Rendezvous
Spring 2008–Winter 2009

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Welcome To Voyageurs National Park

A Letter from the Superintendent

A recent satellite photo of North America at night shows a dazzling spray of lights around the Great Lakes and extending from the Twin Cities to Minnesota’s iron range and northward. Just beyond the glow of the grid, Voyageurs National Park lies under a natural night sky.

In the heart of the park you can lie stretched out on one of the oldest rocks on earth and gaze up at nature’s light show in a sharply clear sky. I did this last fall on a three-day trek along the Cruiser Lake trail. My companions and I saw only one other party in the interior of the park. We camped and hiked in a solitude that was never lonely. We passed lakes that had no names; lakes with tawny boulders rising from the water like giant loaves of bread; long flowages disturbed only by the slap of a beaver’s tail.

Apart from its sheer beauty, the Kabetogama peninsula reveals the drama of nature’s forces at work. We passed forest glades where fire had done its renewing work and windrows of dead and fractured trees sheared off by straight line winds that tore through ridges and valleys. The ridges themselves, high above the lakes, bear the marks of glaciers moving on bedrock, like fingers drawn through sand.

In the course of a day’s hike, we passed through many environments—bogs, boreal forest, mixed hardwoods, oak savannah, shorelines and cliffs. The landscape spoke of endurance, fragility, and change. We need to hear what this landscape, aquatic and terrestrial, is telling us in a time of unprecedented change. Other new requirements for fishing in the interior lakes will help inhibit the spread of invasive species in the park and preserve the special opportunities for anglers on these lakes. We ask your help in protecting our forest. Please enjoy your evening campfire using dead and downed firewood from the park—or wood from a vendor that is certified by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. While you enjoy all the park has to offer, we will be listening to the landscape with the best monitoring and science that the park service and our partner agencies and universities can bring to the task.

Welcome to you in the park in all seasons of 2008. We have new programs for all ages this year, more ranger-guided tours, and a new scheduled shuttle service. We hope that you will find your own places in the park to experience the solitude that isn’t lonely, the darkness that lets you see stars, and the silence where you will hear the landscape speak.

Kate Miller, retired February 2008

A SPECIAL PLACE

Voyageurs National Park was authorized by an Act of Congress on January 8, 1971 (84 Stat. 1971) “to preserve, for the inspiration and enjoyment of present and future generations, the outstanding scenery, geological conditions and waterway system which constituted a part of the historic route of the voyageurs who contributed significantly to the opening of the Northwestern United States.” The park was established on April 8, 1975.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How many acres are in Voyageurs? 2,18,054 acres
How many acres of land are in Voyageurs? 1,54,000 acres
How many acres of water are in Voyageurs? 84,000 acres
Water dominates the landscape with 4 major lakes and 26 interior lakes
How much shoreline is in Voyageurs? 655 miles
How many islands are there in Voyageurs? Over 500
What is the best way to see Voyageurs? Once visitors arrive at one of the park’s four entry points (boat launch), most leave their cars behind and set out by water, much as the voyageurs did centuries ago. Visitors can take a regularly scheduled boat tour, North Canoe Voyage or canoe program (see page 4) or bring their own watercraft.
Where can I drive in the park? Visitors can drive to the 3 visitor centers and then must hike, take a boat tour, canoe program or launch their own boat. There is a 7 mile Rainy Lake Ice Road that is plowed for visitors during the winter months.

THE PARK’S MISSION

Voyageurs National Park preserves the landscapes and scenic waterways that shaped the route of the North American fur traders and defined the border between the United States and Canada. The park and its diverse resources provide outstanding opportunities for outdoor recreations, scientific study, sport fishing, education, and appreciation of the northwoods lakecountry setting.
Special Places, Special Events and Special People

HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU HAVE?

Free Activities in 1 Hour or Less

- Watch the award winning park film at any visitor center
- Stamp your park passport at any visitor center
- Take a photo of the beautiful scenery
- Talk to a park ranger
- Shop in a bookstore at any visitor center
- Watch the Life of a Voyageur video at any park visitor center
- Walk around the grounds at any visitor center to view the park's scenic landscape
- Picnic in the park
- Attend a Voyageurs Adventures for Kids program
- Hike the Oberholtzer trail near the Rainy Lake Visitor Center
- Hike the Echo Bay trail near Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center
- Hike the Forest Overlook and the Kabetogama Lake Overlook near the Ash River Visitor Center

Do you have more than 1 hour? See information below and program schedule on page 4.

SPECIAL EVENTS

National Park Week – April, 2009
Celebrate next spring with us during National Park Week in April. Kids are invited to enter the 6th annual Kid's Art Contest. The entire family will enjoy special activities at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. Visit the park’s website in early 2009 for updates.

Summer Special Speaker Series – Mid-June through mid-August, 2009
Join us at the historic Woodenfrog State Forest Refectory for a special presentation about the park. Call (218) 875-2411 for a schedule.

Kabetogama Lake
Join the Kabetogama Lake community for the 2008 Land of the Ladyslipper Arts and Crafts Festival – July 11 – 13. Special boat tours and North Canoe programs will be offered during this event.

Rainy Lake
Join the Rainier community for its 100th Anniversary celebration. Special North Canoe programs will be offered during this event.

2009 Winter Programs – Mid-January through mid-March
Programs are held at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. Call (218) 286-5258 or (888) 381-2873, Wed. – Sun. for a schedule or visit www.nps.gov/voya.

SPECIAL PLACES

Kettle Falls Hotel and Dam
Built in the early 1900s, the historic Kettle Falls Hotel attracted a transient community of people, including lumberjacks, fish buyers, prospectors, bootleggers and tourists.

