Voyageurs National Park was set aside by Congress for 3 important reasons, its geological resources, its inspiring scenery comprised of water, forest, rocks and wildlife, and its historic waterways.

These waterways include an important segment 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.

As the fur trade expanded, it relied on the voyageurs, or French-Canadian canoemen, to muscle trade goods and furs between Montreal and the Canadian northwest.

The voyageurs in turn, relied on native peoples for furs, guide services, clothing, food, and medicine.

The route of these voyageurs shaped the international boundary between the US and Canada, and the legacy of these voyageurs inspired the naming of this national park.

From supporting the life and culture of Native Americans, to supplying resources for the fur trade, commercial fishing, gold mining, and timber and tourism industries, the interconnected waterway system of this area has influenced the movement of people for thousands of years.

Today, for the modern travelers who visit this land, Voyageurs National Park preserves the geology, scenery, and a segment of the historic voyageurs waterway route for all to enjoy.

What’s Inside
Welcome, Contact Information .................. 2
On the Water ................................. 3
Camping and Houseboating; New Reservation System .................. 4
Day Use .................................. 5
Hike To Health .............................. 6
Ranger-led Boat Tours and Programs .......................... 7
Experience Nature ............................. 8
Winter Activities; Snowmobiling, Skiing, Snowshoeing .............. 9
Park Map ................................ 10-11
Protect the Park; What Can You Do? .................. 12
Protect Yourself; Safe Boating and Fishing ............. 13
Accommodations and Services; Community Events .................. 14-16
Supporting Organizations ..................... 17
Volunteering .............................. 18
Kettle Falls .............................. 19
Things To Do .............................. 20

The dashed line follows the waterway routes of the voyageurs through what is now Voyageurs National Park and southern Canada. Can you identify the lakes?
Welcome

A Special Place

At night, looking down from space, Minnesota shows a dazzling spray of lights from the Twin Cities outward to the farm country, the Mississippi River valley, and the Iron Range. Just north of the glow, lies Voyageurs National Park, under a dark, night sky.

In Voyageurs National Park, you can lay stretched out on a rock half as old as the world and gaze up at nature’s light show in a sharp, clear sky. Here you can camp and hike in a solitude that is never lonely. There are lakes that have no names; lakes with tawny boulders rising from the water like giant loaves of bread; long flowages disturbed only by the slap of a beaver’s tail.

Apart from its sheer beauty, Voyageurs National Park reveals the drama of nature’s forces at work. There are forests where fire has renewed life and windrows of dead and fractured trees that were sheared off by straight line winds that tore through ridges and valleys. The ridges themselves, high above the lakes, bare the marks of glaciers moving on bedrock, like fingers drawn through sand.

You are welcome you to the park in all seasons. There are programs for all ages, including ranger-led boat tours, voyageur North Canoe trips, family canoe programs, hikes, snowshoe and crosscountry ski programs, and so much more!

We hope you will find your own place in the park to experience the solitude that isn’t so lonely, the darkness that lets you see the stars, and the silence where you will hear the landscape speak.

Voyageurs National Park staff

Traveling to the Park

Roads lead to six park entrances, the communities of Crane Lake, Orr, Kabetogama, Ranier, and International Falls. No matter where you choose to enter the park, each community has a range of services to assist with your trip (pages 14-16).

Contact Information

Voyageurs National Park Headquarters
www.nps.gov/voya
360 Highway 11 East
International Falls, MN 56649
Phone: (218) 283-6600
Year-round, Monday – Friday 8 am – 4:30 pm

Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center
Phone: (218) 875-2111
Mid - May – Mid - Sept, 2014 Open daily, 9:30 am – 5 pm

Rainy Lake Visitor Center
Phone: (218) 286-5258
Mid - May – Mid - Sept, 2014 Open daily, 9:30 am – 5 pm
Mid - Sept – Mid - May, 2015 Open Wed – Sun, 10 am – 4 pm

Ash River Visitor Center
Phone: (218) 374-3221
Mid - May – Mid - Sept, 2014 Open daily, 9:30 am – 5 pm

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

Voyagaire Lodge and Houseboats
www.voyagaire.com

Wagner Construction
www.wagnerconstructionmi.com

Wherley Motors Sales & Car Rental
www.wherleymotors.com

WoodsPort Cottages /Port of Ranier Rentals
woodsport.com/homepage.html

Visitor Guide Supporters

- International Falls, Rainy Lake, and Ranier Convention & Visitors Bureau rainylake.org
- Orr-Pelican Lake Association www.or鹈canlake.com
- Boise, Inc. www.boiseinc.com
- Kabetogama Lake Association www.kabetogama.com
- Voyageurs National Park Association www.voyageurs.org
- Crane Lake Visitor & Tourism Bureau www.vistocranelake.com
- Rainy River Community College www.rtc.mn.edu
- Arrowhead Lodge & Resort www.arrowheadlodgeresort.com
- Camp Idlewood Resort idlewoodresort.com
- North Country Inn www.northcountryinn.com/
- Oveson’s Pelican Lake Resort & Inn www.ovesonpelicanlakeresortandinn.com
- RE/MAX Lake Country www.thelakecountry.com
- Sha Sha Resort shashaonrainylake.com
- Super One Foods www.superone.com
- VFW Post 2948
- Voyageaire Lodge and Houseboats www.voyagaire.com
- Wagner Construction www.wagnerconstructionmi.com
- Wherley Motors Sales & Car Rental www.wherleymotors.com
- WoodsPort Cottages /Port of Ranier Rentals woodsport.com/homepage.html

© Raymond Klass 2006
Your guide to Voyageurs National Park

On the Water

Voyageurs’ Watershed and Flow Direction

Voyageurs National Park lies in the 14,900-square-mile Rainy Lake basin. About seventy percent of the basin lies within Ontario, Canada and thirty percent in Minnesota.

