Rendezvous

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Welcome To Voyageurs National Park

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.

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 recreation, scientific study, sport fishing, education, and appreciation of the forested lakecountry setting.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How many acres are in Voyageurs?
218,054 acres

How many acres of land are in Voyageurs?
134,000 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 launches), 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 5), or bring their own watercraft.

Where can I stay in the park?

Summer lodging is available at the historic Kettle Falls Hotel. Voyageurs provides boat camping opportunities throughout the park. The gateway communities of International Falls, Crane Lake, Ranier, Ash River, and Kabetogama have accommodations available. Car camping is available at the Woodenfrog State Forest Campground and Ash River State Forest Campground (see map on page 8-9).

Where can I find the watercraft launches?

Launch ramps are located near the park’s Rainy Lake, Kabetogama Lake, and Ash River Visitor Centers and Crane Lake Ranger Station. A designated canoe and kayak launch area is located near the Ash River Visitor Center.

Getting to the Park

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

EMERGENCIES Call 911

Cellular phones MAY NOT work in the park. Payphones are near all visitor centers. Park rangers monitor marine band 16 for emergencies during business hours.

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 year-round.

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GENERAL REGULATIONS

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

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

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

As of February 2010, a new federal law allows people who can legally possess firearms under federal, Minnesota, and local laws, to possess firearms in Voyageurs National Park. It is the visitor’s responsibility to understand and comply with any applicable state, local, and federal firearms laws. The firearms laws of Minnesota prohibit the possession of Rifles, Shotguns or Bill guns in public places such as Voyageurs National Park, so this new federal law does not alter the existing regulatory restrictions on the possession of these firearms at Voyageurs National Park. In addition, federal law prohibits firearms in tour boats and certain facilities in this park; those places are posted with signs at public entrances. If you have questions, please contact the Chief Ranger at 218-283-6600.

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

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. Pets are NOT allowed on park trails or in the backcountry. This rule is in place to protect park wildlife and your pet.

Do not harass or feed 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 adult animals with young.

Store food properly. Voyageurs is bear country. Make sure you store all stinky items such as toothpaste, sunscreen, food, pet food, and deodorant in bear proof food storage lockers or hang from a bear pole or tree.

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 Quality. Use common sense 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 shorelines.

Keep Voyageurs National Park beautiful. Do not litter. Do not leave trash in the park. If you pack something in, pack it out. Do not burn garbage at campsites.

Hunting is not allowed in Voyageurs National Park.

Private floatplanes are prohibited on all waters in the park except the four major lakes: Rainy, Sand Point, Kabetogama, and Namakan Lakes. This is to help prevent the spread of the spiny waterflea, an aquatic exotic invader.

A Minnesota fishing license is required 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 and U.S. fishing and customs regulations before you cross the border. For Canadian customs call (877) 274-3565 and for United States customs call (888) 888-2780.

Swimming, diving, and bathing are prohibited at docks in developed areas (visitor centers & Kettle Falls). 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 – Parkwide 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. This is 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.

THINKING OF DRINKING LAKE WATER?

Always wear your life jacket – 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. The Coast Guard requires all children under 10 years of age to wear a life jacket on board. All passengers should stay seated within the boat while the boat is moving. Riding on the bow or gunwale is prohibited!

Know where you can refuel your boat.

Don’t drink & drive. County Sheriff, U.S. Coast Guard staff, and park rangers enforce laws prohibiting boating operations under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Navigation charts are highly recommended.

SAFE BOATING CHECKLIST

Don’t leave it to chance. Plan on having a safe and enjoyable experience by making sure you have these items whether boating in the lake.

• A wearable life preserver readily available for each person
• Type IV throwable cushion or ring
• Navigation maps
• Navigation lights at night – use them!

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 already affected by several species of aquatic exotics, invasive plants, and forest pests. Four species that you should be aware of are.

Spiny waterflea: This tiny (0.4-9/8") 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 a new body of water. Spiny waterfleas can be transported on bait buckets, anchor ropes, fishing line, boats, waders, nets, or any gear that contacts infested waters.