Long before the hotel and dam were built, Ojibwe Indians and voyageurs portaged their birch bark canoes and trade goods on this narrow strip of land between Rainy and Namakan Lakes.

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

This popular destination is managed by a private concessionaire. Call (218) 240-1726 during the summer and (218) 240-1724 during the winter for more information. You may also visit Kettle Falls on-line at www.kettlefallshotel.com.

Naturalist-guided boat tours depart from the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center during the summer months (see program schedule on page 4).

Little American Gold Mine Island
Discover the past on Little American Gold Mine Island while you explore the remains of mining activities from the 1890s Rainy Lake gold rush. Naturalist-guided boat tours to Little American Island depart from the Rainy Lake Visitor Center during the summer months (see program schedule on page 4).

Stop by a park visitor center to pick up a brochure if exploring this visitor destination on your own.

SPECIAL PEOPLE

Kids are special people too. Kids can become Junior Rangers, make and take a souvenir at any of the children’s tables located at each visitor center, participate in a Voyageurs Adventures for Kids program or try on voyageur clothing.

Become a Junior Ranger
Stop by a visitor center to pick up a free copy of the park’s Junior Ranger booklet. Kids 9 and up can become a member of the Junior Ranger Bear Club, kids 6 to 8 years old can become a member of the Junior Ranger Wolf Club and kids 5 and under can become a member of the Junior Ranger Beaver Club. Each child will earn a badge and certificate to take home.

These booklets were made possible by the generous support of Voyageurs National Park Association, the Friends of Voyageurs National Park, Lake States Interpretive Association, the National Park Foundation, Unilever and Ocean Spray.

Children’s Tables
Check it out! There are children’s tables at each visitor center with kid friendly activities about the park. Make a voyageur souvenir, color a picture, or stamp an animal track.

The tables and activities are made possible by the generous support of the Friends of Voyageurs National Park.

Ellsworth Rock Gardens
Jack Ellsworth constructed a unique sculpture garden on his vacation property on Kabetogama Lake from 1944 to 1964. Mr. Ellsworth designed terraces containing 32 varieties of flowers atop a 60-foot granite outcrop. Over 13,500 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 facilities and a bathroom are located at this popular visitor destination. Naturalist-guided boat tours depart from the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center to bring people out to the gardens throughout the summer (see program schedule on page 4). Stop by a park visitor center to pick up a brochure if exploring this visitor destination on your own.
2008 Tour Boat and Naturalist Programs

All tours are subject to change, please call ahead for the current schedule

Rainy Lake Visitor Center (The Borealis) = Tour Boat Cruise

| Gold Mine Tour – June 18 – August 16 | 1-2:30 | 1-2:30 | $15 | $12 |
| Discovery Cruise – June 8 – August 16 | 3-5 | 3-4 | 3-5 | $15 | $12 |
| Grand Tour | 9:30-11 | 11-12 | Free | Free |
| Bald Eagle Watch – June 15 – August 15 | 11-12 | 11-12 | $15 | $12 |
| Blueberry Safari – July 22 & 29 only | 1-2:30 | 1-2:30 | $20 | $17 |
| North Canoe Voyage – June 20 – August 15 | 2-3 | 2-3 | Free | Free |
| Explore by Canoe – June 15 – August 14 | 9:30-11 | 11-12 | Free | Free |
| Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center (The Otter) = Tour Boat Cruise

| Kettle Falls Cruise | 11-12 | 11-12 | $15 | $12 |
| Ellsworth Rock Gardens Tour | 11-12 | 11-12 | $15 | $12 |
| Lost Bay Adventure – June 18 – August 13 | 1-4 | 1-4 | $20 | $17 |
| North Canoe Voyage – June 16 – August 12 | 9:30-11 | 11-12 | $4 | $2 |
| Explode by Canoe – June 19 – August 9 | 2-3 | 2-3 | Free | Free |
| Special Speaker Series – June 20 – August 15 | 7-8 pm | 7-8 pm | Free | Free |

Tour Boat Cruise

| June 15 – August 13 | $4 | $2 |

How to make a reservation from June 7 – August 31, 2008

All tours are subject to change, please call ahead for schedule changes. A minimum of 4 passengers are required for all tours with the exception of the Kettle Falls Tours which require a minimum of 6 passengers.

Call (888) 381-2873 to make a reservation for scheduled tour boat, Explore by Canoe, and North Canoe trips. The reservation line is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

TOUR BOAT AND NORTH CANOE RESERVATIONS

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Adult fees cover ages 17 and up, child fees cover ages 3-16, infants 2 and under are free. 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. If all seats have been paid for in advance, then no walk-on passengers will be accepted. Refunds will be issued if less than 4 hours notice is given.

FEDERAL SENIOR PASS and ACCESS PASS holders are eligible for a discount on park-operated tour boat 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 federal Access Pass in your possession to receive the discount. No discounts 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 credit card. Visa and MasterCard are accepted for payment.

How to make reservations for tours departing after September 1, 2008

This information applies to those individuals who make reservations for tours after September 1. Call the respective visitor center where your tour departs. To reach Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center call (218) 875-2111. To reach Rainy Lake Visitor Center call (888) 381-2873 or (218) 286-5258.

