. This includes cutting live trees, harassing wildlife and collecting any natural or cultural resources except berries and nuts.

• Don’t drink and drive! Operating a boat or snowmobile while under the influence of drugs or alcohol is prohibited.

• Public use closures: Check at visitor centers and boat ramp bulletin boards for areas closed for protection of visitors or park resources. Closed areas are posted with signs.

• Keep the Shade! Cutting live or dead standing trees is prohibited.

• Hunting is not allowed in the park.

• Firearms, fireworks, and archery equipment are prohibited. Chain saws are prohibited except for cutting ice-fishing holes.

• Private floatplanes are allowed on the four major lakes — Rainy, Kabetogama, Namakan, and Sand Point. They are also allowed on Locator, War Club, Quill, Loiten, Shoepack, Mukooda, and Little Trout Lakes.

• Know Canadian fishing and customs regulations before you cross the border – (807) 274-3655.

• Pets must be leashed and attended to at all times. They are allowed in developed areas, around visitor centers, boat ramps, picnic areas, and tent, houseboat, and day use sites on the four main lakes. They must be restrained on a leash not more than 6’ long and under your control. Pets are not allowed on park trails or in the backcountry.

• Quiet Time — Parkwide 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

• Extinguish fires when leaving campsites.

• Anglers know the slot! If you plan to fish in the park get a copy of the Minnesota Fishing Regulations at area businesses and visitor centers. A Minnesota fishing license is required to fish in the park. Know the slot limit (size limit) for the lakes where you will be fishing. Park rangers enforce Minnesota state fishing regulations.

• Swimming or bathing is prohibited at docks in developed areas (e.g., visitor centers and Kettle Falls)

• Water Skiing is prohibited in navigation channels.


Consider This:

• Use steel sinkers instead of lead, which can poison loons and other wildlife.

• Always retrieve and dispose of lines and hooks properly.

• Practice catch and release fishing
  - Play, unhook, and release fish quickly
  - Don’t rub off protective slime
  - Needle nose pliers speed up hook removal
  - Handle fish firmly, but gently, never by eye sockets
  - Keep fish in the water to the greatest extent possible
  - If gut hooks, cut line and release

• Rangers monitor Marine Band Channel 16 when on duty, not 24 hours a day.

• Diving from park docks is not recommended.

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

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

National Park Service Artist-in-Residence

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

Do you want to work for Voyageurs National Park?

The National Park Service hires many seasonal employees throughout the year. Applicants may apply to specific announcements posted on the internet at www.usajobs.opm.gov or www.sep.nps.gov or by contacting the Human Resources Office at Voyageurs National Park, 3131 Highway 53, International Falls, MN 56649 or at (218) 283-9821. Volunteer positions and student internships are also available.
The Basics

You need a boat to camp in the park. All overnight sites are accessible by water only. Car camping is available nearby at State and private campgrounds.

All boat-in sites are free.

All sites, except the Voyageurs Narrows site, are occupied on a first-come/first-served basis; no reservations.

Site N41, Voyageurs Narrows – accessible site available by reservation only. Call (218) 775-2111 to make reservations.

Obey all site closure signs.

Food storage – all food, garbage, and equipment used to cook and store food must be kept in a vehicle, vessel, or metal food locker or hung too high and too out from a pole or tree. This regulation applies throughout the park.

Recommended group sizes

• small tent site – 9 people
• large tent site – 18 people
• houseboat site – 2 houseboats maximum

Fires

• Use only dead and downed wood, including driftwood, except within developed areas and where posted.
• Cutting live trees or dead standing trees is prohibited.
• Fires are permitted in metal fire rings. Construct no new rock rings. Campfires must be completely extinguished when you are not at the site.
• Overnight docking is permitted at Kettle Falls, but no overnight docking is permitted at park visitor centers.
• Leaving property unattended in an overnight site for 24 hours or more is illegal.
• Use tent pads where provided – no digging, trenching, or leveling allowed.
• Dig cat holes for human waste if a privy is not available.

Camping Permits

Overnight use requires a free, self-registration permit.

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

Know where you can go!

CAMPERS AND HOUSEBOATERS

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

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

• closed or open cans or bottles of beer, pop, and juice – especially bear. Bears will bite into a closed can if it smells sweet or if they recognize it as something that tasted sweet before.
• dish soap and hand soap – loved by bears, especially the tasty lemon scent
• water bottles or water jugs
• all food; coolers fit right into the food locker
• food in a can or bag, it does not matter, bears will eat it
• all food scraps and trash
• all pots, pans, utensils, and cooking stoves. You cannot scrub the smell off pans or stoves.
• toothpaste – children’s toothpaste flavors smell especially tasty
• sunscreen
• bug spray, yes bears may bite into your can of bug spray
• your catch of the day – don’t leave food, bait or the catch of the day in your boat or out in camp
• backpacks or containers that once held food
• clothing worn during cooking
• any kind of candy or gum wrappers. Patrol rangers have received reports of boats being ripped apart for a candy wrapper in a boat compartment. Leave boat compartments open at night so bears will not rip your boat apart to see what is inside. Better to let them look and not damage your boat.
• take motor oil and gas with you in the boat when you go fishing; bears bite into gas cans and oil cans
• if an item smells, looks, or tastes remotely like food or is something fun to play with, secure it in the food locker. Clean campsites and the use of food lockers help prevent campsite closures and the trapping and relocation of bears.
• If you plan to camp in the backcountry or at a site without a food locker, you must hang your pack with the items listed above as shown in the diagram at right.

When camping in bear country keep these things in mind:

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

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

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

Rainy Lake Visitor Center Winter Hours and Services
The Rainy Lake Visitor Center is open Wednesday to Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Call 218/286-5258. The Visitor Center offers:

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

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

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

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

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

Be Safe
- Carry a trail map with you.
- Keep to the right.
- Leave a route plan with someone.

Watch for...
- Pressure ridges – They change the surface of the lake. Always stop and inspect ridge areas before crossing. Ridges are marked with 2 crossed orange caution stakes on each side.
- Slash and open water – Avoid them by staying on groomed and staked trails.

Snowmobile Trail Conditions
Voyageurs National Park trail conditions posted weekly at www.nps.gov/voys; look for link under “News”

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Snowmobiles - Things to Know
- All land areas in the park are closed to snowmobiles except designated safety portages. Obey closure signs.
- No miles of staked and groomed trails in the park
- Chain of Lakes trail is not groomed (11 miles long)
- Lodging, food, gas, and other services are available in the four resort communities adjacent to the park.

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ATTENTION SNOWMOBILERS

45 mph
On Trails

25 mph
On Safety Portages

DRINKING AND SLEDGING DON’T MIX!

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

### Rainy Lake, Ranier & Int’l Falls

International Falls Area Convention & Visitors Bureau
Rainy Lake, Ranier & Int’l Falls

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### Commercial Services

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