The general direction of water 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 main lakes are controlled by a dam crossing the international border at Fort Frances, Ontario Canada and International Falls, MN, as well as by dams at Kettle Falls and Squirrel Falls on Namakan Lake.

Navigation You Need to Know

The United States Coast Guard (USCG) numbered red and green buoy system is used to guide boaters and mark hazards.

To use this system you need to know the direction of lake flow.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Nun Buoy</th>
<th>Can Buoy</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><img src="image1.jpg" alt="Nun Buoy" /></td>
<td><img src="image2.jpg" alt="Can Buoy" /></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Remember red buoys to your right while traveling uplake:
- red
- right
- return

Fisheries in Voyageurs

There are 54 fish species known to exist in park lakes. Walleye is the most frequently sought after by anglers. Yellow perch and northern pike are the most widely spread species.

Other fish include smallmouth and largemouth bass, crappie, sauger, lake trout, muskellunge, and burbot.

Not all of these fish are native to the park. Some of these species may be native in the four main lakes of the park, but not native to the interior lakes where they exist due to prior stocking.

A Minnesota fishing license is required in the park. Know the slot (size limit) for the lakes. Effective 2014, Mukooda Lake is temporarily closed to lake trout fishing.

Thinking of Drinking Lake Water?

Visitors are advised to always treat lake water before using it for drinking or cooking.

Consider bringing drinking water with you when camping. 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 like pea soup should be avoided.

For detailed information visit the MPCA website:
http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/clmp-toxicalgae.html

Blue-green Algae Bloom
Camping and Houseboating

For 2014: The New Reservation System

What Sites Can I Reserve?
- May 15 - September 15, 2014:
  • 34 Frontcountry Campsites
  • All Backcountry Campsites
  • April 15 - October 15, 2014:
  • All Backcountry rental canoes and rowboats

Houseboat and other campsites are first-come, first-served, no reservation required, free permit still needed.

Reservation Requirements
- Reservation required (online or by phone) for overnight stays - year round, starting May 15, 2014.
- Reservation Fees apply only from May 15 - September 15 each year
- Reservations must be made at least 1 day prior to the day you want to occupy the site
- Visitors are required to print their permit prior to arrival and place at site
- Check-in is 3:00 pm or later
- Check-out by 12:00 noon
- Cancellation and/or amenity fee applies

Reservation Length

Minimum/Maximum:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Site/Min. # &amp; Type</th>
<th>Minimum Number</th>
<th>Maximum Number</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Frontcountry Camps</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Backcountry Camps</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Group Camps</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rental Canoe / Rowboat</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

How Do I Make A Reservation?
Reservations can be made online at www.recreation.gov or by phone at (877) 444-6777.

National Call Centers hours:
- March 1 - October 31 10:00 am to 12:00 am (EST)
- November 1 - February 28 10:00 am to 10:00 pm (EST)

No One Has Reserved The Site For Today. Can I Reserve It?
- Yes. Between May 15 - September 15, 2014, non-reservable sites are first-come, first-served, no reservation required.
- Free overnight permits are reserved and available at all park boat launch ramps and inside park visitor centers.

Can I Cancel Or Change My Reservation?
- Yes. Permit holders may cancel their reservation at any time. Fee applies.
- Cancellations must be made by phone, (877) 444-6777.
- You cannot call a park office for a cancellation or change.

Where Do I Get A Permit?
- Once a reservation is made online or by phone, a confirmation email will be sent to the permit holder.
- 14 days prior to your arrival another email will be sent explaining how to print your permit.
- Permits cannot be printed once you reach the park.
- Permits must be brought to the park and placed in the provided water-proof box located on the bear-proof food locker at your site.
- If a permit does not accompany you to your site, your reservation is void. No refunds will be given.
- Permits are non-transferrable.

How Much Does It Cost?

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Site/Min. # &amp; Type</th>
<th>Fee (day use)</th>
<th>Fee (overnight)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Small Campsite</td>
<td>$10 one time per reservation call</td>
<td>$12 per night</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Large Campsite</td>
<td>$10 one time per reservation call</td>
<td>$20 per night</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Group Campsite</td>
<td>$10 one time per reservation call</td>
<td>$35 per night</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rental Canoe</td>
<td>$10 one time per reservation call</td>
<td>$24 per night</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rental Rowboat</td>
<td>$10 one time per reservation call</td>
<td>$20 per night</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

For more info, pick up a brochure or go online at www.nps.gov/voya
**Day Use Questions**

**Where Can I Picnic?**
Visitors may stop and enjoy day use sites throughout the park. Visitors **may not** stay overnight at a day use site.

These sites are marked with a picnic table icon on National Geographic Maps. Amenities at these sites include:
- Picnic table, fire ring, privy

**Is Day Use Allowed At Reservable Sites?**
- May 15 - September 15, 2014: No. However, day use is allowed at non reservable sites.
- Sept. 16, 2014 and beyond: Any site not posted as reserved can be used for day use between 12:00 noon and 3:00 pm.