Spiny waterfleas were first found in 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 unintended spread of this species to uninfested waters. See the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources fishing regulations, 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 native 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 or aquarium species of crayfish into lakes, and remember that using 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 Twin Cities 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 from a MN DNR-approved firewood vendor 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.

Best Management Practices for Preventing the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species and Fish Diseases

• Inspect your boat, trailer, and equipment and remove visible aquatic plants, animals, and mud before leaving the park.

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

• Use approved bait, watercraft, or other aquatic plants and animals in the trash.

• Spray or rinse boats and equipment with water at least 45 degrees F for at least one minute, or dry boats and equipment for five days before moving them to another body of water.

• For more information check out the park’s website at www.nps.gov/voya/natureandscience

2010 Regulations to Protect Interior Lakes from Aquatic Invasive Species and Fish Diseases

• Artificial bait only for 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 on Mukoode Lake)

• No float plane landings on interior lakes

Best Management Practices for Using Interior Lakes

• Before a separate set of gear is likely to contact lake water (including fishing gear) to use on the interior lakes, or before using any gear on an interior lake, make sure that all gear has been thoroughly dried for at least 5 days or washed with hot water (>140 degrees F) for at least one minute

• When leaving any lake, remove aquatic plants and animals, including gelatinous or cotton batting-like material from equipment, including fishing line

NAVIGATION YOU NEED TO KNOW

Navigators, boaters, anglers, and divers, who may be just under the surface...

The U.S. Coast Guard Buoy System. The Coast Guard numbered red and green buoy system is used to guide boaters and mark hazards (see below). To use this system you need to know the direction of lake flow. Namakan, Sand Point, and Crater 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).

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

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

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

Diamond shape warns of danger. Cross in diamond means boats must keep out.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) advises the public to approach lake areas with blue-green algae with caution. During the right conditions these microorganisms 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 the MPCA website at http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/clmp-toxicalgae.html

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**National Park Week – April**
Celebrate spring with us during National Park Week. Kids are invited to enter the annual Youth Art Contest. The entire family will enjoy special activities at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. Visit the park’s website for updates.

**Summer Special Speaker Series**
Mid-June through mid-August – Join us at the Historic Woodenfrog State Forest Refectory for a special presentation about the park. Call (218) 875-2111 for a schedule.

**Rainy Lake**
Join the community of Rainier for its annual Rainier Days celebrations on August 14. Special North Canoe trips will be offered during this event.

**Kabetogama Lake**
Join the Kabetogama Lake community for the Land of the Ladyslipper Arts and Crafts Festival – July 9 - 11. Special programs will be offered during this event.

**Crane Lake**
Join the Crane Lake community for its annual Voyageur Days celebrations on August 3 – 5. Special programs will be offered during this event. For inquiries call (800) 362-7405.

**Kid’s Corner**
**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, certificate, and patch to take home.

**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.

**Stamp Your Passport!**
Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center (summer only)
Ash River Visitor Center (summer only)
Crane Lake Ranger Station (when available)
Kettle Falls Hotel (summer only)
Park Headquarters (Monday-Friday, all year)
Rainy Lake Visitor Center (all year)

Throughout the park there are six locations where you can stamp your National Park Passport. Forgot your passport book? No problem, you can purchase a new one at any of the three visitor centers.

**Become a Voyageur**
Step back in time by dressing as a voyageur. Kids of all ages can dress as a voyageur at any of the three visitor centers. Try on the leggings, sashes, and colorful chamois of the voyageurs. If you want to do more, participate in a North Canoe Voyage (see page 5).

**Discovery Packs**
Kids and their families can discover Voyageurs National Park on their own and in-depth by checking out any one of the six different Discovery Packs the park has to offer.

The Discovery Packs explore Voyageurs National Park’s Geology, Scenery, Winter, Plants and Animals, Water, and the Voyageurs and the Fur Trade in detail and offer activities for all ages. The packs may be checked out for an hour or all day. An adult must check them out with his/her driver's license at any visitor center.

**Celebrate the Park’s 35th Anniversary!**
Come help Voyageurs National Park celebrate 35 years in the making. The park was established on April 8, 1975. This April marks the park’s 35th anniversary. Special events will occur all year long so check the park’s website for ways you can participate in the celebrations.

