Welcome to Voyageurs

What do you want to do with your special time in Voyageurs? The possibilities are endless. Whether you want to motorboat, fish, hike, canoe, camp, sail, kayak, ski, snowshoe, snowmobile, become a Junior Ranger, attend a naturalist-led program, or just read a book, Voyageurs National Park has a place for you.

Camp Overnight
Stay at more than one of the 244 sites throughout the park. Reminder - all sites are only accessible by watercraft.

National Park Week & Open House
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 dates and times.

Night Explorer Series
Join a park naturalist to explore the night sky in a variety of ways: a full moon hike, a cosmic campfire, or view objects with high powered telescopes. Visit the park’s website for dates and times.

Calling all Junior Rangers!
Stop by a visitor center to pick up copies of the park’s Junior Ranger Explorer booklet.

Let’s Move Outside
Kids of all ages can dress as a voyageur at any of the three visitor centers. Try on leggings, sashes, and colorful chamois. If you want to do more, participate in a North Canoe Voyage (see page 5). This program is part of the First Lady’s Let’s Move Outside Campaign for a healthy America!

Ranier Days
August. Join the community of Ranier for its annual Ranier Days celebrations.

Check out a Discovery Pack
Kids and their families can discover Voyageurs on their own and in-depth by checking out any one of the seven different Discovery Packs.

Check out an iPod
Visitors can discover four different Visitor Destinations via iPod: Historic Kettle Falls and Hoist Bay, Ellsworth Rock Gardens, and Little American Island can all be visited without going on the water. Stop by a visitor center for details.

Hike a Park Trail
Voyageurs has 14 designated trails with difficulty levels ranging from easy to strenuous. See page 4 for hiking information or pick up a detailed brochure at any park visitor center.

Picnic in the Park
Picnic near a park visitor center or stop by watercraft at one of the many Day Use Sites (see page 10) in the park.

Join a Park Naturalist on a Boat Tour
Explore the park by tour boat with a park naturalist (see page 5 for details).

Ladyslipper Arts and Crafts Festival
July. Join the Kabetogama Lake community for the festival in July.

Stop by a Visitor Center
There are three visitor centers and one contact ranger station within Voyageurs National Park.

Rainy Lake Visitor Center
Open year round with reduced hours in the winter (see back page). The center offers boat tours, North Canoe Voyages, exhibits, a bookstore, Ethno-botanical Garden, and a hiking trail.

Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center
Open in the summer months (see back page). The center offers state-of-the-art interactive exhibits, boat tours, North Canoe Voyages, a bookstore, and a trail within a 2 mile drive.

Ash River Visitor Center
Open in the summer months (see back page). The center is an historic structure also known as Meadowood Lodge. It offers views of Kabetogama Lake, displays, a bookstore, and hiking trails.

Crate Lake Ranger Station
Open when a ranger is on duty. There is an information kiosk at the boat launch and a United States Forest Service hiking trail close by.

Voyageur Days
September. Join the community of Crane Lake for its annual Voyageur Days. For inquiries call (800) 362-7405.

Explore the Ethno-botanical Garden
Stroll through the newly developed garden at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. Join a park naturalist on a tour or take the self guided walk. The garden introduces you to an Ojibwe Indian camp exhibit and native plant diversity of the park.

Check out a Visitor Destination
The park has designated several sites within park boundaries as Visitor Destinations: Little American Island, Hoist Bay, Kettle Falls, Harry Oveson Fish Camp, Ellsworth Rock Gardens, and the Casareto Cabin are all sites near completion that the public can visit. For more information check at a visitor center or on-line.

Winter in Voyageurs
Winter offers visitors a chance to see the park in a different light. Visitors can: drive on an ice road, ice-fish, snowmobile, ski, snowshoe, or attend a naturalist-led program. Check at a visitor center for details or go on-line at www.nps.gov/voya.

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.
**History and Science**

**Talking Rocks**

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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 will also be amazed at the small amount of soil that supports the vast amount of life in this national 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. Walleye and northern pike are 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 smelt 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.