**General Park Regulations**

**No Collecting**
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.

**Pets**
Pets are allowed on a leash in developed areas (around visitor centers, boat launch ramps, picnic areas, campsites, and houseboat sites), on the four main lakes, and along park entrance roads. Pets are NOT allowed on park trails (except the Oberholtzer Trail) or in the backcountry. This rule is in place to protect park wildlife and your pet.

**Wildlife**
Do not harass or feed wildlife. Observe wildlife quietly from a distance. Animals need adequate space. Do not disturb wildlife, especially breeding or nesting birds, or adult animals with young.

**Closed Areas**
Respect public use closures. Check at visitor centers and boat launch ramp bulletin boards for areas that have been closed to protect visitors, wildlife, and other sensitive resources. Closed areas are posted with signs. When in doubt, ask a park ranger.

**Hunting**
Hunting is not allowed in Voyageurs National Park.

**Crossing the Border**
Know Canadian and US Customs and fishing regulations before you cross the border. Canadian customs (807) 274-3655, United States customs (218) 283-0769.

**Quiet Hours**
10:00 pm to 6:00 am

**Campfires and Firewood**
Use a campstove or build campfires in established fire rings only. Never leave a fire unattended. Drown and stir all campfires with water. If ashes are still warm to the touch, they may still start a fire. Collecting wood for campfires is allowed only if the wood is DEAD and DOWNE.

Do not cut down any tree in the park, living or dead, for firewood. Chainsaws are prohibited except when being used to cut ice fishing holes.

Do not bring firewood unless purchased from an approved MN DNR vendor to prevent Emerald Ash Borer infestations.

**Backcountry Canoe & Rowboat Rentals**
The park provides rental canoes and rowboats on several Backcountry lakes for day and overnight use located on the Kabetogama Peninsula.

Reservations are required. Visitors may go online at www.recreation.gov or call (877) 444-6777.

The Kabetogama Peninsula can only be accessed by water, so you will need to use your own boat or reserve a water taxi service (page 16) to access the trails that lead to the park’s interior lakes and boats.

There are no rental canoes or rowboats at the visitor centers.

Reservations for that day only may be made at park visitor centers at a self-help kiosk if space is available.

All boats are locked and chained, and require a key that must be picked up at a visitor center prior to entry into the backcountry.
# Hike to Health

Voyageurs National Park is proud to partner with the Rainy Lake Medical Center in International Falls to bring you the Hike to Health: Trails Passport Program.

This program promotes a healthy lifestyle by encouraging people to get active and outside.

## Hike to Health Program

To get started, visit any of the three park visitor centers to pick up a Trails Passport and trail map. Then head out to any of the park's 19 trails. Locate the trail rubbing posted along each trail, and etch it into your passport. Bring along a crayon or pencil for the etching.

Pets are not allowed on park trails with the exception of the Oberholtzer Trail.

Once you have completed 5, 10, and all trails, bring your passport filled with rubbings back to a visitor center to receive special recognition.

## Land Access Trails

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Trail/Destination</th>
<th>Difficulty</th>
<th>Distance</th>
<th>Hiking Time</th>
<th>Winter</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Rainy Lake area</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ethno-botanical Garden Trail</td>
<td>Easy</td>
<td>0.25 mile</td>
<td>20 minutes</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oberholtzer Trail</td>
<td>Easy</td>
<td>1.7 miles</td>
<td>45 minutes</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rainy Lake Recreation Trail</td>
<td>Easy (coming soon)</td>
<td>0.85 mile one-way</td>
<td>1.5 hours</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tilson Connector Ski Trail</td>
<td>Easy</td>
<td>1 mile, one-way</td>
<td>20 minutes</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Kabetogama Lake area</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Echo Bay Trail</td>
<td>Easy to Moderate</td>
<td>2.5 miles, loop</td>
<td>2 hours</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kab-Ash Trail</td>
<td>Moderate to Strenuous</td>
<td>27.9 miles</td>
<td>Days</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Ash River area</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Beaver Pond Overlook</td>
<td>Moderate</td>
<td>0.2 mile, one way</td>
<td>30 minutes</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Blind Ash Bay Trail</td>
<td>Moderate</td>
<td>2.8 miles, loop</td>
<td>2.5 hours</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kab-Ash Trail</td>
<td>Moderate to Strenuous</td>
<td>27.9 miles</td>
<td>Days</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kabetogama Lake Overlook</td>
<td>Easy</td>
<td>0.2 mile, one way</td>
<td>20 minutes</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sullivan Bay Trail</td>
<td>Easy</td>
<td>1.5 miles</td>
<td>2 hours</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Voyageurs Forest Overlook</td>
<td>Easy to Moderate</td>
<td>0.5 mile, loop</td>
<td>30 minutes</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

