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 explore the park by watercraft.
Where can I see wildlife?
Visitors have the best opportunity to view the park’s large wildlife on the Kabetogama peninsula on a backcountry hike. Visitors have the opportunity to see bald eagles, white-tailed deer, black bear, and many of the park’s smaller animals by 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 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.

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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What You Need to Know

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, rocks, artifacts, historic objects, driftwood, flowers, or pine cones. You may harvest up to one gallon of berries for personal consumption.

Firewood restrictions require visitors to purchase firewood from an approved Minnesota DNRF 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.

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

As of February 22, 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 all applicable state, local, and federal firearms laws. The firearms laws of Minnesota prohibit the possession of rifles, shotguns or BB guns in public places such as Voyageurs National Park, so this new federal law does not alter the existing regulatory restrictions on the use and possession of these firearms at Voyageurs National Park. In addition, federal law prohibits possession of firearms in tour boats and certain facilities in this park; those places are posted with signs. For public use with no firearms present, please contact the Chief Ranger at 218-283-0769.

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

Pots must be leashed and attended at all times. Pots are allowed in developed areas (around visitor centers, boat ramps, picnic areas, campsites, and houseboat sites), on the four main lakes, and along park entrance roads. Pots 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, rest, and raise young. Do not disturb wildlife, especially breeding or nesting birds, or adult animals with young.

Food properly. Voyageurs is bear country. You are required to store all smell items such as toothpaste, sunscreen, food, pet food, and deodorant in bear proof food storage lockers or hang from a bear pole or tree.

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.

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 invasive species.

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. Visit the U.S. customs call toll-free at 1-800-567-0425 and for United States customs call (218) 283-2766.

Be 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.

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.

BOATING SAFETY TIPS
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 12 years of age to wear a life preserver when on a motorized watercraft; however, it is a good practice to all passengers should stay seated within the boat while the boat is moving. Riding on the bow or gunwale is prohibited!

Know what to do if you capsize your boat.

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

Navigation charts are highly recommended.

THINKING OF DRINKING LAKE WATER?
Always treat lake water before using for drinking or cooking.

Consider contacting drinking water with you when camping in the park. Otherwise, use a high-quality water filter to remove potential contaminants.

A few words of caution about blue-green algae:

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) advises the public to approach lake areas with blue-green algae blooms with caution. During the right conditions these blooms can be toxic to pets and harmful to people. A blue-green algae bloom that looks like pea soup should be avoided. For detailed information visit the MPCA website at http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/clmp-toxicalgae.html.

SAFE BOATING CHECKLIST
Don’t leave it to chance. Plan on having a safe and enjoyable experience by making sure you have these items whenever boating in the park:

• A wearable life preserver readily accessible for each person.
• Type IV throwable cushion or ring
• Anchor ropes, fishing line, boats, waders, nets, or any gear that contacts infested waters.
• Spiny water fleas.
• Fishing gear.

Aquatic Invasive Species and Fish Diseases

Invasive species are plants, animals, or diseases that are not native to the local ecosystem and that are likely to cause harm to the economy, to the environment, or to human health.

The park’s forests, lakes, and native plant communities are at risk from several species of aquatic exotics, invasive plants, and forest pests. Four species that you should be aware of are:

Spiny water flea: This tiny (1/4-3/8”) species of 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 water fleas are spread when either live adult waterfleas or viable resting eggs are transferred to a new body of water. Spiny water fleas can be transported on bait buckets, anchor ropes, fishing line, boats, waders, nets, or any gear that contacts infested waters. Spiny water fleas 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 aquatic insects 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 pot or aquarium species of crayfish into lakes, and remember that using live crayfish for bait is prohibited in park waters.

Emerald Ash Borer: The emerald ash borer has decimated ash trees in Michigan and is spreading westward, currently to the Twin Cities metro area. Are you going to allow the pest to 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 campground.

Eurasian Watermilfoil: This invasive aquatic plant is moving northwest 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 water access.

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, before or 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, or dry boats and equipment for five days before moving them to another body of water.

2011 Regulations to Protect Interior Lakes from Aquatic Invasive Species and Fish Diseases

• Artifical 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 on Mukooda Lake)
• No float plane landings on interior lakes.

Can buy is green with odd numbers. Keep them to the left when going uplake.

Nut buns are red with even numbers. Keep them to the right when going uplake.

Invasive crudios are found in diamond means boats must keep out.

Diver’s flag warn of the presence of divers, who may be just under the surface.

NAVIGATION YOU NEED TO KNOW

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

Circled mark means a controlled area including no wake zone.