Credit cards are NOT accepted after August 31. Cash or check only (correct change is appreciated). All federal Senior Pass and federal Access Pass and refund information continues to apply at this time.
**WATER ACCESS TRAILHEADS (accessible only by boat)**

**RAINY LAKE**

1. **Black Bay Beaver Pond Trail**
   - Difficulty: Moderate
   - Hiking Distance: 1.18 miles, round trip
   - Hiking Time: 1 hour
   - This trailhead is located across Black Bay, north of the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. This trail takes you through northern pine country to a scenic and active beaver pond.

2. **Anderson Bay Trail**
   - Difficulty: Moderate
   - Hiking Distance: 1.75 mile loop
   - Hiking Time: 2 hours
   - The trailhead is located on the east end of Rainy Lake just past the Kempton channel. This trail takes you up a rocky cliff to a spectacular view of Rainy Lake.

3. **Little American Island**
   - Difficulty: Easy
   - Hiking Distance: 25 loop
   - Hiking Time: 20 minutes
   - Discover the past on Little American Gold Mine Island while you explore the history of gold mining activities. Today mine shafts, tailings, piles & machinery remain from the 1890s gold rush. Experience this as a Naturalist-led program or on your own with self-guided wayside exhibits and brochures.

**KABETOGAMA LAKE**

4. **Cruiser Lake Trail**
   - Difficulty: Strenuous
   - Hiking Distance: 9.5 miles, one way
   - Hiking Time: 6 to 8 hours
   - This trail is accessible from either Rainy or Kabetogama Lake side of the park. This trail crosses over the peninsula, up rocky cliffs and down into remote wetland areas. 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.

5. **Locator Lake Trail**
   - Difficulty: Strenuous
   - Hiking Distance: 2 miles, one way
   - Hiking Time: 2 hours
   - This trailhead is accessible from either Rainy or Kabetogama Lake side of the park. This trail takes you up and down a variety of hills and through forests and wetlands.

**NAMAKAN LAKE**

6. **Beast Lake Trail**
   - Difficulty: Moderate
   - Hiking Distance: 2.5 miles, one way
   - Hiking Time: 2 hours
   - This trail climbs the majority of the way along a ridge top. A steep climb at the beginning and at the end awaits the adventurous.

**LAND ACCESS TRAILHEADS (accessible by car)**

7. **Oberholtzer Trail**
   - Difficulty: Easy
   - Hiking Distance: 1.7 miles
   - Hiking Time: 45 minutes
   - Travel from just outside the Rainy Lake Visitor Center to two overlooks to see the diversity of forest and wetland types in Voyageurs National Park. This trail is wheelchair accessible for the first 1/4 mile. This trail is tracked for snowshoeing during the winter.

8. **Echo Bay Trail**
   - Difficulty: Easy
   - Hiking Distance: 2.5 mile loop
   - Hiking Time: 2 hours
   - This park trail is located 3 miles from the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center off County Road 122. A wide path takes you from aspens to pines as you pass through lowlands and rocky outcrops. Birding is great there with a great blue heron rookery and sightings from warblers to woodpeckers. Bring your binoculars, bug spray, and a sense of adventure. Sections of this trail are groomed for skiing in the winter months.

9. **Kab-Ash Trail**
   - Difficulty: Strenuous
   - Hiking Distance: 27.37 mile system
   - Hiking Time: Days
   - This trail connects the Kabekona and Ash River communities. Travel through backcountry forests and wetlands on this extensive system of interconnected trails. Four trailheads make it possible to hike sections of this trail or the whole trail for an in-depth view of the park.

10. **Blind Ash Bay Trail**
    - Difficulty: Moderate
    - Hiking Distance: 2.5 mile loop
    - Hiking Time: 2.5 hours
    - Park at the Kabetogama Lake Overlook near the Ash River Visitor Center to access the trailhead. Travel a narrow, winding rocky trail to experience the wonders of the boreal forest and to view spectacular scenery.

11. **Beaver Pond Overlook**
    - Difficulty: Moderate
    - Hiking Distance: 0.2 mile, one way
    - Hiking Time: 30 minutes
    - This is the second trailhead on your way as you leave the Ash River Visitor Center. A short uphill hike leads to a rocky terrace high above a beaver pond. Although beavers are no longer active at this pond, this trail provides great birding opportunities, and the possibility of spotting large wildlife.

12. **Voyageurs Forest Overlook**
    - Difficulty: Easy
    - Hiking Distance: 0.5 mile loop
    - Hiking Time: 30 minutes
    - 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 129. 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.

13. **Kabetogama Lake Overlook**
    - Difficulty: Easy
    - Hiking Distance: 0.2 mile one way
    - Hiking Time: 20 minutes
    - This is the third viewpoint on your left as you are driving to the Ash River Visitor Center. This short walk is handicapped accessible and will take you to a wayside that looks west towards Kabetogama Lake.

**WANT TO RENT A WATERCRAFT?**

Experience the solitude of a remote interior 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 $30 per boat, per day.

There are no canoe or rowboat rentals at the visitor centers. The Kabetogama Peninsula can only be accessed by water, so you will need to use your own boat, reserve a spot on the park’s shuttle to Locato Lake (see information below) or reserve a water taxi service (see page 14-15) to access the trails that lead to the park’s interior lakes.

Interior Lake canoes and/or rowboats are located on the following lakes: (see map insert)

1) Locator, 2) Quill, 3) Elk, 4) Cruiser, 5) Little Shoepack, 6) Shoepack, 7) Cranberry Creek, 8) Brown, 9) Peary

Reservations are required and may be made up to one week in advance. Call (218) 875-2111 to request a reservation for lakes # 1-6, and call (218) 875-2548 or (888) 381-2873 for # 7-9. Walk-in reservations are accepted at the Rainy Lake and Kabetogama Lake Visitor Centers when space is available.