## Water Access Trails

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Trail/Destination</th>
<th>Difficulty</th>
<th>Distance</th>
<th>Hiking Time</th>
<th>Winter</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Rainy Lake area</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Anderson Bay Overlook Trail</td>
<td>Moderate</td>
<td>1.75 miles, loop</td>
<td>2 hours</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Black Bay Beaver Pond Trail</td>
<td>Moderate</td>
<td>1.2 miles, round trip</td>
<td>1 hour</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Black Bay Ski Trail System</td>
<td>Moderate</td>
<td>1 to 5 mile loops</td>
<td>30 minutes to 2 hours</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Little American Island Trail</td>
<td>Easy</td>
<td>0.25 mile, loop</td>
<td>20 minutes</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Kabetogama Lake area</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cruiser Lake Trail System</td>
<td>Moderate to Strenuous</td>
<td>9.5 miles, one way</td>
<td>6 - 8 hours</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Locator Lake Trail</td>
<td>Moderate to Strenuous</td>
<td>2 miles, one way</td>
<td>2 hours</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Ash River area</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Beast Lake Trail</td>
<td>Moderate</td>
<td>0.25 mile to Beast Lake and 2.5 miles, one-way to Brown Lake</td>
<td>3 to 4 hours</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Your guide to Voyageurs National Park

Ranger-led Boat Tours and Programs

### Rainy Lake Visitor Center

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Tour Type</th>
<th>Date and Description</th>
<th>Sun</th>
<th>Mon</th>
<th>Tue</th>
<th>Wed</th>
<th>Thu</th>
<th>Fri</th>
<th>Sat</th>
<th>Adult</th>
<th>Child</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Grand Tour</td>
<td>June 17 – September 5, except July 4 &amp; August 30</td>
<td>1 pm</td>
<td>1 pm</td>
<td>1 pm</td>
<td>1 pm</td>
<td>1 pm</td>
<td>1 pm</td>
<td>$30</td>
<td>$15</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gold Mine Tour</td>
<td>June 15 – August 21</td>
<td>2 pm</td>
<td>2 pm</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>$20</td>
<td>$15</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kettle Falls Cruise</td>
<td>August 30 and September 6</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>2 days only</td>
<td>10 am</td>
<td>$50</td>
<td>$25</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>North Canoe Voyage</td>
<td>June 17 – August 23</td>
<td>10 am</td>
<td>10 am</td>
<td>10 am</td>
<td>10 am</td>
<td>Free</td>
<td>Free</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Family Canoe Trip</td>
<td>August 16 – August 18</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>2 pm</td>
<td>Free</td>
<td>Free</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ethno-botanical Garden Tour</td>
<td>June 17 – September 5, except August 20, 30, &amp; Sept. 4</td>
<td>12 pm</td>
<td>12 pm</td>
<td>12 pm</td>
<td>12 pm</td>
<td>Free</td>
<td>Free</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Patio Talk</td>
<td>June 17 – September 5, except August 20, 30, &amp; Sept. 4</td>
<td>3:30 pm</td>
<td>3:30 pm</td>
<td>3:30 pm</td>
<td>3:30 pm</td>
<td>Free</td>
<td>Free</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Tour Type</th>
<th>Date and Description</th>
<th>Sun</th>
<th>Mon</th>
<th>Tue</th>
<th>Wed</th>
<th>Thu</th>
<th>Fri</th>
<th>Sat</th>
<th>Adult</th>
<th>Child</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Kettle Falls Cruise</td>
<td>June 15 – August 22</td>
<td>10 am</td>
<td>10 am</td>
<td>10 am</td>
<td>10 am</td>
<td>10 am</td>
<td></td>
<td>$40</td>
<td>$25</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ellsworth Rock Garden Tour and Eagle Watch</td>
<td>June 18 – August 20</td>
<td>2 pm</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>$25</td>
<td>$15</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hoist Bay Tour &amp; Eagle Watch</td>
<td>June 16 – August 18</td>
<td>2 pm</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>$30</td>
<td>$15</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>North Canoe Voyage</td>
<td>June 16 – August 22</td>
<td>2 pm</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Free</td>
<td>Free</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Family Canoe Trip</td>
<td>June 18 – August 20</td>
<td>10:30 am</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Free</td>
<td>Free</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Ash River Visitor Center

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Tour Type</th>
<th>Date and Description</th>
<th>Sun</th>
<th>Mon</th>
<th>Tue</th>
<th>Wed</th>
<th>Thu</th>
<th>Fri</th>
<th>Sat</th>
<th>Adult</th>
<th>Child</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Bluffs and Bays Hike</td>
<td>June 17 – August 22</td>
<td>2 pm</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Free</td>
<td>Free</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>North Canoe Voyage</td>
<td>June 18 – August 20</td>
<td>10:30 am</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Free</td>
<td>Free</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Kettle Falls Dam Tour

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date and Description</th>
<th>Sun</th>
<th>Mon</th>
<th>Tue</th>
<th>Wed</th>
<th>Thu</th>
<th>Fri</th>
<th>Sat</th>
<th>Adult</th>
<th>Child</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>June 15 – August 22</td>
<td>1:10 pm</td>
<td>1:10 pm</td>
<td>1:10 pm</td>
<td>1:10 pm</td>
<td>1:10 pm</td>
<td></td>
<td>Free</td>
<td>Free</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Make Your Boat Tour Reservation for the Summer (877) 444-6777, www.recreation.gov

Discounts are available for those with valid Federal Senior and Access passes and must be purchased prior to reservation. For all boat tours, please check in at the correct visitor center 30 minutes prior to a scheduled departure.
Imagine walking through a forest mixed with golden colored tamarack or under a canopy of aspens and maples displaying an array of red, gold, and yellow leaves. This is Voyageurs. Imagine following the smell of pine scents as you walk along rock covered ridges. This is Voyageurs. Imagine seeing a fox scurrying by while hearing the call of a loon or the howl of a wolf. This is 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 seventy percent of the park. Quaking aspen dominates the forest with other species including birch, pine, spruce, 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, foxes, coyotes, lynx, bobcats, beavers, black bears, eagles, ravens, and common loons. Voyageurs also hosts more than 240 neotropical bird species who either live in or migrate through the park. Pick up a Plant and Animal Checklist at any park visitor center to record your discoveries. Come and experience nature.

