A park service historian once called national parks “Islands of Hope.” This description is truer now than ever. Voyagers National Park is part of a vast system of waterways and forests that stretches from Lake Superior, across the Quetico, south to the Laurentian Divide, and west to Lake of the Woods and Winnipeg. The view from a satellite shows that this ancient and historic geography lies at the heart of the North American continent—and it is beautifully blue and green. This is not an accident. For more than a hundred years, advocates and visionaries on both sides of the U.S.-Canada border have struggled to protect the natural values of these wild lands.

Today a rich tapestry of publicly-owned protected areas preserves the natural, cultural, and recreational values of the region for all to enjoy. The geographic heart of this “heart of the continent” is defined by the linked boundaries of Voyageurs National Park, Superior National Forest and Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, and Quetico Park, Ontario. The Superior National Forest and Quetico Park will celebrate their 100th Anniversaries in 2009. The National Park Service is already preparing for its Centennial in 2016. Look for special things to come both in the park and in cooperation with our partner park and national forest!

At the same time, our vital eco-region is threatened in new ways and needs new champions. This time the challenge demands more than a few dedicated groups and leaders—it is up to all of us. It is no secret that exotic species have wreaked havoc with forests and waterways in the northeastern U.S. and that scientists and resources managers have struggled for years to preserve the Lake Superior fishery and watershed from invaders like the sea lamprey, zebra mussel, and rusty crayfish.

The spiny water flea, which appeared in the park’s large lakes in 2006, is the most recent invasive threat to park resources, and you can learn on page 3 how you can help prevent its spread. Although a changing climate and exotic species yet to come will alter the environment that generations have known here, Voyageurs National Park remains an Island of Hope. Because the park and adjoining waterways have been set aside as special natural areas, resources are available to perform research, develop best practices, and educate the public on the issues.

Regulation of public use, when necessary, can protect the qualities for which the park was established. At the same time, the history of resources protection and respectful use in the park and adjacent protected areas has helped preserve healthy and resilient systems to better adapt to changing conditions.

We invite you to join us in protecting the park while you enjoy it. Check your shoes and clothing for traveling weed seeds before you enter the park. Make sure your boat and motor are free of aquatic plants and hitchhiking creatures before you launch. Do swap out any lead in your tackle box for non-toxic alternatives. Read park regulations carefully. You will find many more suggestions on how to be a park-friendly visitor elsewhere in this newspaper.

All four seasons hold great beauty and opportunities for recreation and renewal in Voyageurs National Park. Welcome to your park! Come often, and stay until you know you will come back again.

Kate Miller, Park Superintendent
Visitor Services and Information

CONTACT INFO
Emergencies call 911
Cellular phones may not work in the park.
Pay phones are available near all visitor centers.

INFORMATION:
Park Headquarters (year round)
(218) 283-6600

Mailing Address:
Voyageurs National Park
3131 Highway 53
International Falls, MN 56649

Park Website:
www.nps.gov/voya

Rainy Lake Visitor Center
(218) 286-5258
May 26 – September 30, 2007
Open daily, 9 am – 5 pm
October 1 – December 31, 2007
Open Wednesday – Sunday 10 am – 4 pm
January 2 – May, 2008
Open Wednesday – Sunday 10 am – 5 pm

Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center
(218) 875-2111
May 26 – September 30, 2007
Open daily, 9 am – 5 pm
Closed October 1, 2007 – May, 2008

Ash River Visitor Center
(218) 374-3221
May 26 – September 30, 2007
Open daily, 9 am – 5 pm
Closed October 1, 2007 – May, 2008

Crane Lake Ranger Station
(218) 993-2481

RESERVATIONS:
Summer Boat Tours, Accessible Campsite
1-888-381-2873
May 26 – Sept. 4, 2007
9 am – 5 pm

Group Campsite Reservations
1-877-844-6777
June 4 – September 30, 2007
www.recreation.gov

Boat Launch Ramps
Launch ramps are located near the park’s Rainy Lake, Kabetogama Lake, and Ash River Visitor Centers.

Canoe/Kayak Launch Area
A designated canoe & kayak launch area is located near the Ash River Visitor Center. Sandy beaches suitable for launching canoes and kayaks in the park are also located near the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center boat launch ramp and at the Woodenfrog State Forest Campground beach.

Guided Boat Tours, Canoe Programs & Walks
National Park staff conduct a wide variety of programs at park visitor centers and at the Woodenfrog State Forest Campground.
Call 1-888-381-2873 for reservations. See pages 6 & 7 for details.

Camping & Houseboating
Over 200 free tent camping and houseboat sites are located throughout the park. All park campsites are water access. Automobile access campsites are located adjacent to the park in the Kabetogama State Forest. See page 4 for more information.

Group Campsites
Voyageurs National Park recently completed two group campsites. The well-appointed campsites are available for groups of 14 to 30 people for $35 per night. Call 1-888-381-2873 or visit www.recreation.gov to make a reservation.

Handicap Accessible Campsite
To request a reservation at the handicap accessible campsite call 1-888-381-2873.

Required Permits
A free permit is required for all overnight stays in the park. Permits are available at park visitor centers and near all park boat launch ramps.

Picnic Areas
Picnic areas are located near the Rainy Lake, Kabetogama Lake, and Ash River Visitor Centers.
Several boat-in day-use sites are also available in the park. See the map on pages 8 & 9 for locations.

Hiking Trails
Voyageurs National Park contains miles of hiking trails that range from short roadside paths to remote backcountry corridors. Some trailheads may be reached by automobile, while others are water access only. See page 5 for details.

Fishing
Fishing is a popular activity at Voyageurs National Park. Walleye and northern pike are popular game fish. Minnesota state fishing regulations are enforced by park rangers, state game wardens and US Customs officers. Pick up a copy of the 2007 fishing regulations at a park visitor center, or view a copy online at www.dnr.mn.state.us/fishing.html

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Voyageurs National Park provides many outstanding recreation- al opportunities, but keep safety in mind. Submerged rock hazards, rapidly changing weather conditions, extreme cold and encounters with park wildlife are possible. See page 3, stop by a park visitor center, or visit the park website at www.nps.gov/voya

Weather Information
Stop by a park visitor center before heading into the park for the most current weather forecast. You may also check weather conditions near the park by calling the National Weather Service at (218) 283-4615. Press 2 for International Falls. Weather conditions are also posted on the web at www.weather.gov/dlh. Click on International Falls.