Several local businesses also rent canoes & kayaks for the park’s large lakes (see pages 14-15 for details).

Please note, to prevent the spread of spiny waterfleas, new interim park regulations do not allow you to bring your own watercraft into interior park lakes.

**NEED A SHUTTLE TO LOCATOR TRAILHEAD?**

June 16-August 13, Monday and Wednesday

Voyageurs National Park is offering a regularly scheduled shuttle service to Locator Lake trailhead. Hike 2 miles, one way to the interior lakes. Once there, canoes are available for use ONLY if reserved in advance. Reservations are required for the shuttle. Call (888) 381-2873 to reserve your spot. A minimum of 4 passengers is required for the shuttle to go. Adults $20, Child $10. A reservation for a shuttle service does not guarantee you a reservation for a canoe rental. To request a reservation for a canoe rental, call the Kabekona Lake Visitor Center (218) 875-2111 and see the information on watercraft rentals above.

**ROCK CAI RiNS**

Many of the trails in the park are marked with rock cairns. If you see a rock cairn, please respect that it is a trail maker for visitors to find their way and do not destroy.
Who's the Wildlife?
Voyageurs has hundreds of fascinating species of flora and fauna that live here seasonally and year-round. No matter when you visit, there is never enough time to see it all. Why not visit several different seasons to really feel the wonder of this ever-changing land?

JANUARY
Drive along the park’s Rainy Lake Ice Road and watch for tracks of wolves, bald eagles, red fox, and common ravens around a winter kill.

FEBRUARY
Look for moose crossing frozen lake surfaces.

MARCH
As the days warm, millions of snow fleas or springtails pepper the snow. Look closely for these minute insects that scavenge in the snow, soil, and leaf litter.

APRIL
Bears are leaving their winter dens. A hungry sow and her cubs will feed on aspen or willow catkins until the grass grows.

MAY
The cape may warbler returns from tropical winter homes. These colorful boreal forest birds feed on spruce budworm.

JUNE
When hiking in the woods, look closely on the forest floor for a newly born white-tailed deer. They are silently hidden by their spotted coat.

JULY
Watch for the stealthy stalking of a great blue heron. In a flash they seize crayfish. Herons flip their prey in the air and swallow it headfirst.

AUGUST
Minnesota’s state bird, the common loon, of sharp black and white contrast, turns a dull gray before leaving for open waters.

SEPTEMBER
Maple trees become clothed in scarlet and aspen trees turn shades of gold.

OCTOBER
Tamaracks turn to “smokey gold.” As a deciduous conifer, this unique tree changes color and loses its needles each fall.

NOVEMBER
Cobblestones of ice form on shallow bays. Listen for the ice to crack in the early morning hours.

DECEMBER
Look in the tops of aspen trees for evening and pine grosbeaks. You can often hear them when they use their large crushing beaks to break off buds to eat.

LAND ACCESS TRAILHEADS (accessible by car)

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| NEAR RAINY LAKE
  Tilson Bay Hiking Trail      | Moderate   | 2 mile loop     | 1.5 hours                |
  This scenic trail is located just outside 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.

| NEAR CRANE LAKE
  Orr Bog Walk                 | Easy       | .25 mile loop   | 20 minutes               |
  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.

| NEAR CRANE LAKE
  Vermilion Falls              | Moderate   | .25 mile, one way | 20 minutes              |
  A 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 U.S.F.S. Road 491. Travel four miles to the trailhead. Leashed pets are allowed on this trail.

| NEAR CRANE LAKE
  Vermilion Gorge Trail       | Moderate   | 3 miles, round trip | 2.5 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 0.1 mile north of the ranger station on the west side of the road in Crane Lake. Leashed pets are allowed on this trail.

Trails Outside the Park – Yet Close Enough to Check Out

Remove this section of the paper for a hiking guide of trails near Voyageurs National Park.
The Many People Who Make a Difference — Park Partners

LAKE STATES INTERPRETIVE ASSOCIATION

The non-profit Lake States Interpretive Association publishes and sells books, maps, posters and other interpretive items at visitor centers in Voyageurs National Park, Chippewa National Forest, and the Lakewood Ranger District in the Nicolet National Forest. You are invited to join Lake States by becoming a member and receiving a discount on purchases and support the education and interpretation of these agencies.

For more information call (218) 283-2103 or visit the website at: nps.gov/voya/supportyourpark

Maps - McKenzie, USGS, NOAA — call for prices.

Voyageurs National Park Book ................................................................. $ 9.95
Voyageurs National Park: Water Routes, Footpaths & Ski Trails ........................................ $14.95
Kettle Falls: Crossroads of History .......................................................... $ 8.95
Voyageurs National Park: The Battle to Create Minnesota’s NP ........................................ $24.95
Birds of Voyageurs National Park ............................................................. $18.95

For more information, or to join us today, visit www.voyageurs.org, email us at vnpa@voyageurs.org or call (612) 333-5424.

ORDER FORM
Fax (218) 285-7407 or CALL (218) 283-2103
Mail checks payable to: Lake States Interpretive Association, 331 Highway 53, International Falls, MN 56649-8904

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Voyageurs National Park Association

What brings you to Voyageurs National Park? Perhaps it is the chance to experience seemingly endless blue lakes and quiet forests. Or to see bald eagles soar and hear timber wolves howl. You can enjoy Voyageurs National Park today because past generations worked hard to protect this extraordinary place. You can help ensure that the park is just as beautiful for future generations by joining Voyageurs National Park Association today.