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

Voyageurs is a water based park and you must leave your vehicle behind to truly experience the park. There are four major lakes in Voyageurs: Rainy Lake, Kabetogama Lake, Namakan Lake, and Sand Point Lake. You may bring a motorboat, canoe, kayak, houseboat, or sailboat to any of the four main lakes in Voyageurs. If you don’t have your own boat you may take a naturalist-led tour aboard one of the park’s two tour boats. On Rainy Lake visitors may board the Voyager. This 49 passenger tour boat goes to several places of interest; check the schedule on page 5. To book a tour see page 5 for information. If you choose to bring your own boat, plan to have good navigational maps and remember visitors can only get from Rainy Lake to Kabetogama Lake via the mechanical portage at Kettle Falls.

HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU HAVE?

- 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

30 minutes

- 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

45 minutes

Half a Day?

- Hike the Blind Ash Bay Trail near the Ash River Visitor Center
- Check out one of the seven Discovery Packs
- Take a boat tour

All Day?

- Take a boat to Kettle Falls (see page 5 for details)
- Hike the Locater Lake Trail
- Visit a Visitor Destination on your own, on a boat tour, or pick up a brochure at any of the three visitor centers

60 minutes

Several Days?

- Hike the Locater Lake Trail
- Take a combination of several different boat tours
- Camp in the park
- Check out all three visitor centers

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 seven different Discovery Packs the park has to offer. The Discovery Packs explore Voyageurs National Park’s Geology, Scenery, Winter, Plants and Animals, Water, People, 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.
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How To Make Tour Boat Reservations

All tours are subject to change, please call ahead for schedule changes. A minimum of 6 passengers are required for all tours with the exception of the Kettle Falls Tours which require a minimum of 6 passengers aboard the Otter and 22 passengers aboard the Voyageur.

How do I make a reservation for a tour on the Otter or Voyageur tour boats?

Reservations for all tours are now made by going online at www.recreation.gov or by calling the National Call Center at (877) 444-6777. Advance reservations are available for a tour until midnight the night before a tour departs.

The National Call Center hours are:
- Mar 1 - Oct 31, 10 a.m. - 12 a.m. (EST)
- Nov 1 - Feb 28, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. (EST)

Can I walk into a visitor center and make a reservation?

Yes. All visitors MUST check in at their respective visitor centers before boarding the boat. Pass holders are eligible for a discount on park-operated tour boats. To receive the discount, visit www.recreation.gov and make a reservation. Pass holders MUST bring their pass and identification to receive the discount when boarding the boat. If the pass holder does not bring their pass and identification the discount will not apply and the pass holder will be required to pay the full fee. No discounts can be applied once the tour departs.

Minimum Number of Passengers

A minimum of four paying passengers are required for all tours, with the exception of the Kettle Falls Tours which require a minimum of six paying passengers on the Otter and a minimum of 22 paying passengers on the Voyageur.

What if the park cancels a tour?

The park reserves the right to cancel a tour for any reason. If a tour is canceled by the park a full refund will be given to the visitor by Recreation.gov.

Cancellation Policy

Visitors must call the National Call Center to cancel a tour, not a visitor center. If a visitor calls for any reason to cancel a tour they must call at least 24 hours prior to departure. A $3.00 service fee applies for all cancellations made by the visitor. No refunds will be issued if less than 24 hours notice is given. Refunds will be issued ONLY if advance reservations are canceled at least 24 hours before the scheduled tour departs. Refunds are given only by www.recreation.gov.

Federal Senior Pass and Access Pass Discounts

Pass holders are eligible for a discount on park-operated tour boats. To receive the discounted rate you must provide the number on your Federal Senior Pass or Federal Access Pass when making a reservation. Pass holders MUST bring their pass and identification to receive the discount when boarding the boat. If the pass holder does not bring their pass and identification the discount will not apply and the pass holder will be required to pay the full fee. No discounts can be applied once the tour has started.

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ROCK CAIRNS

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 marker for visitors to find their way and do not destroy it.
History and Science

VISITOR DESTINATIONS

Voyageurs’ General Management Plan provides for the development of 15-20 destinations that visitors could 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 Onson Fish Camp *, Camp Marston **, Rainy Lake City **, Little American Island **

Kabetogama Lake

Gold Portage Area *, Ellsworth Rock Gardens *

Namakan Lake

I.W. Stevens Pine Cove Resort *, Hoist Bay *, Moose River Indian Village **

Sand Point/Crene Lakes

Grassy Bay **, Ingersoll Estate **, Casareto Cabin *

Park-wide

* Kettle Falls *

** No development to date. *** Completed

Ellsworth Rock Gardens

Jack Ellsworth constructed a unique sculpture garden on his vacation property on Kabetogama Lake from 1944 to 1969. Mr. Ellsworth designed terraces containing 52 varieties of flowers atop a 60-foot granite outcrop. Over 15,000 lilies bloomed during the garden’s peak.

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.