Firewood Restrictions
Please do not bring firewood from outside of the state to parks located in Minnesota. Purchase firewood locally or collect dead and downed wood in approved areas. Do not cut down trees for firewood, including snags. Firewood from outside of the state may carry an exotic insect pest called the Emerald Ash Borer. This pest species threatens forest health. For more information visit www.dnr.state.mn.us/firewood/index
National park rangers enforce a wide spectrum of federal laws and regulatory state statutes. Familiarize yourself with park rules.

**GENERAL REGULATIONS**

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

- Do not harass wildlife! Observe wildlife quietly from a distance. Animals need adequate space to feed, nest, and raise young. Do not disturb wildlife, especially breeding or nesting birds, or any animal on or off park trails.

- Store food properly. Voyagers is bear country. See page 4 for detailed information about how to store your food, garbage, pet food and pet waste on or off park trails.

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

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

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

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

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

- Hunting is not allowed in Voyagers National Park.

- Firearms, archery equipment, and fireworks are prohibited.

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

- Private floatplanes may be prohibited on the park's interior lakes in 2007 to prevent the spread of the spiny waterflea, an aquatic exotic invasive species. This includes Locator, War Club, Quill, Loonet, Shoshapack, Mukaooda, and Little Trout Lakes. Contact park staff for current information.

- Private floatplanes are allowed on Rainy Lake, Kabetogama Lake, Sand Point Lake, and Namakan Lake.

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

- Know Canadian fishing and customs regulations before you cross the border. (807) 274-3955

- Swimming, diving, and bathing are prohibited at docks in developed areas (visitor centers & Kettle Falls). Diving from other dock posts is discouraged.

- Water skiing is prohibited in navigation channels.

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

- Quiet Time – Parkwide 10:00 pm to 6:00 am

- Pets are allowed on park trails or in the backcountry. This rule is in place to protect park wildlife, and to protect your pet.

- Pets must be leashed and attended at all times. Pets are allowed in developed areas (around visitor centers, boat ramps, picnic areas, campgrounds and houseboat sites on the four main lakes, and along park entrance roads.

- Fireweed Restrictions are being considered to protect forest health. If needed, prevent the spread of invasive pests like the emerald ash borer. Stop by a park visitor center for current information.

- The large lakes in the park have been identified as infested waters and moving to uninfested waters. Stop by a park visitor center for more detailed information, or visit the park’s website at http://www.nps.gov/voya

**SAFETY**

**Boating Safety Tips**

- Always wear your life jacket — three lives have been lost over the past five years without one.

- Minnesota state law requires all watercraft (including canoes and kayaks) to have one wearable U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD) on board and accessible for each person in the watercraft.

- Minnesota State rules require that all children less than 10 years of age must wear a life preserver when in a recreational boat.

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

- Know where you can re-fuel your boat.

- Don’t drink & drive. County Sheriff, US Coast Guard staff, and Park Rangers enforce laws prohibiting boat operations under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

**Safe Boating Checklist**

- If you are boating, plan on having a safe and enjoyable experience by making sure you have these items whenever boating in the park:
  - A wearable life preserver readily accessible for each person
  - Type IV throwable cushion or ring
  - Navigation lights
  - Navigation lights at night – use them!
  - Chart or paper map
  - Anchor, paddles or oars, and lines
  - Spare propeller and shearing pin
  - Flashlight and first aid kit

**Watch the Weather**

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

**INVASIVE SPECIES ALERT**

Invasive species are plants, animals or diseases that are not native to the local ecosystem and that are likely to cause harm to the economy, to the environment, or to human health. The park’s forests, lakes and native plant communities are at risk from several species of aquatic exotics, invasive plants, and forest pests. Four species that you should be aware of are:

- **Spiny waterflea** – This tiny (1/4-5/8”) crustacean zooplankton is native to Eurasia and was introduced into the Great Lakes from the ballast water of ships. They threaten the park’s aquatic ecosystems and fishing by competing with native fish for food and by fouling fishing gear. Spiny waterfleas are spread when either live adult waterfleas or viable resting eggs are transferred to new body of water. Spiny waterfleas can be transported on bait buckets, anchorropes, fishing lines, boats, waders, and to your wading beading when you travel. Stop by a park visitor center for more information.

- **Rainy Lake and Namakan Lake in 2006. The large lakes in the park have been declared infested waters. This designation requires that specific actions be taken to prevent the spread of this species to uninfested waters. See the best management practices described below, or stop by a park visitor center for more information.

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

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

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

**Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers!**

1. Inspect your boat, trailer, and equipment and remove visible aquatic plants, animals and mud before leaving the water access.

2. Drain water from your boat, motor, bilge, live wells, and bait containers before leaving the water access.

3. Dispose of unwanted bait and other aquatic plants and animals in the trash.

4. Spray or rinse with water at least 140 degrees F, or dry boats and equipment for five days to remove or kill aquatic hitchhikers.

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

**Wildlife**

- Driving on Wildlife is a distance. The animals in the park are wild and their behavior may be unpredictable.

- Do not feed wildlife. Store food, garbage and other scented items appropriately to avoid attracting animals to your picnic or campsite (see page 4).

**Water Quality**

- Always treat lake water before using it for drinking or cooking. Consider bringing drinking water with you when camping in the park. Otherwise, use a high-quality water filter to remove potential contaminants.

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

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) advises the public to approach lake areas with blue-green algae blooms with caution. During the right conditions, blue-green algae can be toxic to pets and harmful to people. A blue-green algae bloom that looks like pea soup should be avoided. For detailed information visit the MPCA website at www.pca.state.mn.us/water/clmpt-toxicsalgal.html
Woodenfrog Campground is an accessible campground available by reservation only. Call 1-888-381-2873 at least one week in advance to request a reservation for use of this site. Stop by a park visitor center for more information, or visit our website at www.nps.gov/voya.
Discover the past on Little American Gold Mine Island while you explore the remains of mining activities from the short-lived Little American Gold Mine. The site includes birchbark canoes and trade goods on this narrow strip of land between Rainy and Namakan Lakes.

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

This popular destination within the park is now managed by a private concession. Call (218) 240-1726 during the summer months (fee).