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**A Demand for Hats**

The waterways of Voyageurs National Park include one of the most important segments of a 3,000-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 furs 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.

**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 scurries by and you spot signs of wolves along a trail? That is just some of what lies within Voyageurs National Park.

The park lies in a transition zone between the boreal forests to the north and deciduous forests to the south. Nearly 700 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, pines, spruces, 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.

**What’s happening this year?**

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

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Places to Go

Explore a Visitor Destination. The park has identified 14 locations that visitors can boat to and learn more about the park and its significance. These sites will eventually be developed with picnic facilities and interpretive exhibits. Sites listed below are open to the public.

Little American Island
Discover the past while you explore the remains of the mining activities from the 1890s Rainy Lake gold rush. Boat tours to Little American Island depart from the Rainy Lake Visitor Center during the summer months (see 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. This popular destination is managed by a concessionaire. Tours depart from Rainy and Kabetogama Lake Visitor Centers (see page 5).

Hoist Bay
Two major periods of history are represented at Hoist Bay - logging and recreation. Landscape features, such as the piers of the former railroad trestle, exist from the logging period, and several buildings represent the resort era. Tours depart from the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center (see page 5).

Ellsworth Rock Gardens
Jack Ellsworth constructed a unique sculpture garden on his vacation property on Kabetogama Lake from 1944 - 1965. Mr. Ellsworth designed terraces containing 32 varieties of flowers atop a 60-foot granite outcrop. Over 13,000 lilies bloomed during the garden’s peak. See map on pages 8 - 9 for site locations or pick up a brochure for more information.

Casareto Cabin
The summer cabin is a historic site that represents recreational history of the 1930s. The cabin is located on a beautiful sand beach.

Experience the Interior of the Park
Experience the solitude of a remote interior lake on the Kabetogama Peninsula without having to portage.

The National Park Service provides canoes and/or rowboats on several interior lakes for a fee of $10.00 per boat, per day. Reservations are required and may be made up to one week in advance. Call (218) 875-2111 for reservations for the following lakes: Locator, Quill, Elk, Cruiser, Little Shoepack, and Shoepack. Call (218) 286-5258 for reservations for the following lakes: Peary and Brown.

The Kabetogama Peninsula can only be accessed by water, so you will need to use your own boat or reserve a water taxi service (see pages 14 - 15) to access the trails that lead to the park’s interior lakes. There are no canoe or rowboat rentals at the visitor centers. Several local businesses also rent canoes and kayaks for the park’s large lakes (see pages 14-15).

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### Naturalist-led Programs and Boat Tours

#### Voyageurs National Park

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<td>(6.5 hour cruise) Voyage to the historic Kettle Falls Hotel. Spend 2 hours on land to dine at the hotel or enjoy a picnic lunch, and to explore the hotel and nearby dam. Tour fees do not include meals (22 passenger minimum).</td>
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<td><strong>Discovery Cruise (June 20 – August 24)</strong></td>
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<td>(2.5 hour cruise) Discover the wonder and beauty of Voyageurs National Park. The captain will navigate Rainy Lake in search of active eagle nests, view a commercial fishing camp from the boat, and look for abundant wildlife.</td>
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<td><strong>Grand Tour (June 17 – September 8)</strong></td>
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<td>(2.5 hour cruise) This tour is a combination of the Discovery Cruise with a stop at Little American Island where gold was discovered in the 1890s (1/4 mile accessible walk).</td>
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<td>North Canoe Voyage (June 15 – August 24)</td>
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<td>(1.5 hour paddle) Paddle back in history aboard a 26-foot North Canoe. Learn the voyageur paddle salute and explore the life of a voyageur. Minimum age is 5. We recommend participants know how to swim. Weather dependent. Reservation recommended, call (218) 286-5258.</td>
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<td>(September 3 – 19) Voyage to the historic Kettle Falls Hotel. Spend 2 hours on land to dine at the hotel or enjoy a picnic lunch, and to explore the hotel and nearby dam. Tour fees do not include meals (6 passenger minimum).</td>
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<td>(2.5 hour cruise) Board the tour boat (accessible) and cruise to historic Hoist Bay. Join a park naturalist for a 1/4 mile walk (not accessible) through the remains of an old logging camp and resort. View eagles and abundant wildlife along the way.</td>
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#### Park-wide Night Explorer Series (May – September)