**Visitors can take a tour on the Otter or the Voyageur tour boats, or in North Canoes or alumacraft canoes and experience Voyageurs National Park the way the voyageurs did over 200 years ago – on the water.”**
2010 Tour Boat and Naturalist Programs

The Otter

Ash River Visitor Center

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Voyageurs invites the public to comment on the proposed fees for the Voyageur and Otter tour boats. You may leave your comment at 218-283-6708. The comment period ends on May 1, 2010.
Hiking Trails in the Park

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

- **NEAR RAINY LAKE**
  - Tilton Bay Hiking Trail: Moderate, 2 mile loop, 1.5 hours
  
- **NEAR CRANE LAKE**
  - Orr Bog Walk: Easy, .25 mile loop, 20 minutes

**ROCK CAIRNS**

Many of the trails in the park are marked with rock cairns. If you see a rock cairn, please respect it as that is a trail marker for visitors to find their way and do not destroy it.
VISITOR DESTINATIONS

Voyageurs’ General Management Plan provides for the development of 15-20 destinations that visitors could boat to and learn more about the park and its significance. The park has identified 15 locations that will eventually be developed with picnic facilities and interpretive exhibits. Many destinations are historic structures that are being preserved by the National Park Service.

Development of picnic facilities and interpretive exhibits at Visitor Destinations is in various stages and work on historic structures is ongoing. For more information, pick up a Visitor Destination brochure at a park visitor center.

Rainy Lake
Harry Overson Fish Camp *, Camp Marston **, Surveyors Island **, Anderson Bay *
Kabetogama Lake
Gold Portage Area *, Ellsworth Rock Gardens *
Namakan Lake
I.W. Stevens Pine Cove Resort *, Hoist Bay *, Moose River Indian Village *
Sand Point/Crane Lakes
Grassy Bay *, Ingersoll Island **, Casareto Cabin *
* Limited development to date: Some Day Use facilities exist such as a bathroom, picnic tables, and fire ring.
** No development to date

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 sculpture garden on his vacation property. The Ellsworth Rock Gardens are accessible 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 5). Stop by a park visitor center to pick up a brochure if exploring this visitor destination on your own.

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) 875-2070 during the winter for more information. You may also visit Kettle Falls on-line at www.kettlefalloshotel.com.

Naturalist-guided boat tours to Kettle Falls depart from the Kabetogama Lake and Rainy Lake Visitor Center during the summer months (see program schedule on page 5).

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Amidst the Kettle Falls Dam, the Kettle River falls 44 feet (13 meters). The falls were significant to voyageurs and Ojibwe who passed through the area on a historic route of the late 18th and early 19th centuries. The driving force behind the fall trade was a demand for hats—beaver hats desired by fashionable Europeans. When beaver could no longer be found in Europe, the demand shifted to North America.

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THE TALKING ROCKS OF VOYAGEURS

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The rocks of Voyageurs National Park are dated to be about half as old as the planet. Nowhere else in North American parks can you see and touch extensive exposures of rocks this old. The rocks of Voyageurs were created in the Precambrian era, and are part of the Canadian Shield. They are older than the chert at the bottom of the Great Canyon.

Visit Voyageurs National Park to see the story of gold and mica mining and hear the story of volcanoes erupting and the shifting of fault lines. We think you also will be amazed at the small amount of soil that supports the vast amount of life in this national park.

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The park lies in a transition zone between the boreal forests to the north and deciduous forests to the south. Nearly 780 species of plants have been identified within the park. Boreal forest species are most abundant, occupying about 70% of the park. Quaking aspen dominates the forest with other species including birch, poplar, oaks, and balsam fir.

Within this abundant diversity of the northern forest, wildlife abounds. Many animals characteristic of the north woods are found here including moose, white-tailed deer, gray wolves, fox, coyotes, lynx, bobcats, black bears, ravens, and common loons. A host of other animals can be found such as bald eagles, beavers, river otters, red squirrels, and small rodents. Voyageurs also hosts more than 240 bird species who either live in or migrate through the park.