The Kab-Ash trail system is covered in the following lakes:

- Little American Island .25 mile (loop) Water
- Kabetogama Lake .25 mile (loop) Water
- Beaver Pond Overlook 0.2 mile (one way) Car
- Blind Ash Bay Trail 2.5 miles (loop) Car
- Beaver Pond Overlook 0.2 mile (one way) Car
- Kab-Ash Trail System 24 miles hiking (1-way & loops) Car
- Little American Island .25 mile (loop) Car
- Little American Island .25 mile (loop) Water

**Boat Access Trailheads**

**Rainy Lake**

- Echo Bay Trail (2.1 mile loop)
  - This loop trail will take you high up on rocky outcrops to view spectacular scenery on Rainy Lake.
- Black Bay Pond Trail (.6 mile, one way)
  - Hike through the boreal forest to an active beaver pond.
- Kabetogama Lake Trail System (9.5 miles to Kabetogama Lake)
  - Travel up rocky cliffs and down into remote wetland areas on this trail that crosses the Kab-Ash Trail System.
  - Several of the park’s interior lakes and backcountry areas can be accessed on this trail system. If you are hoping to spot some of the park’s larger wildlife, hiking this trail will increase your chances of spotting a moose or hearing the howl of a wolf.

**Kabetogama Lake**

- Visitor Center Trail System (9.5 miles to Rainy Lake)
  - The same great trail described above may be accessed from Kabetogama Lake as well.
- Visitor Center Trail (2 miles, one way)
  - Travel from the shores of Kabetogama Lake to Locator Lake on the Kabetogama Peninsula. Reserve one of the park’s canoes in advance to enjoy paddling on Locator Lake without the hassle of portaging in your own boat. Location is the first of a chain of lakes that await exploration. Stop by a park visitor center for more information.

**Car Access Trailheads**

- **Kettle Falls Hotel & Dam**
  - Built in the early 1900’s, the historic Kettle Falls Hotel attracted a transient community of people, including lumberjacks, fish buy- ers, prospectors, and bootleggers.
  - Long before the hotel and dam were built, Ojibwe Indians and voyageurs portaged their birchbark canoes and trade goods on this narrow strip of land between Rainy and Namakan Lakes.
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- **Ellsworth Rock Gardens**
  - Jack Ellsworth constructed a unique sculpture garden on his vacation property on Kabetogama Lake from 1944 to 1965. Mr. Ellsworth designed terraces containing 32 varieties of flowers atop a 60-foot granite outcrop. Over 13,000 lilies bloomed during the garden’s peak. Voyageurs National Park acquired this property years ago, and began work to rehabilitate the gardens in 1996.
  - The Ellsworth Rock Gardens are accessible only by water. Picnic tables, a picnic shelter and an outhouse are located at this popular visitor destination. Park-guided boat tours depart from the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center during the summer months (fee).

- **Little American Gold Mine Island**
  - Discover the past on Little American Gold Mine Island while you explore the remains of mining activities from the short-lived Rainy Lake Gold Rush. Park-guided boat tours to Little American Island depart from the Rainy Lake Visitor Center during the summer months (fee).
  - Stop by a park visitor center to pick up a map and brochure if exploring this favorite visitor destination on your own.

**PARK HIKING TRAILS — NO Pets Allowed**

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**Interior Lake Canoes & Rowboats**

Experience the solitude of a remote lake on the Kabetogama Peninsula without having to portage a boat or canoe.

The National Park Service provides canoes and/or rowboats on several interior lakes for a fee of $10 per boat, per day. The Kabetogama Peninsula can only be accessed by water, so you will need to use your own boat or a water taxi service to access the trails that lead to the park’s interior lakes.

- **Lake Canoes &/or Rowboats on the following lakes:**
  - Kabetogama Lake
  - Little American Island
  - Namakan Lake
  - Vermilion Falls

**Interior Lake Riding**

- **Beaver Pond Overlook** (0.2 mile, one-way)
  - This scenic trail is located just outside of the park on Highway 11. Parking is available across the street from the trailhead and Tilson Bay boat launch ramp. Leashed dogs are permitted on this trail.

**Kab-Ash Trail System**

24 miles hiking (1-way & loops)

**Blind Ash Bay Trail**

- 2.5 miles (loop)
- Kabetogama Lake Overlook (0.2 mile, one-way)

As you leave the park’s Ash River Visitor Center, this trailhead will be the first one on your right. A short, wheelchair accessible trail winds through the forest to a bench overlooking Kabetogama Lake. This overlook is the starting point for the Blind Ash Bay trail, a narrow and rocky path that leads to Blind Ash Bay. You may also start this trail from the upper overflow parking lot at the visitor center. Remember to bring water, sturdy shoes, and bug repellent.

**Beaver Pond Overlook** (0.2 mile, one-way)

This is the second trailhead on your right as you leave the Ash River Visitor Center. A short uphill hike leads to a rocky terrace high above a beaver pond in transition. Although beavers are no longer active at this pond, this trail provides great birding opportunities, and the possibility of spotting large wildlife moving through to pond area below.

**Kab-Ash Trail** (24 mile system)

Begin a hike on this trail network near the Beaver Pond Overlook parking lot, and immediately across the street where the trail continues to the community of Ash River. Be sure to bring a map and know how to navigate in the backcountry when hiking on the Kab-Ash trail system.

**Voyageurs Forest Overlook** (0.5 mile loop)

The entrance to this short trail is furthest from the Ash River Visitor Center, and is located on the left side of the park road just before reaching County Road 139. A picnic table and restroom are located at the trailhead, making this a good spot to get out of your car and stretch your legs.

**Near Crane Lake**

**Orr Bog Walk**

Located behind the Orr Travel Information Center on Highway 53, this short loop trail provides access through a variety of forest and wetland types on a well-maintained boardwalk. This trail is located outside of the park.

**Vermilion Falls**

A ten minute walk on a well-maintained interpretive trail brings you to Vermilion Falls, a cascading torrent of water forced through a 10-foot wide opening in the granite. Two miles before reaching Crane Lake, turn left on USFS Road 491. Travel four miles to the trailhead. Leashed pets are allowed on this trail, which is located outside of the park.
### 2007 Guided Boats Tours on the Borealis & Otter Boats

#### Rainy Lake Tour Boat Schedule (The Borealis)
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**Sunset Cruise**
- 7 – 9 pm
- $15/$10

**Discovery Cruise**
- 3 – 5 pm
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**Black Bay Discovery Cruise**
- 10 am – 12pm
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**Ellsworth Tour**
- 5:30 – 7:30 pm
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### LATE-SUMMER BOAT TOURS

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**August 26 ONLY**

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### TOUR BOAT & NORTH CANOE TRIP RESERVATIONS

Call 1-888-381-2873 to request a reservation for scheduled tour boat and North Canoe trips in the park. The reservation line is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. from May 26 – September 4, 2007. Trips are first-come, first-served after September 4. A credit card is required to make reservations in advance. If you do not make advance reservations you may pay at the boat if space is available. Refunds will be issued only if advance reservations are cancelled at least 24 hours before the scheduled tour departs. No refunds will be issued if less than 24 hours notice is given.