Join a park naturalist/volunteer for an evening viewing the night sky. See listing of events on-line or pick up a brochure at any of the park's three visitor centers. Free

### How To Make Tour Boat Reservations

All tours are subject to change, please call ahead for schedule changes. A minimum of 4 passengers is 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 for midnight the night before a tour departs. The National Call Center hours are: Mon. - 1 Oct. 31, 10 a.m. - 12 a.m. (MST) Nov. - 1 Feb. 28, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. (EST)

#### How can I check in a visitor center and make a reservation?

Rainy Lake Visitor Center and Kabetogama Lake Visitor Centers

Yes. Walk-ons may inquire, make a walk-on reservation, and pay, with a credit card only, for a tour at the Rainy Lake and Kabetogama Lake Visitor Centers if space is available. Visitors may do this between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prior to departure of a tour. All ticket sales will stop 30 minutes prior to departure of a tour. If all seats have been sold, advance reservations are required. For a tour, call Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center (218) 875-2111, or Rainy Lake Visitor Center (218) 286-5258.

#### How do I know what an adult, child, or toddler fee is?

Adult fees cover ages 17 and up, child fees cover ages 3-16, toddler fees are 2 and under. Go to www.recreation.gov for specific fee information.

#### 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.

#### Minimum Number of Passengers

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#### 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. Some reasons the park may cancel a tour are: if there are U.S.C.G. weather restrictions or not enough paying passengers. Call the respective visitor centers prior to departure to find out if your tour is going. Keep in mind the following: tour boat captains do not make a determination on the weather until 1 hour prior to departure and the park will not know if a tour meets the minimum number of passengers until 1/2 hour prior to departure. To inquire about a cancellation, call Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center (218) 875-2111, or Rainy Lake Visitor Center (218) 286-5258.

Must I check in at a visitor center before boarding the boat? Yes. All visitors MUST check in at their respective visitor centers before boarding the tour boat. This allows park staff to make sure all reserved passengers have boarded, check for Senior or Access passes, and inform you of any necessary information.

#### 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 in full upon check-in. No discounts can be applied once the tour has started. If you are a walk-on, you MUST have a Senior Pass or Access Pass in your possession, when making the reservation, to receive the discount. No discount will be applied if you do not present your Senior Pass or Access Pass.
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Protect Yourself

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 Department of Natural Resources (MN 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.

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

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Firearms
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- A wearable life preserver readily accessible for each person
- Type IV throwable cushion or ring
- Navigational maps
- Navigation lights at night – use them!
- Whistle or horn
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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.

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Payphones are near all visitor centers.

Park rangers monitor marine band 16 for emergencies during business hours.
Your guide to Voyageurs National Park

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

**Spiny Water Flea**
This tiny (1/4-5/8") 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 water fleas 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.

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

**Emerald Ash Borer**
The emerald ash borer has decimated ash trees in Michigan and is spreading westward, currently to the 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 wood from a MN DNR approved firewood vendor near the park or collect dead and 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 water access.
- Drain water from your boat, motor, bilge, live wells, and bait containers before leaving the water access.
- Dispose of unwanted bait and other aquatic plants and animals in the trash.
- Spray or rinse boats and equipment with water at least 140 degrees F for at least one minute, or dry boats and equipment for five days before moving them to another body of water.

Regulations to Protect Interior Lakes from Aquatic Invasive Species and Fish Diseases
- Use artificial bait only (on all interior lakes only).
- No privately-owned watercraft allowed in interior lakes (the park will continue to provide canoes and row boats for rent through the Boats on Interior Lakes program and Commercial Use Authorizations on Mukooda Lake).
- No float plane landings on interior lakes.