VOYAGEURS WATERSHED

Voyageurs National Park lies in the 14,900-square-mile Rainy Lake basin. About 70% of the basin lies within Ontario and 30% in Minnesota. The general direction of flow through the four main lakes in the park (Rainy, Kabetogama, Namakan, and Sand Point) is northwestern. Water leaving Rainy Lake flows to the Rainy River and then to Lake of the Woods which in turn flows to the Winnipeg River. Ultimately, the system drains to Hudson Bay.

Lake levels in the park’s four largest lakes are controlled by a dam across the international border at Fort Frances and International Falls, as well as by small dams at Kettle Falls and Squirrel Falls on Namakan Lake. Rainy Lake is controlled separately from the Namakan Reservoir, which is composed of Kabetogama, Namakan, Sand Point, Crane, and Little Vermilion Lakes. The Namakan River, which enters Namakan Lake from the east, is the largest source of flow to the park.

FISHERIES IN VOYAGEURS

There are 54 fish species known to exist in park lakes with yellow perch and northern pike being the most widely spread and walleye and northern pike being the species most frequently sought after by anglers on the park’s four large lakes. Other predatory fish include smallmouth and largemouth bass, crappie, sauger, lake trout, muskellunge, and burbot.

Not all of these fish are native to the park. Largemouth bass and rainbow trout are not native in these lakes. There is conflicting evidence as to whether smallmouth bass, black crappie, bluegill, and green sunfish are native in these lakes. Additionally, some of these species may be native in the four large lakes of the park but not native to the interior lakes where they exist due to stocking. With the exception of rainbow smelt, all of the non-native fish listed were introduced to these lakes for sport fishing before the park was established.

Pick up a checklist of fish at any of the park’s three visitor centers.

LOOKING FOR INFORMATION ON SCIENCE AND HISTORY OF VOYAGEURS NATIONAL PARK?

Check out our park newsletter The Voyageur Messenger at any one of the park’s three visitor centers or on-line at www.nps.gov/voya.
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.

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

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Destinations and Trails

Fur Trade Canoe Route
Ojibwe Indians & voyageurs paddled birch bark canoes along what is now the boundary between the U.S. and Canada.

Crane Lake

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

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

Beach

Compass Lake

NAMAKAN LAKE

ONTARIO

MINNESOTA

PARK

ONTOARIO

Canada

United States

Locations and Distances:
- ARVC to Kettle Falls: ~20 miles
- KLVC to ARVC: ~8 miles
- KRLVC to Kettle Falls: ~14 miles
- KRLVC to Brule Narrows: ~14 miles
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Beaver Lake

Ranger Station
Food service
Lodging
Picnic area
Campground
Beach
Unpaved road
Pullout/Trailhead
Resort area (gas, lodging, meals)
Hiking trail/portage
Hiking & ski trail
Gas station

Distances by boat between park destinations:
- ARVC to Kettle Falls: ~20 miles
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Distances by car between park visitor centers:
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- KRLVC to CLRS: ~109 miles

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**Camping, Houseboating, and Day Use Information**

**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 Woodenfrogs & 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).

**Know where you can go!**
- 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 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.
- Houseboaters 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.
- 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 Voyagers 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).

**Camping Permits**
- A free permit is required for all overnight stays in the park.
- Permits are not 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 Woodenfrogs 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.
- Permits are not a reservation for a campsite! All campsites are first come, first-served with the exception of the group campsites and the accessible campsite.

**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 Cass Lake Island. The group campsites have a wheelchair-accessible core area. Reservations are required from May 22 – September 6, 2010. The sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis during the rest of the year.

**Day Use Sites**
Visitors looking for a place for picnics or day time activities may stop and enjoy Day Use Sites throughout the park. They are marked with a green box on the Camping, Houseboating, and Day Use Map that can be picked up at any of the park’s three visitor centers. Amenities at these sites include a picnic table, fire ring, privy, and bear proof food locker. Visitors may not stay overnight at a Day Use Site.