**FEDERAL SENIOR PASS and ACCESS PASS holders are eligible for a discount on park-operated tourboat and North Canoe fees. To receive the discounted rate you must provide the number on your federal senior pass or federal access pass when making an advance reservation over the phone. If paying at the boat you must have a federal Senior Pass or Access Pass in your possession to receive the discount. No discount will be applied if you do not present your Senior Pass or Access Pass when paying. No discounts can be applied once the tour has started. If paying by personal check you are required to provide your social security number if the amount due is over $50. If you do not wish to provide your social security number you may pay with cash or a credit card. Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express are accepted for payment.**

### FULL MOON BOAT TOURS

Take a special late-night cruise beneath the light of a full moon. Call 1-888-381-2873 for reservations.

**July 29 & 30, 2007**
- 10:30 p.m. – 12:00 midnight
- Depart from the Rainy Lake Visitor Center
- $15 adult/$10 child

**August 27 & 28, 2007**
- 9:00 – 11:00 p.m.
- Depart from the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center
- $15 adult/$10 child
Tour Boat Program Descriptions

Tour Boats aboard the Borealis on Rainy Lake

Grand Tour
This tour combines the Discovery Cruise and the Gold Mine Tour described below. Adult $20 Child $15

Discovery Cruise
Discover the wonder 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! Adults $15 Child $10

Gold Mine Tour
This tour will take you back in time to Little American Island where you depart from the tour boat with a park guide for a 1/4 mile walk (handicap accessible) through the remains of the mining activities. Adults $15 Child $10

Black Bay Adventure Tour
Board the Borealis and cruise a short distance to the Black Bay Beaver Pond Trail. Hike 1.2 miles (round trip) with a park guide to an active beaver pond. Hiking shoes, bug spray and long pants recommended. Adults $15 Child $10

Sunset Cruise
Enjoy the beauty of Rainy Lake! Join a park guide for a relaxed evening cruise through the waters of the inside channel while discovering the night life of Voyageurs National Park. Adults $15 Child $10

July Full Moon Cruise
Enjoy a tranquil boat trip while the moon glister on the waters of Rainy Lake. Discover the night life of Voyageurs National Park and listen for the possibility of howling wolves. Adults $15 Child $10

Kabetogama Lake Canoe Trips and other programs (June 16 – August 18)

Woodenfrog Morning Canoe
Join us at the historic Woodenfrog State Forest Recreational building for an evening program about the park. Check at the park visitor centers for weekly topics. Free

Kabetogama North Canoe Voyage
Friday & Saturday – 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., June 16 – August 11
Paddle back in history aboard a 26-foot North Canoe. Learn the voyageurs paddle salute and explore the life of a voyageur. Minimum age is 5. We recommend participants know how to swim. Weather dependent. Adults $15 Child $10

Lost Bay Adventure Tour
Revel in the beauty of Kabetogama Lake while cruising past islands to Lost Bay. This tour includes a hike into the park’s backcountry to Agnes Lake, a small but scenic lake in the park’s wild interior. Hiking shoes, bug spray and long pants recommended. Adult $20 Child $15

August Full Moon Cruise
Enjoy a tranquil boat trip beneath the full moon on the waters of Kabetogama Lake. Discover the night life of Voyageurs National Park and listen for the possibility of howling wolves. Adults $15 Child $10

*Minimum of three passengers required for all tours except Kettle Falls tours that have a six passenger minimum.

Kettle Falls Day Tour
Visit the historic Kettle Falls Hotel on this pleasant cruise accompanied by a park guide who will share the park’s story with you as you journey along the historic route of the voyageurs. Arrive at the hotel with time to dine at the restaurant or enjoy a picnic on your own before returning. Meals are not included. Adult $35 Child $20 (six passenger minimum*)

Kettle Falls Evening Tour
Enjoy the same great journey during on an evening expedition. Adult $35 Child $20 (six passenger minimum*)

Ellsworth Tour
Enjoy scenic islands and bays while looking for bald eagles, loons, and other park wildlife. Marvel at unique sculptures while exploring the winding paths of the Ellsworth Rock Gardens during a 1/2 hour stop at this local historic site. Adult $15 Child $10

Birders Rendezvous
June 1 & 2, 2007
Voyageurs National Park is home to over 240 species of birds ranging from majestic bald eagles to tiny migratory songbirds. Experience bird watching in a magnificent setting during this weekend of guided hikes and boat tours. Registration required. Call (218) 286-5258 or visit the park website at www.nps.gov/voya for more information.

Paddle Fest
August 18 & 19, 2007
Join us for summer fun on the water during this weekend of special canoe, kayak and pontoon boat tours. Stop by a park visitor center this summer for more details.

National Park Week
April, 2008
Celebrate next spring with us during National Park Week in April. Kids are invited to enter the 5th annual Kid’s Art Contest, and the entire family will enjoy special activities at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. Visit the park website in early 2008 for updates.

CANOE TRIPS & OTHER PROGRAMS See schedule below for details

Rainy Lake Visitor Center (June 16 – August 18)

Discovery Walk
Sunday – 11:00 a.m., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday – 1:00 p.m., June 17 – August 15
Join a park guide for a walking tour of the Rainy Lake Visitor Center grounds and learn about the rich natural and cultural history of Voyageurs National Park. Free

North Canoe Voyage
Friday & Saturday – 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., June 16 – August 11
Paddle back in history aboard a 26-foot North Canoe. Learn the voyageurs paddle salute and explore the life of a voyageur. Minimum age is 5. We recommend participants know how to swim. Weather dependent. Adults $14 Child $2. Call 1-888-381-2873 for reservations.