Voyageurs National Park is one of the few places in North America where you can see and touch rocks half the age of the Earth. The exposed rock you see all around you is the southern edge of the volcanic bedrock that forms the core of the continent. This bedrock is from the birth of North America. Massive, explosive volcanoes deposited layer after layer of ash and lava. Subsequent uplifting, folding, tremendous pressure, and superheating created igneous and metamorphic rock. Eons of erosion wore down the volcanic mountain range. The ice ages brought glaciers, moving rivers of ice that scoured away the younger rock layers. This action exposed the roots of the ancient mountains - granite, migmaitite, and biotite schist you see today. As the glaciers receded, torrents of melt water filled low-lying areas creating the lakes and bogs of today’s landscape. The oldest rock in the park tells a recent human story. Fault zones in exposed 2.8-billion-year-old greenstone revealed gold embedded in quartz veins. The discovery sparked a short-lived mining rush in the 1890s. To accommodate the gold miners on Little American Island, Rainy Lake City sprung up on the shores of Black Bay. No one got rich, and the boomtown was abandoned by 1901. Many of the newcomers stayed for good, and their descendents live in the region today.

Black bears are a normal part of park life. Today, there are approximately 250 black bears in Voyageurs National Park. Visitors are often surprised to discover bears will swim from place to place. While black bears are found throughout the park, by nature, they do not seek out people. Always remember to keep your distance when encountering a bear. Here’s how you can help have a safe and enjoyable visit:

- All food, garbage, scented items, and equipment used to cook needs to be stored in a vehicle, metal bear-proof food locker, or hung 10-feet high and 4-feet out from a pole or tree.
- Coolers will not protect food from black bears. Bears are strong, and placing a rock or other heavy item atop your cooler will not keep them out.
- Improperly stored food has drawn black bears to campsites, resulting in property damage and an increased risk to human safety.
**Winter Activities**

**Crosscountry Ski Trails**
Voyageurs National Park offers 3 different groomed crosscountry ski trail systems, Black Bay, Echo Bay, and Tilson Connector Ski Trails. For a more rugged and solitary experience, the ungroomed Kab-Ash Ski Trail is also available. The trails range from easy to moderate (page 6).

Ski rentals are available at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center during regular hours.

**Snowshoe Trails**
When snow covers the landscape, four designated trails in the park become a snowshoer’s winter wonderland, the Black Bay Beaver Pond, Blind Ash Bay, Oberholtzer, and Sullivan Bay Trails. The trails range from easy to moderate (page 6).

A free snowshoe check-out program is available at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center during regular hours.

**Ice Roads**

**Rainy Lake Ice Road**
This 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 ice conditions.

**Kab - Ash Ice Road**
This 9.3 mile road starts at the boat launch ramp at the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center and connects to the boat launch ramp at the Ash River Visitor Center.

Check at the visitor center for up-to-date information. The speed limit is 30 MPH.

When heavy snow, slush, or thin ice exists, ice roads may be closed or shortened. Travel beyond the plowed section is unsafe.

**Ice Fishing**

Voyageurs National Park is the nation’s only national park that provides groomed snowmobile 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 Voyageurs, Crane Lake Voyageurs, and the Ash River-Kabetogama Snowdrifters Snowmobile Clubs.

**Snowmobile Regulations and Safety**

**Watch For Two Important Safety Issues**
1. Pressure Ridges change the surface of the lake. Always stop and inspect ridge areas before crossing. Pressure ridges are marked with two crossed orange caution stakes.

2. Slush and Open Water are dangerous. Avoid these conditions by staying on staked and groomed trails.

**Trail Conditions**
Voyageurs National Park’s winter 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. Conditions are updated weekly at [http://www.nps.gov/voya/planyourvisit/winter-trail-updates.htm](http://www.nps.gov/voya/planyourvisit/winter-trail-updates.htm).

**Snowmobile Trail Speed Limits**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>25 mph</th>
<th>45 mph</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Land Portages</td>
<td>Lake Surfaces</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Placement of equipment or any type of structure must be greater than 50 feet off the edge of all ice roads and 50 feet off the centerline of all snowmobile trails. Check ice conditions before going out. A MN State fishing license and a shelter (fish house) registration are required.**
Visitor Destinations and Trails