Best Management Practices for Using Interior Lakes
- Bring a separate set of gear that is likely to contact lake water (including fishing gear) to use on the interior lakes, or before using any gear on an interior lake, make sure that all gear has been thoroughly dried for at least 5 days or was 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.

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

The average high temperature in July is 79 F. and the low is 54 F. The average low temperature in February is -1 F. and the high is 22 F.

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

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.
Hiking Trails — No pets allowed, except the Oberholtzer Trail

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Distances by boat between park destinations:

- ARVC to Kettle Falls: ~ 13 miles
- Brule Narrows to Kettle Falls: ~ 20 miles
- CLRS to KLVC: ~ 39 miles
- CLRS to Kettle Falls: ~ 30 miles
- KLVC to ARVC: ~ 8 miles
- KLVC to Kettle Falls: ~ 21 miles
- KLVC to Gold Portage: ~ 7 miles
- KLVC to Ellsworth Rock Gardens: ~ 5 miles
- RLVC to Kettle Falls: ~ 34 miles
- RLVC to Brule Narrows: ~ 14 miles
- RLVC to Cranberry Bay: ~ 7 miles
- RLVC to Anderson Bay: ~ 26 miles
**Anderson Bay**
View the outstanding scenery and geologic conditions Voyageurs has to offer.

**Kettle Falls Hotel & Dam**
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.

**Grassy Bay Cliffs**
The cliffs are an impressive sight of pink to light gray Lac La Croix granite.

**Distances by car between park visitor centers:**

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RVLC = Rainy Lake Visitor Center
Camping, Houseboating, and Day Use

Voyageurs National Park offers a combined total of 244 campsites, houseboat sites, and day use sites throughout the park. All sites are first-come, first-served except the group and accessible campsites. You need a boat to camp in the park.

General Information
All campsites are accessible only by water. Car camping is available at the nearby Woodenflog and Ash River State forest campgrounds and at private campgrounds. All individual campsites in the park are free. There is a $15 per night fee for group campsites.

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. 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 for visitor safety.

Maximum group sizes are designed to provide enjoyable conditions for visitors and to prevent campers from being degraded.

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 Woodenflog State Forest and Crane Lake public boat launch ramps.

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 campsites.

Day Use Sites
Visitors looking for a place for picnics or day time activities may stop and enjoy Day Use Sites throughout the park.

These sites are marked with a picnic table icon on the National Geographic Maps that can be purchased at any of the park's three visitor centers. Amenities at these sites include a picnic table, fire ring, and privy. Visitors may not stay overnight at a Day Use Site.

Group Campsites
Do you need a campsite for 14 to 30 people? If you said yes, then we have two group campsites that are just what you need!

One site is on Rainy Lake near the west entrance to the Brule Narrows. The other site is on Kabetogama Lake just east of Cuculus Island. The group campsites have a wheelchair-accessible core area.

Reservations are required from May 26 - September 10, 2012. The sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis during the rest of the year. Reservations may be made on-line at www.recreation.gov or by calling (877) 444-6777.

Advanced reservations may NOT be made at park visitor centers.

Fee: $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 Centers 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

Accessible Campsites
N41 at Voyageurs Narrows on Namakan Lake 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. Free.

R26 on Rainy Lake is an accessible campsite available by reservation only. Call (218) 286-6258 at least one week in advance to request a reservation for use of this site. Free.

State Forest Camping
Are you looking for a place to car camp while visiting the park? Two Minnesota State forest campgrounds are located near the park. For more information, call (218) 363-7229 or visit www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_forests/index.html.

Bear Country
Store all food, garbage, scented items, and equipment used to cook and store food in a vehicle, metal food storage locker, or hang 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.
Voyageurs is pleased to partner with the outstanding organizations listed below. These organizations help fund special events, construct trails in the park, supply the children’s tables at visitor centers, help with maintaining grounds at Visitor Destinations, and much, much more. You too can become a member and support Voyageurs National Park.