Afternoon Canoe
Sunday, Wednesday, Thursday – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Enjoy a tranquil canoe trip on Black Bay while keeping an eye out for wildlife. We provide lessons, paddles, canoes and life jackets. Minimum age is 5. We recommend participants know how to swim. Weather dependent. Free. Call 1-888-381-2873 for reservations.

Junior Ranger Program
Tuesday-11 a.m., June 19, July 3, July 17, July 31, August 14
Explore the natural world around you with a park guide. Free

Junior Ranger Program
Saturday & Sunday, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Kids meet at the Woodenfrog beach to explore the natural world around you with a park guide. Free

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Woodenfrog Friday Evening Program
Friday, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m., June 22 – August 31
Join us at the historic Woodenfrog State Forest Recreational building for an evening program about the park. Check at the park visitor centers for weekly topics. Free

Kabetogama North Canoe Voyage
Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Saturday – 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., June 17 – August 18
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Woodenfrog Morning Canoe
Tuesday & Thursday, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Enjoy a tranquil canoe trip on Kabetogama Lake while keeping an eye out for wildlife. We provide lessons, paddles, canoes and life jackets. Meet at the Woodenfrog State Forest launch ramp. Minimum age is 5. We recommend participants know how to swim. Weather dependent. Free. Call 1-888-381-2873 for reservations.

Junior Ranger Program
Saturday & Sunday, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Kids meet at the Woodenfrog beach to explore the natural world with a park guide. Free

Ojibwe Lacrosse Game
Tuesday, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Learn an Ojibwe Indian game by playing a family-friendly game of lacrosse. Participants will use sticks to get a ball from one opponent’s goal to another. Wear running shoes! Meet at the Ash River Visitor Center. Free

Beaver Pond Walk
Sunday, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m., June 17 – August 12
Meet a park guide at the Beaver Pond Overlook parking area on the Ash River Visitor Center Road. Take a short walk in the boreal forest up to a rocky overlook of a beaver pond in transition. Explore how the park’s natural and cultural history came together to create this special place. Free

Special Events

http://www.nps.gov/voya for more information.
Getting to the Park
Roads approach the park from four points along U.S. 13 between Duluth and International Falls. There is scheduled air 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.

Distances by foot between park destinations:
- A.R.V.C. to Kettle Falls: 13 miles
- Kettle Falls to Clearwater Bay: 9 miles
- Clearwater Bay to Loring: 20 miles
- Loring to A.R.V.C.: 7 miles

Distances by car between park visitor centers:
- A.R.V.C. to L.R.C.: 17 miles
- L.R.C. to A.R.V.C.: 42 miles
- A.R.V.C. to K.L.R.C.: 16 miles
- K.L.R.C. to A.R.V.C.: 18 miles
- K.L.R.C. to L.R.C.: 19 miles
- L.R.C. to K.L.R.C.: 17 miles

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- A.R.V.C. to L.R.C.: 17 miles
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Kettle Falls Hotel
Built around 1910, this National Register site was at one time a transient community of over 200 people. Prospectors, timberjacks, fish buyers, prospectors, bootleggers and brothels. Today the tradition of hospitality continues.

Historic downender's cabin

Univarsity cliffs:
With a magnificent view of the river from a high point on the cliffs, one can see the river from a height of over 500 feet, skirting the river for miles.

Map — Destinations and Trails
YOU CAN HELP!

Fire and the Forest

What images come to mind when you think of fire in the forest? Is fire always a bad thing? Is it always a good thing? How do we feel about fire often depends on how safe we feel around it. Many people enjoy the warmth and comfort of a fire when camping, but an unexpected plume of smoke rising from trees on the horizon would make most people a bit nervous.

Although fire must certainly be respected, it is wrongly portrayed as a destructive plague that menaces our forests year by year. In the right place and under the right conditions a fire in the forest can be a cleansing and rejuvenating force that supports forest health. How can fire keep a forest healthy? Believe it or not, almost all plant communities at Voyageurs depend on fire to exist, and with it several native plant communities will slowly disappear from the landscape.

Fire consumes dead material and transfers nutrients to the soil. Fire creates openings by killing some trees and shrubs and allowing sunlight to reach the forest floor. Without forest openings it is difficult for new plants to grow.

Some plants depend on fire to reproduce. Jack pine is highly dependent on fire. This species requires high temperatures to open its cones and release the seeds inside. Jack pine seeds will only grow and prosper under open forest conditions.

Fire is the natural means for meeting these conditions. Fire and the Forest

In the 1950’s and 1960’s, fire was deliberately kept out of most landscapes because of the need to protect homes and businesses, but also due to an overall fear and lack of understanding of fire.

This has resulted in many unintended results, including the decline of fire-dependent species in the places where fire is needed to release seeds and create openings in the forest canopy.

Voyageurs National Park, like many public land management agencies, is actively working to bring fire back to the forest in ways that will improve forest health while protecting human safety and property.

Prescribed fire is used at Voyageurs to maintain and regenerate pine stands. This involves burning off the pine litter and brush, and creating openings in the forest to prepare it for the next generation of trees.

The park may begin restoring fire to some of the pine studded islands this summer. Naturally ignited fires are allowed to burn on the Kabetogama Peninsula if specific weather, location, and other constraints are met.

During the summer of 2004, a lightning-ignited fire near Shospeack Lake met these constraints and burned for one month covering approximately 4,000 acres. The area is now regenerating to aspen, birch and pine. Although the look of the forest immediately after a fire may suggest that only blackened trees and bare soil have been created, a return visit to this same site will soon reveal vigorous re-growth as new seedlings and other plants sprout and flourish in the sun.

Healthy forest landscapes are diverse, with many types of trees at various life stages. This is the foundation for the health and diversity of the animals that live here, and the natural beauty that makes the park a great place for people to visit.

Park staff monitoring fire effects two years after a fire on the Kabetogama Peninsula.

What does this have to do with fire? Forests have developed over time in the presence of natural disturbances like fire. Fires occasionally burned through some forest stands, but new forests grew into those openings. This created a landscape with a mixture of three, trees, some dead trees, but also space for new trees.

However, for decades wildfires have been deliberately kept out of most landscapes because of the need to protect homes and businesses, but also due to an overall fear and lack of understanding of fire.

New growth is visible just weeks after a fire.