A DEMAND FOR HATS

The waterways of Voyageurs National Park include one of the most important segments of a 1,000-mile fur trade route of the late 18th and early 19th centuries. The driving force behind the fur 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.

As the fur trade expanded westward, it relied on the voyageurs, or French-Canadian canoemen, to muscle trade goods and fur between Montreal and the Canadian northwest. The voyageurs depended on native North Americans for furs, guide services, clothing, food, and medicine.

The lakes of Voyageurs National Park became a strategic relay and supply point along the fur trade route. The route of the voyageurs shaped the international boundary and the legacy of the voyageurs inspired the naming of this national park.

From supporting the life and culture of American Indians to supplying resources for the fur trade, commercial fishing, gold mining, timber and tourism industries, the interconnected waterway system of Voyageurs National Park has influenced the movement of people for thousands of years.

THE TALKING ROCKS OF VOYAGEURS

The rocks of Voyageurs National Park tell amazing stories that stretch across time. The rocks tell of continent building and movement, mountain rising, ice ages and soil formation. One of the reasons Voyageurs National Park was established was because of the amazing geological features.

In 1975, Voyageurs National Park was established “to preserve, for the inspiration and enjoyment of future generations, the outstanding scenery, geological conditions, and the waterway system which constituted part of the historic route of the voyageurs who contributed significantly to the opening of the northwestern United States.”

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 schist at the bottom of the Grand 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.

AMAZING FLORA AND FAUNA

Have you ever walked through a forest mixed with golden colored tamarack or under a canopy of aspens and maples displaying an amazing array of red, gold, and yellow leaves? Have you ever followed the smell of pine scents as you walk along rock covered ridges all while a fox scents you by and you spot signs of wolves along a trail? That is just some of what lies within Voyageurs National Park.

Kettle Falls Hotel and Dam

Built in the early 1900’s, 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) 240-1976 during the summer and (287) 874-2070 during the winter for more information. You may also visit Kettle Falls on-line at www.kettlefallshotel.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).

Little American Gold Mine Island

Discover the past on Little American Gold Mine Island while you explore the remains of mining activities from the 1860’s 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 5).

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

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 northwesterly. 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 crossing the international border at Fort Frances and International Falls, as well as by small dams at Kettle Falls and Squealed 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 trout, 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.
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.

Little American Island’s quarter mile loop with exhibits tells the story of the Gold Rush of 1893.

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

PARK HIKING TRAILS — No Pets Allowed

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**Destinations and Trails**

**Per Trade Canoe Route**
Ojibwe Indians & voyageurs paddled birchbark canoes along what is now the boundary between the U.S. and Canada.

**Kettle Falls Hotel**
Built around 1910, this National Register site was at one time a transient community of over 200 people including timberjacks, 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.

### Distances by boat between park destinations:
- ARVC to Kettle Falls: ~15 miles
- Brede Narrows to Kettle Falls: ~20 miles
- CLRS to Kettle Falls: ~30 miles
- KLVC to Kettle Falls: ~40 miles
- KLVC to Little Island: ~7 miles
- KLVC to Ellison Rock Gardens: ~5 miles
- RLVC to Kettle Falls: ~40 miles
- RLVC to Brede Narrows: ~14 miles
- RLVC to Cranberry Bay: ~7 miles
- RLVC to Anderson Bay: ~26 miles

### Distances by car between park visitor centers:
- ARVC to CLRS: ~72 miles
- KLVC to ARVC: ~17 miles
- KLVC to CLRS: ~67 miles
- RLVC to KLVC: ~36 miles
- RLVC to ARVC: ~49 miles
- RLVC to CLRS: ~105 miles

**Grensy Bay Cliffs**
and an impressive sight of pink to light gray Lac La Croix granite.

**FOREST NATIONAL SUPERIOR**
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 Woodendog & 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.

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 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

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 Woodendog State Forest and Crane Lake public boat launch ramp.
- Only one permit per 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 Biule Narrows. The other site is on Kabetogama Lake just east of Cuckoos Island. The group campsites have a wheelchair-accessible core area.

Reservations are required from May 21 - September 5, 2011. The sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis during the rest of the year.

Fees: $35 per night. 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 visitor center or visit our website at www.nps.gov/voya.

Day Use Sites

Visitors looking for a place for picnics or day time activities may stop and enjoy Day Use Park 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, and pitry. Visitors may not stay overnight at a Day Use Site.

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 10 feet high and 10 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.

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 $5 per boat per day. There is 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 water taxi service (see page 14 - 15) to access the trails that lead to the park’s interior lakes. Reservations for boat rentals are required and may be made up to seven days in advance. Call (218) 875-2111 to request a reservation for Locator Lake, War Club Lake, Quill Lake, Shoepack & Little Shoepack Lakes, and Cruiser Lake. Call (218) 466-3598 to request a reservation for Peary Lake or Brown Lake.