**Prohibited Acts**
- Collecting wood for campfires is allowed only if the wood is DEAD and collected in small amounts. Wood should not be collected too far from the campfire. 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 from 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, metal food storage locker, or hung to at least six feet high and six feet out from a pole or tree. 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 campsites on several occasions, often resulting in property damage and an increased risk to human safety.

**Camping Fees**
- Fee: $35 per night, Maximum group size is 30 people.
- Advance reservations may NOT be made at park visitor centers.
- Reservations may be made online at www.recreation.gov or by calling (877) 444-6777. Reservations are required from May 22 – September 6, 2010. The sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. No reservations are available.
- If your group size is less than 14 you may stop by the Rainy Lake or Kabetogama Lake day use sites. Day use is allowed at unoccupied tent sites until 2:00 p.m.

**Developed Campsites**
- Small tent sites—9 people
- Large tent sites—18 people
- Houseboat site—2 houseboats
- Group tent sites—30 people

**Camping, Houseboating, and Day Use Information**

**Proposed Interior Lake Campsite and Interior Lake Boat Reservations**
Voyageurs National Park has 17 campgrounds on the interior of the Kabetogama Peninsula. The park is considering a reservation system and fee for these campgrounds. Of the 17 campgrounds 11 have boats. There would be an added fee for sites with boats.

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Having the campgrounds and canoe/rowboat reservations will allow visitors who reserve an interior campsite to be guaranteed a canoe and/or rowboat with that site or be able to plan in advance.

You may leave your comments regarding these proposed fees and the reservation system at 218-283-6708. Please be specific about your concerns or questions.

The public comment period is available until May 1, 2010. For more information go to www.nps.gov/voya.

**Accessible Campsite**
Site N14 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.

**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) 657-7249 or visit www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_forests/index.html.

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Working Together - Park Partners

Jefferson National Parks Association (JNPA)

Mission: Providing quality educational products and related services that enrich public understanding and appreciation of America’s national parks, public lands, and historic places.

Jefferson National Parks Association (JNPA) is honored to be a new non-profit partner to Voyageurs National Park. JNPA operates visitor center stores for the benefit of the public and our park partners. Since our inception in 1961 we have contributed over $20 million dollars in financial and in-kind support to ensure that present and future generations can continue to enjoy our national treasures.

With Voyageurs National Park as a new partner, we now serve 3 public land sites in Minnesota including Chippewa National Forest and Mississippi National River and Recreation Area. We also partner with Lewis and Clark Visitor Center in South Dakota, Little Rock Central High School in Arkansas as well as Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site and Jefferson National Expansion Memorial in Missouri. We collaborate with our partners to provide-quality, educational products and publications to help visitors enjoy and extend their experiences with these special places. It is our pleasure to now have the opportunity to provide these services in visitor center stores at Voyageurs National Park.

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$7.95

The Passport is perfect for planning a trip to visit our national parks and for saving your memories afterwards. A friend to every park enthusiast, the Passport contains park information, and a listing of all the national park areas in America.

Volunteers-In-Parks are Very Important People

In 2009 the park benefited from the generous donation of time and talent of 85 people who volunteered over 9,000 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 (218) 283-6600, or visit the park’s website at www.nps.gov/voya.

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 eagle blood samples, checking for contaminants 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.

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 visit www.destinationvoyageursnationalpark.com.

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.

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Volunteers-In-Parks are Very Important People

In 2009 the park benefited from the generous donation of time and talent of 85 people who volunteered over 9,000 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 (218) 283-6600, or visit the park’s website at www.nps.gov/voya.

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 eagle blood samples, checking for contaminants 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.

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Winter in Voyageurs National Park

What to do in the Winter

View the Aurora Borealis
The Northern Lights occur when charged particles from the sun interact with a magnetic field 50 to 100 miles above the Earth’s surface. The best time to watch is from 10:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Watch for Wildlife
Some creatures are dormant in the winter but many remain active. Watch for tracks in the snow. Moose, wolves, and deer can be seen crossing over the frozen lake surface. If you do see wildlife within the park, please respect them by staying at least 100 feet away.