Jefferson National Parks Association
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 one of the non-profit partners to Voyageurs National Park. Since 1961 JNPA has operated visitor center stores and provided educational programs for the benefit of the public and park partners. Visit our stores at Rainy Lake, Kabetogama Lake, and Ash River Visitor Centers.

Share your park experiences with us and others!
www.twitter.com/jnpa
www.facebook.com/JeffersonNationalParks

Partner of the Parks Membership
Members receive a free gift, 15% discounts in our stores as well as 10-15% discount in park stores across the country and more! Join on-line at membership.jnpa.com or call (314) 678-1522.

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Voyageurs National Park Association

VNPA helped establish Voyageurs National Park in 1975 and is the park’s founding partner, supporting:
- STEWARDSHIP of the park’s historic and environmental assets, ensuring that Voyageurs National Park remains wild and pristine for future generations.
- VOLUNTEERS and financial assistance for the park, to aly the impact caused by reduced federal budgets.
- ECONOMIC BENEFIT for the park’s gateway communities and partnerships for sustainable tourism.
- EDUCATION opportunities and enduring experiences for youth in Minnesota’s National Park, and in the classroom.

VNPA provides travel grants to connect students to the park, manages a Land Preservation Initiative to help willing sellers transfer private property to park ownership, and organizes an annual Volunteer Rendezvous. Under a new Executive Director, VNPA is expanding the scope of our programs to advance science-based education, youth engagement, and sustainable communities to grow lifelong connections between people and the park.

Love Voyageurs? Visit www.voyageurs.org to learn more, join us as a volunteer or make a donation. Or, scan the code.

Friends of Voyageurs National Park

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.

Have you noticed the action around the children’s activity tables at the park visitor centers? Have you borrowed a pair of snowshoes or kids’ skis in wintertime at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center?

Have you explored the new Ethno-botanical garden with an Ojibwe waaginigaan and interpretive panels by the Rainy Lake Visitor Center?

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.

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.

Volunteers-In-Parks are Very Important People

In 2011, the park benefited from the generous donation of time and talent of 85 people who volunteered over 10,000 hours in support of park activities.

Volunteers assist with education programs, help maintain park trails, assist with park research and monitoring, and staff park visitor centers. Opportunities to volunteer at the park range from one day projects to multi-month assignments.

If you are interested in learning more about volunteering in the park, contact the park’s volunteer coordinator at (218) 283-6670, or visit the park’s website at www.nps.gov/voya.

Heart of the Continent Partnership (HOCP) is a Canadian/American coalition of land managers and local stakeholders working together on cross-border projects that promote the economic, cultural and natural health of the lakes, forests and communities on the Minnesota/Ontario border. The Heart of the Continent consists of public lands and waters that span the international border from Rainy Lake in northeastern Minnesota to the western shores of Lake Superior in Ontario and Minnesota. www.heartofthecontinent.org.
Winter in Voyageurs

What is there to do in Winter?

Cross-Country Skiing
Black Bay Ski Trail
Located one mile north of the Rainy Lake Visitor Center via the Rainy Lake Ice Road; 6 miles of trail.

Voyageurs’ Tilson Connector Trail
The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR) 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 27.9 miles of ungroomed trail and is for the experienced skier. Bring a map and be prepared for winter travel in a remote area.

Snowshoeing
Blind Ash Bay Trail
The trailhead is at the Kabetogama Lake Overlook parking lot along the road to the Ash River Visitor Center (2.8 miles round trip).

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

Oberholtzer Trail
The trailhead is just outside the Rainy Lake Visitor Center (1.7 miles round trip).

Ice Roads
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.

The Kabetogama Lake/Ash River Ice Road starts at the boat launch ramp at Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center and extends at the boat launch ramp at Ash River Visitor Center. This ice road is 9.3 miles.

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.