Voyageurs National Park Association (VNPA) was founded in 1965 to help create Voyageurs National Park. VNPA continues today to protect and support the park. For example, we preserve the park from development by raising money to buy private properties inside the boundaries of the park. We directly assist the park by organizing volunteers to help maintain its trails and providing funding for park projects, such as training crews to restore the Ellsworth Rock Gardens. We also educate decision makers and the public about threats that face the park, such as inadequate budgets, air pollution, and invasive species.

Voyageurs National Park Association relies on members and donors to achieve our mission. With your tax-deductible support, we can do even more. For more information, or to join us today, visit www.voyageurs.org, email us at vnpa@voyageurs.org or call (612) 333-5424.

Friends of Voyageurs National Park

Have you noticed the action around the children’s activity tables at the 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 borrowed a pair of snowshoes or kids’ skis in wintertime at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center? And behind the scenes, the Friends of Voyageurs National Park (FVNP) have helped fishermen “Get the Lead Out” by swapping their lead sinkers for non-toxic ones. They have also provided funds to collect and analyze eaglet blood samples, checking for contaminates such as pesticides. The Friends of Voyageurs National Park have provided funding for all of these projects and many others.

How do they do it? With help from people like you! The Friends are a non-profit organization sustained by your tax-deductible donations. The mission of the Friends of Voyageurs National Park is to sponsor outreach that supports natural, historical and educational activities available at Voyageurs National Park.

For more information on how to join the Friends of Voyageurs National Park visit www.nps.gov/voya/supportyourpark

Volunteers-In-Parks are Very Important People

In 2007 the park benefitted from the generous donation of time and talent of 110 people who volunteered over 10,000 hours in support of park activities. Volunteers assist with education programs, help maintain park trails, assist with park research and monitoring and staff park visitor centers. Opportunities to volunteer at the park range from one day projects to multi-month assignments. If you are interested in learning more about volunteering in the park contact the park’s volunteer coordinator at 281-285-6600, or visit the park’s website at www.nps.gov/voya.

Destination Voyageurs National Park

The mission of Destination Voyageurs National Park (DVNP) is to connect people to Voyageurs National Park via implementation of an ongoing, comprehensive marketing and public relations campaign that will effectively encourage awareness and result in increased visitation and economic growth. For more information, call 218-285-6600 or visit www.nps.gov/voya/supportyourpark.
Little American Island’s quarter mile loop with exhibits tells the story of the Gold Rush of 1893.

Ellsworth Rock Gardens was built between the 1940s and 1960s by Chicago contractor Jack Ellsworth. You can view over 150 rock sculptures and 52 flower beds.

Chicago contractor Jack was built between the Ellsworth Rock Gardens.

Oveson Fish Camp A glimpse of the area’s rich commercial fishing tradition.

PARK HIKING TRAILS — No Pets Allowed

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Kabetogama Lake Campground (state forest)
Fur Trade Canoe Route
Ojibwe Indians & voyageurs paddled birchbark canoes along what is now the boundary between the U.S. and Canada.

Distances by boat between park destinations:
- ARVC to Kettle Falls: ~ 15 miles
- Brule Narrows to Kettle Falls: ~ 20 miles
- CLRS to Kettle Falls: ~ 30 miles
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- KIDC to ARVC: ~ 8 miles
- KIDC to Kettle Falls: ~ 21 miles
- KIDC to Gold Portage: ~ 7 miles
- KIDC to Elenworth Rock Gardens: ~ 3 miles
- RIVC to Kettle Falls: ~ 34 miles
- RIVC to Kettle Falls: ~ 34 miles
- RIVC to Cranberry Bay: ~ 7 miles
- RIVC to Anderson Bay: ~ 26 miles

Distances by car between park visitor centers:
- ARVC to CLRS: ~ 72 miles
- KIDC to ARVC: ~ 17 miles
- KIDC to CLRS: ~ 67 miles
- RIVC to KIDC: ~ 96 miles
- RIVC to ARVC: ~ 49 miles
- RIVC to CLRS: ~ 103 miles

ARVC = Ash River Visitor Center
CLRS = Crane Lake Ranger Station
KIDC = Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center
RIVC = Rainy Lake Visitor Center

Kettle Falls Hotel
Built around 1910, this National Register site was at one time a transient community of over 200 people; distilling lumberjacks, fish buyers, prospectors, bootleggers and tourists. Today the tradition of hospitality continues.

Ash River Visitor Center
Constructed in 1935, Historic Meadwood Lodge is now the Ash River Visitor Center. The lodge’s superior craftsmanship illustrates the rustic style vacation retreats of the 1930s.

Grassy Bay Cliffs are an impressive sight of pink to light gray Lac La Croix granite.
INVASIVE SPECIES ALERT

Invasive species are plants, animals or diseases that are not native to the local ecosystem and that may be harmful to the environment, the economy, 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:

Eurasian Watermilfoil: This invasive water plant is spread by lake water users. Do not release Eurasian Watermilfoil into the park's waterbodies. Deliberate introductions are prohibited.

Emerald Ash Borer: The Emerald Ash Borer is spreading rapidly in Minnesota and is spreading westward, currently to the Chicago area. This insect, and other forest pests, can be transported to the park in contaminated firewood. Do not bring firewood from outside of the local area.

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 by following the best management practices for stopping the spread of aquatic exotics described below. Never release any pet oraquarium species of crayfish into lakes, and remember that using live crayfish for bait is prohibited in park waters.