Get Outside and Go
The Rainy Lake Visitor Center offers skis, snowshoes, binoculars, and a variety of Discovery Packs for visitors to use. Small fees apply for adult ski rentals. The park also offers over 110 miles of groomed snowmobile trails.

Winter Special Speaker Series
Each winter from Mid-January through March the park offers naturalist-led family friendly activities for people of all ages. Try making your own snowshoes, learn about wolves, bear, and other wildlife in the park, or go on a full moon hike. Check the park’s website for current programs at www.nps.gov/voya or call the Rainy Lake Visitor Center at (888) 381-2873.

Winter Environmental Education Field Trips
Each winter from Mid-January through March students come to the Rainy Lake Visitor Center to learn about the history of snowshoes and animal tracking techniques and to cross-country ski. If you and your school would like to come, please contact the park at (218) 283-6670 for more information or to schedule a field trip today.

Snow Camping
Snow camping requires an overnight permit. Visitors may obtain one from any of the three park visitor center boat launch permit boxes; park headquarters or inside the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. Summer rules and regulations apply to winter camping. See page 10 for more information on camping rules and regulations.

Prepare for Winter Weather
Voyageurs National Park offers excellent opportunities for exploration and adventure in the wintertime. To make sure you have a safe and fun adventure, follow these guidelines:

Dress Warmly and Stay Dry
Cold temperatures, wet snow, and wind can easily rob you of body heat. To avoid hypothermia and frostbite, dress warmly and stay dry. Wear layers of wool or synthetics like pile and polypropylene under a waterproof shell. Avoid exposure to wind, drink lots of water, and take warm-up breaks.

Beware
Pay attention to the weather. It’s easy to get lost or fall when the weather turns bad. The trails can quickly cover with snow and blanket your route whether on foot, ski, or snowmobile. You need to know where you are and how to get to safety.

Prepare & Take Care
When hiking, snowshoeing or skiing bring the “10 Essentials” and know how to use them. Tell someone your travel plans.

1. Map of the area
2. Compass
3. Extra food and water
4. Extra clothing
5. Emergency shelter
6. First Aid Kit
7. Flashlight or headlamp
8. Sunglasses or sunscreen
9. Pocketknife
10. Waterproof matches
Winter in Voyageurs National Park

Snowmobilers 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
September 26, 2010 – December 31, 2010
Wednesday – Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
January 2, 2011 – mid-May 2011
Wednesday – Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Call (287) 286-5458 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
• A children’s corner
• Maps of ski, snowshoe, and snowmobile trails
• Bookstore
• Life-size bull moose
• Exhibits and films
• Snowshoes for loan
• Cross-country ski rentals for adults and free loan program for kids

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January – March Voyageurs National Park offers naturalist-led programs at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. Call (287) 286-5458 or (888) 381-2873. Wednesday – Sunday for a schedule of events or visit www.nps.gov. Schedule available in December.

Snowmobiling is allowed on frozen lake surfaces and designated safety portages in Voyageurs National Park. The park provides 110 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, (800) FALLS MN
Kabetogama Lake, (800) 534-9085
Ash River, (800) 990-2061
Crane Lake, (877) 466-7669 (466-SNOW)

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 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 and is for the experienced skier. Bring a map and be prepared for winter travel in a remote area if exploring the Kab-Ash Trail in winter.

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 Visitor Center (closed winter). Follow County Road 122 north toward the Woodenfrog State Forest campground to access the trailhead.

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.

Rainy Lake Ice Road
The 7-mile Rainy Lake Ice Road extends from the boat launch ramp at Rainy Lake Visitor Center to the mouth of Cranberry Bay. The ice road is open to cars and trucks of less than 7,000 lbs. gross vehicle weight. SNOWMOBILES are NOT permitted on the ice road.

The speed limit is 30 MPH
When heavy snow, slush, or thin ice exists, the ice road may be closed or shortened for safety. Travel beyond the plowed section is unsafe.

Ice Fishing
Ghostly winter quiet, rugged piney shorelines, 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.

ATTENTION SNOWMOBILERS

45 mph
Lake Surfaces

25 mph
Land Portages

DRINKING AND SNOWMOBILING DON’T MIX!
It is illegal to operate a snowmobile while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

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