Winter visitors enjoy the beauty of Voyageurs by snowmobile, on cross-country skis, in an auto on the ice road, on snowshoes, or in ice-fishing houses. Voyageurs invites visitors to come to the park and enjoy the solitude of the winter North Woods.

Rainy Lake Visitor Center
Fall and Winter Hours of Operation
October 1 - December 31, 2012
Wednesday - Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
January 2 - mid-May, 2013
Wednesday - Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Amenities:
- Trail and Ice Condition updates
- Hot cocoa
- A children’s activity area
- Maps of ski, snowshoe, and snowmobile trails
- JNPA Bookstore
- Life-size bull moose
- Exhibits and films
- Ski rentals & snowshoe loan program
You Should Know...

Snowmobiling is allowed on frozen lake surfaces and designated safety portages. 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.

Visitors can also find trail information at the following phone numbers:
- International Falls, (800) FALLS MN
- Kabetogama Lake, (800) 524-9085
- Ash River, (800) 950-2061
- Crane Lake, (877) 466-7669, (466-SNOW)

Speed Limits

The speed limit is 45 miles per hour (mph) on lake surfaces and 25 mph on land portages.

The 45 mph speed limit includes the lake surfaces of Kabetogama, Namakan, Sand Point, and Rainy Lakes within the park’s boundaries.

Speed limits are enforced. Ride within limits and watch for hazards.

Trail Markings

Trails are marked with stakes approximately every 0.10 mile for easy identification. Signs are posted to direct you to area resorts and additional trails. Hazards are generally identified with orange stakes, however ice conditions change daily and require vigilance by all operators.

Speed and the use of alcohol are the primary cause of accidents and deaths within the park. Use of snowmobiles off the frozen lake surfaces and staked trails is prohibited and causes irreversible scarring of rock surfaces by the carbide skids and studded tracks.

Drinking and Snowmobiling Don’t Mix!
It is illegal to operate a snowmobile while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

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 the guidelines below.

Dress Warm and Stay Dry
Cold temperatures, wet snow, and wind can easily rob you of body heat. To avoid hypothermia and frostbite, dress warm and stay dry.

Wear layers of wool or synthetics, like pile and polypropylene, under a waterproof shell. Avoid exposure to wind, drink a lot of water, and take warm-up breaks.

Be Aware
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, skis, or snowmobile. You need to know where you are and how to get to safety.

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

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

Voyageurs National Park is the nation’s only national park that provides groomed trails in the heart of a park without the use of a road system. This effort is supported through the cooperative assistance of the International Voyageur, Crane Lake Voyageurs, and the Ash River-Kabetogama Snowdrifters Snowmobile Clubs.

With over 110 miles of staked and groomed snowmobile trails on frozen surfaces, this unique experience provides wonderful opportunities to observe wildlife, including wolves, and the scenic splendor offered through the geologically diverse rock formations. Come enjoy this unique and wonderful experience while taking in the comfort of area resorts in your travels (see pages 14 - 15 for more information).
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Contact Information

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360 Highway 11 East
International Falls, MN 56649
Phone: (218) 283-6600
Fax: (218) 285-7407
www.nps.gov/voya
Hours of Operation:
Year-round, Monday – Friday
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Boat Tour Reservations
www.recreation.gov
National Call Center: (877) 444-6777
Hours of Operation:
March 1 - October 31, 2012
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.
November 1 – February 28, 2013
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.

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

Rainy Lake Visitor Center
Phone: (218) 286-5248
Fax: (218) 286-5274
Hours of Operation:
May 19 – September 30, 2012
Open daily – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
October 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012
Open Wednesday – Sunday,
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Open Wednesday – Sunday,
10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center
Phone: (218) 875-2111
Fax: (218) 875-2114
Hours of Operation:
May 19 – September 30, 2012
Open daily, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Ash River Visitor Center
Phone: (218) 374-3221
Hours of Operation:
May 19 – September 30, 2012
Open Thursday – Sunday,
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