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>#</th>
<th>Trail Name</th>
<th>Access</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Little American Island Visitor Destination and Trail</td>
<td>Water</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Oberholtzer Trail</td>
<td>Car</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Ethno-botanical Garden Trail</td>
<td>Car</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Black Bay Ski Trail System</td>
<td>Frozen Lake Surface</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Location Lake Trail</td>
<td>Water</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Echo Bay Trail</td>
<td>Car</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>Kab-Ash Trail (West Section)</td>
<td>Car</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>Blind Ash Bay Trail</td>
<td>Car</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>Kabetogama Lake Overlook Trail</td>
<td>Car</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>Beaver Pond Overlook Trail</td>
<td>Car</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11</td>
<td>Voyageurs Forest Overlook Trail</td>
<td>Car</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12</td>
<td>Anderson Bay Overlook Trail</td>
<td>Car</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13</td>
<td>Boast Lake Trail</td>
<td>Water</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14</td>
<td>Cruiser Lake Trail System</td>
<td>Water</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15</td>
<td>Rainy Lake Recreation Trail (Coming Soon)</td>
<td>Car</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16</td>
<td>Johnson Connector Ski Trail</td>
<td>Car</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17</td>
<td>Kab-Ash Trail (East Section)</td>
<td>Car</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18</td>
<td>Sullivan Bay Trail</td>
<td>Car</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>19</td>
<td>Black Bay Beaver Pond Trail</td>
<td>Water</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20</td>
<td>Ellsworth Rock Gardens Visitor Destination</td>
<td>Water</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>21</td>
<td>Hoist Bay Visitor Destination</td>
<td>Water</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>22</td>
<td>Casareto Cabin Visitor Destination</td>
<td>Water</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>23</td>
<td>Kettle Falls Visitor Destination</td>
<td>Water</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Distance Around the Park by Boat

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>From</th>
<th>To</th>
<th>Distance by Boat</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Ash River Visitor Center</td>
<td>Kettle Falls</td>
<td>13 miles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brule Narrows</td>
<td>Kettle Falls</td>
<td>20 miles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Crane Lake Ranger Station</td>
<td>Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center</td>
<td>39 miles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center</td>
<td>Ash River Visitor Center</td>
<td>8 miles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center</td>
<td>Kettle Falls</td>
<td>21 miles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center</td>
<td>Gold Portage</td>
<td>7 miles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center</td>
<td>Ellsworth Rock Gardens</td>
<td>5 miles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rainy Lake Visitor Center</td>
<td>Kettle Falls</td>
<td>34 miles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rainy Lake Visitor Center</td>
<td>Brule Narrows</td>
<td>14 miles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rainy Lake Visitor Center</td>
<td>Anderson Bay</td>
<td>26 miles</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Distance Around the Park by Car

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>From</th>
<th>To</th>
<th>Distance by Car</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Ash River Visitor Center</td>
<td>Crane Lake Ranger Station</td>
<td>72 miles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center</td>
<td>Ash River Visitor Center</td>
<td>17 miles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center</td>
<td>Crane Lake Ranger Station</td>
<td>67 miles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rainy Lake Visitor Center</td>
<td>Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center</td>
<td>36 miles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rainy Lake Visitor Center</td>
<td>Ash River Visitor Center</td>
<td>49 miles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rainy Lake Visitor Center</td>
<td>Crane Lake Ranger Station</td>
<td>103 miles</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**Protect the Park**

![Image of wildlife in Voyageurs National Park]

**Exotic Species Alert**

Exotic species are plants, animals, or diseases that are not native to the local ecosystem. They are likely to cause harm to the economy, environment, or 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
- Emerald Ash Borer
- Rusty Crayfish
- Eurasian Watermilfoil

**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.

Spiny water fleas were first found in Rainy and Namakan Lakes in 2006. The main 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 right).

**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. Do not bring firewood into the park unless purchased from a MN DNR approved firewood vendor.

You may collect dead and downed wood near your campsite.

**Rusty Crayfish**

Rusty crayfish were discovered in the park in 2006, are more aggressive than native crayfish, and can disrupt aquatic plant and animal communities by eliminating aquatic plants in infested areas.

Never release any pet or aquarium species of crayfish into lakes. Remember that using live crayfish for bait is prohibited in all park waters.

**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, swimming, and can also crowd out native water plants.

**What Can You Do?**

**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 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.
Always Wear Your Life Jacket

Minnesota state law requires all watercraft (including canoes and kayaks) to have one wearable United States Coast Guard (USCG) approved personal flotation device (PFD) on board and accessible for each person. The State of Minnesota requires all children under 10 years of age to wear a life jacket when in a recreational boat.

Swimming & Boating
When swimming around or behind boats, always make certain engines and generators are turned off to prevent toxic gas exposure.

A Minnesota fishing license is required to fish in the park
Know the slot (size limit) for the lakes where you will be fishing. Park rangers enforce Minnesota State fishing regulations.

Stay Seated in Watercraft
When moving, passengers should be seated. Riding on the bow or gunwale is prohibited.

Boating Checklist
✓ A wearable life preserver readily accessible per person
✓ Type IV throwable cushion
✓ Navigation maps
✓ Navigation lights at night
✓ Whistle or horn
✓ Anchor, paddles or oars
✓ Spare propeller
✓ Flashlight and first aid kit

Protect Yourself

The weather can change rapidly and severely. Make sure to 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, the low is 54°F. The average low temperature in February is -1°F, the high is 22°F.

Emergencies
⇒ Call 911
⇒ Cellular phones may not work in the park.
⇒ Phones are located near all visitor centers.
⇒ Park rangers monitor marine band 16 for emergencies during business hours.

Quiet Hours
10:00 pm to 6:00 am

Firearms
As of February 22, 2010, federal law allows people who can legally possess firearms under federal, Minnesota, and local laws - with a valid state permit to carry - 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; this federal law does not alter the existing regulatory restrictions on the use and possession of these firearms within the park.

In addition, federal law prohibits possession of firearms on tour boats and certain facilities in this park; those places are posted with signs at public entrances.