Please note, to prevent the spread of spiny water fleas and other invasives, park regulations do not allow you to bring your own watercraft into the interior park lakes. For more information of the interior lakes go to www.nps.gov/voya.

Accessible Campsites

N4q 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. Site R6n on Rainy Lake is currently under construction and is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2010. Once the site is completed reservations will not be taken until 2012. This site will be first-come, first-served after construction and until 2012.

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) 395-7299 or visit www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_forests/index.html.
Park Partners Voyageurs National Park Association (VNPA)

Do you love Voyageurs National Park? Daydream about the next time you can paddle its wide open lakes, drop a fishing line, or hike through its forests to the soundtrack of nature? You can give future visitors the opportunity to experience this distinctive landscape of the North just as you do today.

As a member of Voyageurs National Park Association (VNPA), you can help:

- Connect kids with Voyageurs National Park: We offer travel grants for students, scout troops, and homeschoolers to visit the Park and to learn in its unique outdoor classroom.
- Restore wildlife habitat and enhance visitor experiences: At our 2011 Volunteer Rendezvous, volunteers will complete the native plant garden and Ojibwe encampment at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center.
- Increase public access: Through our Land Preservation Initiative, we work with willing sellers to transfer private properties within the Park’s boundaries into public ownership. The Initiative helps to protect sensitive shoreline habitats, prevent development, and open the land for visitor enjoyment.
- Protect clean, clear air: VNPA works to ensure that power plants and taconite facilities comply with strong emissions regulations to protect the air you breathe while enjoying Voyageurs.

For 45 years, VNPA has been central to the protection of this extraordinary place. We helped designate Voyageurs as a National Park in 1975, and continue to represent the voices of generations that have come to care about the wild, irreplaceable resources found in voyageur country.

Visit www.voyageurs.org for more information about VNPA membership, programs, and volunteering, or call (612) 333-3424. Your stewardship today ensures that Voyageurs will continue to be a special place for each new generation.

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 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.

Volunteers-In-Parks are Very Important People

In 2010 the park benefited from the generous donation of time and talent of 83 people who volunteered over 8,600 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) 875-2111, 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 visit www.destinationvoyageursnationalpark.com.
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, bears, 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:

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

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
September 28, 2011 - December 31, 2011
Wednesday - Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
January 2, 2012 - mid -May 2012
Wednesday - Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Call (218) 286-5248 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

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 3.5 mile loop trail is located a few miles from the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center (closed winter). Follow County Road 122 north toward the Woodenfrog 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 snowshoe trails.
Blind Ash Bay Trail
(2.8 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.
Oberholtzer Trail
(1.7 miles round trip)
The trailhead is just outside the Rainy Lake Visitor Center.

Rainy Lake Ice Road
The Rainy Lake Ice Road extends from the boat launch ramp at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center and goes to either the mouth of Cranberry bay or around Dryweed Island depending on the ice conditions. Check at the visitor center for up-to-date information.
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 fishhouse registration is required.

Snowmobilers
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 on www.nps.gov/voya. Click on “news” or “winter trail report” for detailed information.
International Falls, (800) FALLS MN
Kabetogama Lake, (800) 544-9085
Ash River, (800) 990-2056
Crane Lake, (877) 466-7669 (466-SNOW)

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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 on www.nps.gov/voya. Click on “news” or “winter trail report” for detailed information.
International Falls, (800) FALLS MN
Kabetogama Lake, (800) 544-9085
Ash River, (800) 990-2056
Crane Lake, (877) 466-7669 (466-SNOW)
LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS

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

Accommodations

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

ACCOMMODATIONS

Minimum night stay required

P-Public Dining; L-Lounge/Bar; (FGO) For Guests Only

Services: B-Bait; D-Dump Station; I-Ice; L-Fishing License; WF-WiFi; P-Parking Lot; R-Groceries; S-Shower; G-Gas; F-Firewood; C-Camping; C-Campground; PO-Pontoon; K-Kayak; S-Sailboat; RB-Rowboat; D-Dockage; N-Snowmobile; Ice Fishing; Guide &/or Shelter Rentals; Swimming: B-Beach; P-Pool; Gas; R-Recreation Room; P-Playground

All year may include shutdown periods.

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Hours of Operation:
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Hours of Operation:
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Crane Lake Ranger Station
Phone: (218) 993-2481

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360 Highway 11 East
International Falls, MN 56649
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www.recreation.gov
National Call Center: 877-444-6777
Hours of Operation:
March 1 – October 31, 2011
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.
November 1 – February 28, 2012
10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Group Campsite Reservations
Phone: (877) 444-6777
www.recreation.gov
Reservations are not available for individual campsites.

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