Fire and the Forest

PARK RESEARCH & MONITORING

Lake Levels Study

Water level management is a critical resource management issue at Voyageurs National Park. Rainy Lake and the Namakan Reservoir are natural water bodies. However, outflow and water levels are controlled by privately owned and operated hydroelectric dams that were built in the early 1900’s. The dams are located at the outlet of Rainy Lake and on Namakan Lake’s two principal outlets.

The International Joint Commission (IJC) is an independent team of commissioners that was established in 1909 to help prevent and resolve disputes relating to the use and quality of boundary waters between the United States and Canada. The IJC establishes rules for managing lake levels on waters shared by these two countries, including Rainy Lake and the Namakan Reservoir which are partly within the boundaries of Voyageurs National Park.

New rules for managing water levels were adopted in 2000 since negative impacts related to unnatural lake level management had been identified by scientists during the 1980’s and 1990’s. The new rules are subject to review in 2015. Research is being conducted to determine if the new water level management approach is resulting in improved environmental conditions.

The National Park Service and U.S. Geological Survey provided funds to support research on several park resources that are affected by lake levels management, including:

Aquatic Vegetation

• Aquatic Plant Communities (number and type of species)
• Invasive Species (rate of spread of exotic cattails & reed canary grass)
• Wild Rice (abundance and patch size)

Benthic Invertebrates

• Abundance and species diversity
• Fish
• Survival, growth, reproductive success
• Species studied include: walleye, northern pike, whitefish, lake sturgeon and other game fish.

Aquatic Birds

• Research studied the nesting success of common loons.
• Study evaluated if lake levels resulted in nest flooding or starvation

Small mammals

• Beaver and muskrat studies evaluated how water levels affect the number of muskrat houses and beaver lodges, muskrat house abandonment rates, and winter behavior of beavers.

The information provided by this research will be presented to the IJC to help inform decisions about how the hydroelectric dams that regulate park waters will be managed in the future.

To learn more about specific park research projects, stop by a park visitor center or visit our website at www.nps.gov/voya.

Hot Topics

YOU CAN HELP!

Protect Water Quality

Water is the defining feature of Voyageurs National Park. The interconnected lakes that carried the birchbark canoes of the Ojibwe Indians and voyageurs continue to attract thousands of people each year. We need your help to protect the quality of these waters.

Keep it clean. Please take care to prevent garbage from ending up in the lakes.

Use toilet facilities when they are provided. Otherwise, dig a hole 8 inches deep at least 100 feet from water to dispose of human waste.

Soap does not belong in the lake, even biodegradable soap. When bathing or washing dishes please lather up and rinse off at least 100 feet from the shoreline.

Protect Wildlife

Don’t allow wildlife to obtain your food or garbage. Store food, trash, toothpaste, and other scented items properly to help keep yourself safe and wild animals healthy.

Use non-toxic fishing tackle. One lead sinker is all it takes to poison and kill a loon. Non-toxic (lead-free) fishing tackle is available for sale at local businesses and in park visitor centers.

Collect and properly dispose of fishing line. Fishing line left out in the park has resulted in the painful injury and death of animals that were unfortunate enough to get tangled up.

Enjoy observing wildlife from a distance. Bald eagles and loons may abandon nests and young when people are too close, or if people stay for too long.

Protect Forest Health

Collect dead & downed wood for your campfire. Do not cut down or break branches from standing trees.

Do not bring firewood from outside of the immediate area. Emerald ash borer, gypsy moth and other forest pests may be hidden in wood harvested from infested areas.

Purchase firewood from the area where you intend to use it.

Take the time to make sure your campfire is out cold before leaving your picnic, shore-lunch or campsite. Live ashes are warm to the touch they could still start a fire.

Drown all campfires and stir the ashes to make sure no hot coals or embers remain.

Protect Natural Diversity

New regulations are being considered and may be in effect this summer due to the recent invasion of park waters by zebra mussels. Stop by a park visitor center for up-to-date information on efforts to stop the spread of invasive species.

Help prevent aquatic exotics from spreading to uninfested waters. Help stop the spread of noxious weeds.

Check tires, shoes, socks, jackets, and other items for hitchhiking plants or seeds before heading down the trail, or moving from one location to another.

Get the Facts - learn to recognize invasive species and familiarize yourself with their effects on native plants and wildlife.

Take Action - remove invasive species from your property and take park in local control efforts.
FRIENDS OF VOYAGEURS NATIONAL PARK

Have you noticed the action around the children’s activity tables at park visitor centers? Have you hiked the Echo Bay Trail, listened to the nickelodeon play at the Kettle Falls Hotel, or attended an evening program at Woodenfrog? Have you taken a pair of snowshoes or kids skis for a spin in wintertime at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center? The Friends of Voyageurs National Park have provided funding for all of these projects, and more!

How do they do it? With help from people like you! The Friends are a non-profit organization that is sustained by donations. These donations sustain the group’s mission of supporting natural, historical, and educational activities in the park.

In fact, the Friends are so good at what they do that they received an award for excellence in 2006. If you are interested in being a “Friend” of the park you can pick up a membership brochure for this award-winning group at any park visitor center. You can also visit the Friends on the Voyageurs National Park website at www.nps.gov/voya/supportyourpark/joinourfriends.htm.

VOYAGEURS NATIONAL PARK ASSOCIATION

Formed in 1964 to work for the creation of Voyageurs National Park, Voyageurs National Park Association (VNPA) continues as a respected grassroots, citizen support and advocacy group. VNPA depends on members and donors to help protect the natural, recreational, and historic resources of the park and to promote public enjoyment of one of our nation’s greatest treasures.

Members receive VNPA’s quarterly journal and support partnership in park management. Members are invited to participate in special events in the park and greater Minnesota area, and in the annual members’ meeting. Members are kept informed of important issues and information about the park and are part of a vibrant community of people who appreciate the value of Minnesota’s Voyageurs National Park.

Voyageurs National Park Association is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that relies on members and donors to achieve its mission. For more information visit www.voyagers.org or email vnpa@voyagers.org. You can write to VNPA at: 126 N. Third St., Ste. 400, Minneapolis, MN 55401-1678 or call (612) 333-5474. Membership brochures are available at all Voyageurs National Park visitor centers.

LAKE STATES INTERPRETIVE ASSOCIATION

The non-profit Lake States Interpretive Association sells books, maps, and educational interpretive items at visitor centers in Voyageurs National Park, the Lakeshore Ranger District in the Nicollet National Forest, and Chippewa National Forest. The association also publishes interpretive books and materials about these areas. All profits from sales support the educational and interpretive projects of these agencies. www.nps.gov/voya (click on: supportyourpark)

Gifts: Voyageurs National Park mugs, clothing, lapel pin and patches. Please call for prices.