If you have questions, please contact the Chief Ranger at (218) 283-6600.

Filleted Fish
When fishing in or traveling on Kabetogama, Namakan, Sand Point, and Rainy Lakes, you cannot possess filleted fish because these lakes are classified as experimental waters.

Minnesota fishing regulations state “when on or fishing experimental, special, border, or other waters with size restrictions different from the statewide regulations, all fish for which that regulation applies must have their heads, tails, fins, and skin intact.”

If you are camping in the park and want to bring fish home, the fish must stay measurable until you reach the boat landing. There are two ways to do this: 1) gut and gill the fish to keep them measurable, or 2) bring a live box to keep your fish alive until you plan to leave. Live fish can be transported, and when you get off the water, they can be filleted at that time.
## Local Accommodations

### Rainy Lake, Ranier & International Falls

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Accommodation Name</th>
<th>Address</th>
<th>Phone Numbers</th>
<th>Rating</th>
<th>Year Round</th>
<th>Website Address</th>
<th>Notes</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Ash-Ka-Nam Resort</td>
<td>(888) 300-8801, (218) 283-8811</td>
<td>50 1 (FGO)</td>
<td>PFFCOVW</td>
<td>All Year</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bear Ridge Guest House</td>
<td>bearridgeguesthouse.net</td>
<td>(218) 285-5710</td>
<td>LF</td>
<td>All Year</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Birch Point</td>
<td>(218) 285-3541</td>
<td>3 3 (FGO)</td>
<td>EBWTDF</td>
<td>B</td>
<td>May-Sept.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Black Bear Resort</td>
<td>blackbearresort.com</td>
<td>(218) 365-3277</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>All Year</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Blue Spruce Resort</td>
<td>bluesprucesuperb.com</td>
<td>(218) 365-7286</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>All Year</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>City Beach Campground</td>
<td><a href="http://www.ci.international-falls.mn.us">www.ci.international-falls.mn.us</a></td>
<td>(218) 285-0484</td>
<td>PSF</td>
<td>Jan-Aug.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Days Inn Motel</td>
<td>daysinn.com</td>
<td>(218) 285-0441</td>
<td>5 1 (FGO)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Falls Motel</td>
<td>fallsmotel.org</td>
<td>(218) 283-8434</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>All Year</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hilltop Motel &amp; Cables</td>
<td><a href="mailto:hilltop51@frontier.com">hilltop51@frontier.com</a></td>
<td>(218) 283-2505</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>May-Oct.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Island View Lodge &amp; Cabins</td>
<td>gonorainylake.com</td>
<td>(218) 286-3511</td>
<td>24 1</td>
<td>All Year</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The Lakeside, Cabins &amp; RV Park</td>
<td>(800) 886-5737, (218) 286-5737</td>
<td>5 3 D WED4RV (FGO)</td>
<td></td>
<td>All Year</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>North Shore Lodge &amp; Cabins</td>
<td>northshorelodge.com</td>
<td>(218) 286-3637</td>
<td>24 1</td>
<td>All Year</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>River Mist Retreat Vacation Home</td>
<td>riversidevacationhome.com</td>
<td>(218) 286-3647</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>All Year</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tad's Rainy Lake Inn &amp; Suites</td>
<td>rainylakeinn.com</td>
<td>(877) 872-2151</td>
<td>4 1</td>
<td>All Year</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Birch Grove Resort</td>
<td>birchgroveresort.com</td>
<td>(800) 834-7809</td>
<td>9 1</td>
<td>May-Oct.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bird Watch Resort</td>
<td>birdwatchresort.com</td>
<td>(218) 365-8775</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>All Year</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Carson's Harmony Beach Resort</td>
<td>carsonsbeachresort.com</td>
<td>(218) 285-2171</td>
<td>7 3</td>
<td>All Year</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Driftwood Resort</td>
<td>driftwoodresort.com</td>
<td>(218) 285-3841</td>
<td>20 1</td>
<td>All Year</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ewen's Kettlehouse Resort</td>
<td>ewenskettlehouse.com</td>
<td>(218) 285-2325</td>
<td>9 2</td>
<td>All Year</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ken's Kove</td>
<td>keckscove.com</td>
<td>(218) 285-8241</td>
<td>9 1</td>
<td>All Year</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lakeview Retreat Lodge &amp; Cabins</td>
<td>lakeviewlodge.com</td>
<td>(218) 285-2611</td>
<td>12 1</td>
<td>All Year</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Moose Mountain Resort</td>
<td>moosemountainresort.com</td>
<td>(218) 285-3401</td>
<td>9 3</td>
<td>All Year</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>North Shore Lodge &amp; Cabins</td>
<td>northshorelodge.com</td>
<td>(218) 285-2175</td>
<td>6 3</td>
<td>All Year</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Northwoods Lodge</td>
<td>northwoodslodge.com</td>
<td>(218) 285-2591</td>
<td>12 3</td>
<td>All Year</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pine Aire Resort</td>
<td>pineaire.com</td>
<td>(218) 286-2161</td>
<td>20 1</td>
<td>All Year</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pine Tree Cove</td>
<td>pinetreecovecondo.com</td>
<td>(218) 285-2086</td>
<td>5 2</td>
<td>All Year</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sandy Point Lodge &amp; Outfitters</td>
<td>sandpointlodge.com</td>
<td>(218) 285-2615</td>
<td>16 1</td>
<td>All Year</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Snyder's Idylwild Resort</td>
<td>snyderidlwildresort.com</td>
<td>(218) 285-3311</td>
<td>11 3</td>
<td>All Year</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>State Fair Campground Wooddenfrog</td>
<td>dfr.state.mn.us</td>
<td>(218) 285-2299</td>
<td>67WTR</td>
<td>All Year</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Voyageur Park Lodge</td>
<td>voyageurparklodge.com</td>
<td>(888) 331-5896</td>
<td>14 3</td>
<td>All Year</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ash River</td>
<td><a href="mailto:ashriverinfo@international-cen.org">ashriverinfo@international-cen.org</a></td>
<td>(800) 950-2601</td>
<td>13 1</td>
<td>All Year</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ash-Ka-Nam Resort</td>
<td>ashkanam.com</td>
<td>(888) 300-8801</td>
<td>50 1</td>
<td>All Year</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ash River</td>
<td>ashriverinfo.com</td>
<td>(218) 374-3181</td>
<td>13 1</td>
<td>All Year</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ash River Information Center</td>
<td>ashriverinfo.org</td>
<td>(800) 374-3411</td>
<td>6 3</td>
<td>All Year</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ash Trail Lodge</td>
<td>ashtraillodge.com</td>
<td>(218) 374-3317</td>
<td>17 1</td>
<td>All Year</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ebel's Voyageur Houseboats</td>
<td>ebels.com</td>
<td>(218) 285-5473</td>
<td>10 1</td>
<td>All Year</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Frontier Resort</td>
<td>frontiersport.net</td>
<td>(218) 374-3511</td>
<td>1 3</td>
<td>All Year</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Keuka Falls Hotel</td>
<td>keukafallshotel.com</td>
<td>(866) 950-2996</td>
<td>1 3</td>
<td>All Year</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sunrise Campground</td>
<td>sunriselodge.com</td>
<td>(218) 374-3161</td>
<td>12 1</td>
<td>All Year</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>North Country Inn</td>
<td>northcountryinn.com</td>
<td>(218) 757-3778</td>
<td>12 1</td>
<td>All Year</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Norman's Motel</td>
<td><a href="mailto:normansmotel@parkmotel.com">normansmotel@parkmotel.com</a></td>
<td>(218) 757-3272</td>
<td>14 1</td>
<td>All Year</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SF Campground</td>
<td>santaferesorts.mx</td>
<td>(218) 365-7229</td>
<td>67WTR</td>
<td>All Year</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Local Accommodations