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

- artificial bait only (on all interior lakes only)
- no privately-owned watercraft allowed in interior lakes (the park will continue to provide canoes and row boats for rent through the Boats on Interior Lakes program and Commercial Use authorizations for Makinaw Dam)
- no float plane landings on interior lakes

Best Management Practices for Using Interior Lakes

- bring a separate set of gear that is likely to contact lake water (including fishing gear) to use on the interior lakes, or before using any gear on an interior lake, make sure that all gear has been thoroughly dried for at least 5 days or washed with hot water (>140 degrees F) for at least one minute.
- when leaving any lake, remove aquatic plants and animals, including gelatinous or cotton ball-like material from equipment, including fishing line

Weather

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. Powderhorn, 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).

NAVIGATION YOU NEED TO KNOW

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

Temperatures (°F)

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SAFETY TIPS

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- Swimming, diving, and bathing are prohibited at docks in developed areas (visitor centers, marinas, lodges). Diving from other park docks is discouraged. Water skiing is prohibited in navigation channels.

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

- Quiet Time – Park-wide 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

- Firewood restrictions require visitors to purchase firewood from an approved Minnesota DNR firewood vendor. Firewood may not be brought in from unapproved vendors.

- To protect forest health and prevent the spread of invasive pests. For more information log onto www.dnr.state.mn.us

- Interior Lakes Regulations are in place to prevent the spread of invasive aquatic exotics. Use artificial bait only, no privately-owned watercraft and no float plane landings are allowed.

- Chainsaws are prohibited. Spiny waterfleas are spread when either live adult waterfleas or viable resting eggs are transferred to a new body of water. Spiny waterfleas can be transported on bait buckets, anchor ropes, fishing lines, boats, waders, nets, or any gear that contacts infested water.

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Camping and Houseboating

The Basics

- You need a boat to camp in the park. All campsites are accessible by water only. Car camping is available at the nearby Woodfin/t & Ash River state forest campgrounds and at private campgrounds.
- All individual campsites in the park are free. There is a $35 per night fee for group campsites (see information below).
- A free permit is required for all overnight stays in the park (see information below).
- 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 may not stay overnight:

- At day-use sites
- Within 200 yards of a designated tent, houseboat, or day use site
- On private or leased land
- Within 1/4 mile of any park developed area (e.g. visitor center)
- Within 1/4 mile of any structure

Tent campers use tent sites. Tent campers may not stay overnight in houseboat sites or day use sites. Day use is allowed at unoccupied tent sites until 2:00 p.m.

Overnight docking is permitted at Kettle Falls, but there is no overnight docking at park visitor centers. All sites, except the group campsites and the Voyageurs Narrows accessible campsite, are occupied on a first-come, first-served basis. No reservations are available.

It is illegal to leave unattended property at a campsite overnight. Developed campsites have tent pads available. No digging, trenching, or leveling is allowed in the park.

Obey all site closure signs. Closures are established to protect sensitive areas and visitor safety.

Maximum group sizes are designed to provide enjoyable conditions for visitors and to prevent campsites from being degraded. (See list below)

- Small tent sites – 9 people
- Large tent sites – 18 people
- Houseboat site – 2 houseboats
- Group tent sites – 30 people

GROUP CAMPSITES

Do you need a campsite for 14 to 30 people? If you said yes, then we have two group campsites that are just what you need! One site is on Rainy Lake near the west entrance to the Brule Narrows. The other site is on Kabetogama Lake just east of Cuculus Island. The group campsites have a wheelchair-accessible core area.

Reservations are required from May 24 – September 30, 2008. The sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis during the rest of the year. Reservations may be made online at www.recreation.gov or by calling 1-877-444-6777.

Maximum group sizes:

- Houseboats use houseboat sites. Houseboaters may not stay in tent sites or day use sites. Day use is not allowed at houseboat sites because there are no toilets.
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Maximum group size is 30 people. If your group size is less than 14 you may stop by the Rainy Lake or Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center to see if a group campsite is available for use on that day.

Need more details? Stop by a park visitor center or visit our website at www.nps.gov/voya

Campfires

- Use a camp stove or build campfires in established fire rings.
- Never leave a fire unattended. Drown and stir all campfires with water to be sure they are out cold. If ashes are still warm to the touch they may still start a fire.
- Collecting wood for campfires is allowed only if the wood is DEAD and DOWNED. Do not cut down any tree in the park, living or dead, for firewood.
- Do not bring firewood into the park from outside of the immediate area unless it is an approved Minnesota DNR firewood vendor. Gypsy moths, emerald ash borer, and other pests that endanger forest health may be hiding in unapproved firewood. Please help us protect forest health.

Voyageurs National Park is Bear Country

Store all food, garbage, scented items and equipment used to cook and store food in a vehicle, vessel, metal food storage locker, or hung 10 feet high and 10 feet out from a pole or tree (see diagram). This regulation applies throughout the park.

Stop by a park visitor center for more information on how to store food properly in bear country to discourage bears from making your meal their own.

Coolers will not protect food from bears. Black bears are strong, and placing a rock or other heavy item on top of your cooler will not keep them out. Improperly stored food has drawn black bears to campfires on several occasions, often resulting in property damage and an increased risk to human safety.

CAMPING PERMITS

- A free permit is required for all overnight stays in the park.
- Permits are required for day use.
- Permits are available at park visitor centers and adjacent to all park boat launch ramps. Permits are also available at the Woodenfrog State Forest and Crane Lake public boat launch ramp.
- Only one permit for each party (individual or group) per stay is required.
- Your permit must be displayed at your campsite – on your tent, food locker, or on each houseboat.
- Park rangers may visit your site and ask to see your overnight permit. Failure to possess and display a valid overnight permit may result in a citation.