Voyageurs National Park Book .......................................................... $ 9.95
Voyageurs National Park: Water Routes, Footpaths & Ski Trails ............ $ 14.95
Gold Town to Ghost Town: Boom and Bust on Rainy Lake ............... $ 6.95
Kettle Falls: Crossroads of History .................................................. $ 8.95
Ojibwe Tales: Stories of the Ojibwe People .................................... $ 8.95
Voyageurs National Park: The Battle to Create Minnesota’s NP .......... $ 24.95
Birds of Voyageurs National Park .................................................. $ 18.95

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Please enroll me as a member: Individual $10  Family $20  Supporting $50  Contributing $250

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• 10% discount at Lake States sales outlets (except maps).
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• Special gifts for first time members.

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Lake States Interpretive Association
Chippewa National Forest.
The brief season of fall is a special time at Voyageurs National Park when the forest turns from green to gold.

**SEASONAL SAFETY**

**Boating in Spring and Fall**

Aids to navigation that mark the primary channels and alert boaters to submerged hazards are not installed until late spring, and are removed at the end of the summer. Use extreme caution when boating during spring and summer. Always bring navigational maps, and know how to read them. Travel at reduced speeds and be on the lookout for submerged hazards.

**Changing Weather**

Weather conditions may change rapidly at any time of the year, but spring and fall days are especially likely to see wide ranging temperatures and cold precipitation. Always check the weather forecast before heading into the park and be alert for approaching storms.

**Dress Appropriately**

It is a good idea to dress in layers at any time of the year, but especially important when seasons are changing. It may be sunny and 70 degrees when you start your hike, but a surprise rain or snow shower can drop temperatures dramatically in just a few hours. During the winter it is important to dress for extreme cold. Temperatures regularly drop below zero and stay there for days, or weeks. If you are not experienced with extreme cold weather please talk with somebody who is before planning an outdoor excursion in the park. To enjoy the beauty of this special time of year you will want to be prepared.

- Wear a warm hat. Most body heat is lost through the head.
- Wear layered clothing. Proper layers trap warm air without keeping perspiration next to the skin.
- Wear loose waterproof boots that allow good circulation in your feet.
- Wear a warm hat. Most body heat is lost through the head.
- Bring extra socks in case the pair you are wearing become damp.
- Mittens will keep your hands more warm than gloves in the wintertime.
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- Wear layered clothing. Proper layers trap warm air without keeping perspiration next to the skin.
- Prevent dehydration and exhaustion, which can lead to hypothermia.
- Drink plenty of water. Pace yourself when engaged in vigorous activity.

**Travel on Frozen Lake Surfaces**

The surface of park lakes can freeze to over two feet in thickness during the cold winter months. When ice conditions are good people travel over frozen lake surfaces on foot, on snowmobiles, and even in cars. Unseen lake currents beneath the ice can create zones of weakness that are dangerous to travel on. If you do not know the thickness of the ice, do not attempt to cross it.

**Exploration**

For those looking to explore the park’s miles of hiking trails, autumn is a great time to enjoy not only great scenery and solitude, but also the absence of some of the park’s less popular demerits…flies and mosquitoes. The same chill that makes the fall air crisp and fragrant is also wonderful for sending biters insects on their way.

**Park visitor centers**

Park visitor centers are open daily through September, and the Rainy Lake Visitor Center is open year-round. Stop by for help planning your autumn adventure, or check our website for more information.

**Frostbite**

Frostbite occurs when skin freezes. During the early stages of frostbite skin color may turn white and you may feel a burning or tingling sensation. Once frostbite has advanced the sensation of pain and burning may stop as deeper tissues freeze and become hard to the touch. Frostbite can result in serious injury. Be aware and take preventative measures. Be confident of your cold weather skills before engaging in outdoor activities during extreme northern winters.
Voyageurs National Park may be best known for summer boating, but to truly experience all that the park has to offer consider a winter visit to experience a dramatic landscape cloaked in glittering white snow.

**The Rainy Lake Visitor Center**

The Rainy Lake Visitor Center is open year-round to help you make the most of your time in the park.

- **October 1 – December 31, 2007**
  - Wed. – Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **January 1 – Late May, 2007**
  - Wed. – Sunday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Stop by this winter for:

- A complimentary cup of hot cocoa in the warmth of the lobby with panoramic views of Black Bay in winter.
- Snowshoes, available for use free of charge in adult and child sizes to explore park trails.
- Cross-country skis – adult skis are rented at $5 per day, kid’s skis are free to borrow.
- Special programs and activities are offered on weekends from January through March. Visit the park website or call ahead for a schedule, available in December.
- View the award-winning park film or other videos about the northwoods. Ask at the front desk for details.

**Snowshoeing**

If you can walk, you can snowshoe too. Several trails are tracked for snowshoeing once sufficient snow has fallen in the forest. A few popular destinations are:

- **The Oberholzer Trail**
  - (2 miles, round trip)
  - Located just outside the Rainy Lake Visitor Center, this trail is fun for all skill levels.
- **Black Bay Beaver Pond Trail**
  - (1.2 miles, round trip)
  - Located across the bay on the Kabetogama Peninsula, you’ll need to drive on the Rainy Lake ice road to access this snowshoe trail. Look for wolf tracks and otter slides in the snow as you trek through the forest to a frozen beaver pond.
- **Blind Ash Bay Trail**
  - (2.5 mile loop)
  - This popular summer hiking trail is transformed in winter. If you’re looking for a little winter adventure, this path through the boreal forest near the Ash River Visitor Center (closed in winter) may be just what you’re looking for.

**Cross-Country Skiing**

Enjoy the tranquility of cross-country skiing at Voyageurs National Park. Bring your own or rent skis at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. Trails for a variety of skill levels are available. Some to consider:

- **Black Bay Ski Trail**
  - This popular trail is located one mile north of the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. Travel on the Rainy Lake ice road to the trailhead. Six miles of trail include routes for beginners, intermediate and advanced skiers. Ask for a map at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center and keep your eyes open for animal tracks on the snowy forest floor.

**Voyageurs/Tilson Creek Trail**

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

**Echo Bay Trail**

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

**Ice Fishing**

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

**Ice Road**

Voyageurs National Park maintains a seven mile ice road on Rainy Lake that extends from the boat launch ramp near the Rainy Lake Visitor Center to the mouth of Cranberry Bay.

- The ice road is open to cars and trucks of less than 7,000 pounds gross vehicle weight.
- The speed limit on the ice road is 30 mph.
- Snowmobiles are not permitted on the ice road.
- 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.

**Snowmobiling**

Snowmobiling is allowed on frozen lake surfaces and designated safety portages in Voyageurs National Park. The park provides no miles of staked and groomed trail for snowmobiling.

All land areas, including rock faces, are closed to snowmobiles with the exception of designated safety portages. Hill climbing is prohibited. Obey all closure signs. Areas are closed to protect your safety and to protect sensitive resources.

**Be Safe**

- Carry a trail map with you
- Keep to the right
- Leave a route plan with someone
- Watch out for pressure ridges – they change the surface of the lake. Always stop and inspect ridge areas before crossing.
- Pressure ridges are marked with two crossed orange caution stakes on each side.
- Shush and open water – avoid them by staying on staked and groomed trails.
- Remember – drinking and sledding don’t mix! It is illegal to operate a snowmobile while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

**Trail Conditions**

Voyageurs National Park trail conditions are posted weekly on the park website at www.nps.gov/voya. Click on “news” or “winter trail report” for detailed information.

Lodging, food, gas, and other services are available in resort communities adjacent to the park. For local snow conditions call the numbers provided below.

- **International Falls**, 1-800-FALLS MN
- **Kabetogama Lake**, 1-800-524-9085
- **Ash River**, 1-800-950-2061
- **Crate Lake**, 1-877-466-7669 (466-SNOW)
# Local Accommodations

Kabetogama Lake

Kabetogama Tourism Bureau
9903 Gamma Rd.,
Lake Kabetogama, MN 56669
(218) 875-2621 or (800) 524-9085
www.kabetogama.com

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## Commercial Services

Businesses listed are authorized to provide services within Voyaguer National Park.

### Kabetogama Lake

- **B.J.’s Guide Service**: (218) 273-6230
- **Dave’s Guide Service**: (218) 993-2453
- **Eggen, Butch Guide Service**: (218) 993-2709
- **Jacobson, Lawrence**: (800) 433-0745
- **Norseman Lodge**: (218) 222-3226
- **Ostberg, Anders**: (218) 222-3225
- **Pernas, Marshall**: (218) 254-5532
- **Pine Point Lodge**: (800) 877-9595
- **Scott’s Peaceful Valley Resort**: (218) 993-2330
- **Voyaguer Lodge & Houseboats**: (800) 882-6287

### Deerhorn Resort

- **Dawson Houseboats**: (218) 273-6230
- **Teichmann, Tammy**: (218) 273-6230

### Rainy Lake

- **Davis, Bob**: captrobcrunch@peoplepc.com
- **Kettle Falls Hotel**: (218) 240-1726

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### Additional Services

- **Housekeeping Cabins & Rooms**:
  - **Minimum night stay required**
- **Dining**: A-American Plan;
  - P-Public Dining;
  - L-Lounge/Bar;
- **Campsites & Services**:
  - B-Bait;
  - D-Dump Station;
  - L-Fishing License;
  - P-Parking Lot;
  - R-Groceries;
  - S-Shower;
  - G-Gas;
  - F-Firewood;
  - F-Firewood;
  - M-Motorcycle Guide;
  - C-Campsites & Services;
  - W-Water;
  - E-Electricity;
  - S-Sewer;
  - D-Dump Station;
  - B-Bathhouse;
  - T-Tent Sites;
  - R-Recreation Room;
  - P-Playground

- **Season of Operation**
  - All year may include shutdown periods.

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## LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS

### Rainy Lake, Ranier & Int’l Falls

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

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### Crane Lake

**Crane Lake Visitor and Tourism Bureau**
7338 Handberg Rd. • Crane Lake, MN 55725
(800) 362-7405 • www.visitcraneklake.com

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### Ash River

**Ash River Information Center**
Orr, MN 55771
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What’s New in 2007?

Whether you are a local resident, first-time park visitor, or returning fan of Voyageurs National Park, we have something new and exciting to offer you this year.

Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center Remodel Complete

Get an inside look at a beaver lodge, spy on a nesting bald eagle, peer into the watery world beneath the surface of the lake, and discover some of the many ways that you can see and explore Voyageurs National Park. Where? At the newly remodeled Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center! The park received a generous grant from the National Park Service fee program to upgrade and improve the exhibits. Come check it out, and tell us what you think.

New Pontoon Boat Provides Tours on Rainy Lake

This summer the park will offer guided tours on Rainy Lake aboard the 15 passenger Borealis pontoon boat. This boat is an exact replica of the popular Otter pontoon boat that departs regularly from the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center. See pages 6 & 7 for complete program descriptions and schedules.

New Boat & Hike Adventure Tours Added to Program Schedule

Join a park guide for a boat tour and hike on the Kabetogama Peninsula. The Black Bay Adventure Tour departs from Rainy Lake for a short cruise across the bay, followed by a hike on the peninsula to an active beaver pond. The Lost Bay Adventure Tour departs from the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center for a cruise past rocky islands to a remote trailhead leading the Agnes Lake. See pages 6 & 7 for more info.

Group Campsites Available for Reservation

Visiting with a group of 14 to 30 people? You may be interested in reserving one of the park’s two new boat-in group campsites. For only $35 per day, these well-appointed campsites may be reserved by calling 1-877-444-6777 or by visiting www.recreation.gov. Stop by a park visitor center for more information.

Protecting the Park’s Natural Diversity

Spiny waterfleas, rusty crayfish, purple loosestrife and the emerald ash borer...what do these species have in common? They are each exotic pests that are capable of impacting the health and diversity of the park’s forests, wetlands, and aquatic environments. Park staff, student conservation interns, and watercraft inspectors from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will be at boat launch ramps throughout the summer to share information about protecting natural diversity by preventing the introduction and spread of invasive pests. See pages 3 and 10 for more info.

New Junior Ranger Booklets Completed

Stop by a park visitor center this year to pick up a free copy of the new Junior Ranger booklets. Kids from 6 to 8 years old can become members of the Junior Ranger Wolf Club. Kids ages 9 and up can join the Junior Ranger Bear Club.