ACCESSIBLE CAMPSITE

Site N41 at Voyageurs Narrows is an accessible campsite available by reservation only. Call (218) 875-2111 at least one week in advance to request a reservation for use of this site. If you need a lift for this site a three day advance reservation is required.

STATE FOREST CAMPING

Are you looking for a place to camp while visiting the park? Two Minnesota state forest campgrounds are located near the park. For more information, call (218) 365-7229 or visit www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_forests/index.html.
The Earth is getting warmer. Although the planet has gone through countless cycles of warming and cooling in the past, the trend is different. There is increasing evidence that most of the temperature increase over the past 30 years is due to greenhouse gases produced by human activities. Greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO₂) trap solar radiation that would otherwise be reflected back into space. This, in turn, heats the planet. Although these gases occur naturally and have historically precisely what make the planet habitable, the amount of gases produced by human activities far exceeds natural levels. This is leading to an unprecedented warming of the planet.

The average temperature of the Earth has risen 1.3°F (0.7°C) over the last 110 years. Over the same period, however, the northern Midwest and the western Great Lakes region of the United States have warmed by almost 4°F (2.2°C). This differential phenomenon is happening worldwide - the warming is greatest at high latitudes in the Northern Hemisphere.

Based on predictions from climate models, winter temperatures in Minnesota may rise to 4°F (2.2°C) by the year 2020. Snow cover may decrease and lake ice may be less dense, thinning to 6-9 inches (15-23 cm) within the main navigation channels. Snow depth may also be reduced. The number of days with a temperature of 32°F (0°C) or below may increase. Northern Minnesota is a key location for determining when seasonal transitions occur. The first day of spring is the day when the mean daily temperature is 45°F (7°C). In Minnesota, the mean day for first spring is January 30 in 1961 and January 15 in 2013. Therefore, the typical date for the start of spring will be a few days earlier in the future. Consequently, the length of the growing season will become longer. This will have implications for agriculture, forestry, and other sectors of the economy. For example, the growing season in Minnesota could extend by as much as 10 days by 2050.

Ecological Effects
One predicted outcome of this change in climate is a northward shift in the ranges of species that inhabit Minnesota. A good example of this is the Canada lynx, the current species of concern for Minnesota. The Canada lynx is a large felid native to North America, found in the coniferous forests of the boreal region. It is a solitary predator that preys on snowshoe hares, mule deer, and other medium-sized mammals. The Canada lynx is listed as a threatened species in the United States and a species of special concern in Minnesota. The Canada lynx is a critically important species to the ecosystem, providing control over the population of snowshoe hares, which in turn helps to control the population of the main predator, the coyote. The Canada lynx is also an important cultural and symbolic species for many Native American tribes.

The Canada lynx is a late successional species that requires large tracts of old-growth forest with an abundance of cover and prey. In Minnesota, the Canada lynx is found in the northern forests, primarily in the Superior National Forest and Voyageurs National Park. The Canada lynx is most likely to be found in areas with a high abundance of white-tailed deer and snowshoe hares. The Canada lynx is mainly active at night and is known to be a solitary animal. It is also a strong jumper and is capable of climbing trees to escape predators. The Canada lynx is a critically endangered species in the United States, and its population is estimated to be fewer than 100 individuals in Minnesota.

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Lake Sturgeon: their population characteristics, movements, and habitat use in the Namakan Reservoir
The Lake Sturgeon (Acipenser fulvescens) is a species of special concern in Minnesota and Ontario. It is an anadromous fish, meaning it migrates to freshwater streams and rivers to spawn. Lake Sturgeon are found in the Great Lakes, the St. Lawrence River, and the Detroit River. They are the largestfreshwater fish in North America. Lake Sturgeon can live up to 35 years and can reach a weight of 200 pounds (91 kg). They are harvested for their meat, which is considered a delicacy in some cultures. However, Lake Sturgeon are at risk of extinction due to habitat loss, overfishing, and pollution. Lake Sturgeon are considered a threatened species in Canada and a species of special concern in the United States.

Lake Sturgeon are found in the Namakan Reservoir, which is a large impoundment on the Rainy River in Minnesota and Ontario. The Namakan Reservoir is one of the largest impoundments in North America and is a key source of water for the St. Mary's River, which is an important source of water for the Great Lakes. The Namakan Reservoir was created by the construction of a dam in 1909, and it is managed by the International Joint Commission (IJC). The IJC is a binational commission that was established in 1909 to manage the use of the Great Lakes. The IJC is responsible for managing the water levels and flow of water between the United States and Canada.

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Winter in Voyageurs National Park

Looking For Something To Do?
Winter visitors enjoy the beauty of Voyageurs National Park by snowmobile, on cross-country skis, in an auto on the ice road, on snowshoes or in ice-fishing houses. Voyageurs invites visitors who want to get out of the cold to come to the Rainy Lake Visitor Center.

Rainy Lake Visitor Center
Winter Hours and Services
October 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008
Wednesday – Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
January 2, 2009 – mid-May 2009
Wednesday – Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Call (218) 286-5258 or (888) 381-2873
The visitor center offers:
• Voyageurs National Park information
• Convenient snowmobile parking
• Trail and ice condition updates
• A cozy fire and hot cocoa

Cross-Country Skiing
Enjoy the tranquility of cross-country skiing in Voyageurs National Park.
Area ski trails (groomed and tracked unless noted) include:
Black Bay Ski Trail
Located one mile north of the Rainy Lake Visitor Center on the Rainy Lake Ice Road and offers 6 miles of trail.
Voyageurs’ Tilson Connector Trail
The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources manages this ten 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 1.5 mile loop trail is located a few miles from the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center (closed winter). Follow County Road 122 north toward the Woodenfrog State Forest campground to access the trailhead.
Kab-Ash Trail
This challenging backcountry trail system is 27.87 miles of ungroomed trail connected 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.

Snowshoeing
Explore the winter landscape on one of the park’s three tracked snowshoe trails.
Blind Ash Bay Trail
(2.5 miles round trip). The trailhead is at the Kabetogama Lake Overlook parking lot along the road to the Ash River Visitor Center.

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 trails 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 on trails
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. Pressure ridges are marked with two crossed orange caution stakes on each side.
Slush and open water – avoid them by staying on staked and groomed trails.

Trail Conditions
Voyageurs National Park trail conditions are posted weekly at www.nps.gov/voya. Click on “news” or “winter trail report” for detailed information.
International Falls, 1-800-FALLS MN
Kabetogama Lake, 1-800-534-9085
Ash River, 1-800-950-2061
Cranberry Bay, 1-800-951-6777 (967-SNOW)
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 short-ened for safety. Travel beyond the plowed section is unsafe.

Ice Fishing
Ghostly winter quiet, rugged pineshorelines, and outstanding angling make Voyageurs National Park an ice angler’s dream. Place icehouses 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 is required.

Winter Programs
On Sundays, mid-January through mid-March, Voyageurs National Park offers winter programs at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. Call (218) 286-5258 or (888) 381-2873, Wednesday – Sunday for a schedule of events or visit www.nps.gov/voya. Schedule available in December.

Sullivan Bay Trail
(1.5 miles round trip). Follow signs to the Ash River Visitor Center. The trailhead is just past the Beaver Pond Overlook on the north side of Sullivan Bay.

Oberholtzer Trail
(2 miles round trip)
The trailhead is just outside the Rainy Lake Visitor Center.

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Snowmobiling
SNOWMOBILES are NOT permitted on the ice road.

Be Safe!
Carry a trail map with you
Keep to the right on trails
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. Pressure ridges are marked with two crossed orange caution stakes on each side.
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It is illegal to operate a snowmobile while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
**Rainy Lake, Ranier & Int’l Falls**

**International Falls Area Convention & Visitors Bureau**

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<td>Ash River Campground</td>
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**Campsites & Services**

- **BOAT RENTALS**
  - F-Fishing, R-Runabout, C-Canoe, P-Paddleboat, PO-Pontoon, K-Kayak, S-Sailboat, RB-Rowboat, D-Dockage, N-Snowmobile
  
- **SWIMMING**
  - B-Beach, P-Pool, R-Recreation Room, P-Playground

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**Local Accommodations**

**Crane Lake**

- **Crane Lake Visitor and Tourism Bureau**
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- **Ash River**
- **Hilltop Motel & Resort**
- **Lakeview Inn**
- **Rainy Lake Inn & Suites**
- **Rainy Lake Information Center**
- **Superior 8 Motel**
- **Waterfront Home**
- **Wildwood Escape-Deluxe Privacy**

**Business Name**

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- **Ash Riviera**
- **Ash Trail Lodge**
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- **Falls Motel**
- **Gateway Resort Outfitters**
- **Lakeview Inn**
- **Northern Lights Motel**
- **Rainy Lake Inn & Suites**
- **Rainy Lake Houseboats**
- **Rambler Motel**
- **Rambler Motel ramblermotel.com**
- **Sperry’s Surfside Resort**
- **Sunset Resort Campground**
- **Thunderbird Motel**
- **Voyageurs Motel**
- **Wildwood Escape-Deluxe Privacy**

**Contact Information**

- **(800) 950-2061**
- **www.ashriver.com**

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**Season of Operation**

- **All Year**
- **May-Sept.**
- **May-Oct.**
- **May-Nov.**
- **All Year**

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**Voyageurs National Park**

**Headquarters**
3131 Highway 53
International Falls, MN 56649

**Phone:** (218) 283-6600

**Fax:** (218) 285-7407

**Hours of Operation:**
Year-round
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

[www.nps.gov/voya](http://www.nps.gov/voya)

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**Rainy Lake Visitor Center**

**Phone:** (218) 286-5258 or (888) 381-2873

**Fax:** (218) 286-5274

**Hours of Operation:**
May 24 – September 30, 2008
Open daily, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
October 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008
Open Wednesday – Sunday,
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
January 2, 2009 – mid-May, 2009
Open Wednesday-Sunday,
10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center**

**Phone:** (218) 875-2111

**Fax:** (218) 875-2114

**Hours of Operation:**
May 24 – September 30, 2008
Open daily, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Closed October 1, 2008 – mid-May, 2009

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**Ash River Visitor Center**

**Phone:** (218) 374-3221

**Hours of Operation:**
May 24 – September 30, 2008
Open daily, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Closed October 1, 2008 – mid-May, 2009

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**Crane Lake Ranger Station**

**Phone:** (218) 993-2481

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**Boat Tour Reservations**

**Phone:** (888) 381-2873

**Hours of Operation:**
June 7 – August 31, 2008
Open daily, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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**Group Campsite Reservations**

**Phone:** (877) 444-6777

[www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)

Reservations are not available for individual campsites.

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**Destination Voyageurs National Park**

3131 Highway 53
International Falls, MN 56649

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**Lake States Interpretive Association**

3131 Highway 53
International Falls, MN 56649

**Phone:** (218) 283-2103

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