Crane Lake

Crane Lake Visitor and Tourism Bureau
7238 Hambrecht Rd. • Crane Lake, MN 55725
(800) 362-7405 • www.visitcranelake.com

Your guide to Voyageurs National Park

Season of Operation:
(All year may include shut-down periods)

Swimming:  B-Beach, P-Pool

Boat Rentals:  F-Fishing, R-Runabout, C-Canoe, P-Paddleboat, Po-Pontoon, K-Kayak, S-Sailboat, Rb-Rowboat, D-Dockage, N-Snowmobile, (FGO) For Guests Only

Guests who wish to stay in the park should make arrangements for accommodations before coming to the park. The following accommodations are located within and surrounding the park. These facilities are not maintained or operated by the National Park Service. The following accommodations are located within and surrounding the park. These facilities are not maintained or operated by the National Park Service.

May 10, 2014
Minnesota Fishing Opener

June 28-29, 2014
Lady Slipper Festival
Kabetogama, MN

July 2, 4, 5, 2014
International Tug of War
Independence Day Celebration
Riverfest Concert
International Falls, MN

August 2, 2014
Rainy Lake Triathlon
International Falls, MN

August 8, 2014
Ranier Summer Festival
Ranier, MN

August 21 - 23, 2014
Bass Championship
International Falls, MN

August 30 - Sept. 1, 2014
Voyageur Days
Crane Lake, MN

Sept. 11-12 & 18-19, 2014
Ghosts of Voyageurs
Rainy Lake Visitor Center
Voyageurs National Park, MN

Sept. 12-13, 2014
Fall Volunteer Rendezvous
Voyageurs National Park, MN

January 14-15, 2015
Icebox Days
International Falls, MN

Community Events

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Event Name</th>
<th>Dates</th>
<th>Location</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Minnesota Fishing Opener</td>
<td>May 10, 2014</td>
<td>Crane Lake, MN</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lady Slipper Festival</td>
<td>June 28-29, 2014</td>
<td>Kabetogama, MN</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>International Tug of War</td>
<td>July 2, 4, 5, 2014</td>
<td>International Falls, MN</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rainy Lake Triathlon</td>
<td>August 2, 2014</td>
<td>International Falls, MN</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ranier Summer Festival</td>
<td>August 8, 2014</td>
<td>Ranier, MN</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bass Championship</td>
<td>August 21 - 23, 2014</td>
<td>International Falls, MN</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Voyageur Days</td>
<td>August 30 - Sept. 1, 2014</td>
<td>Crane Lake, MN</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ghosts of Voyageurs</td>
<td>Sept. 11-12 &amp; 18-19, 2014</td>
<td>Voyageurs National Park, MN</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fall Volunteer Rendezvous</td>
<td>Sept. 12-13, 2014</td>
<td>Voyageurs National Park, MN</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Icebox Days</td>
<td>January 14-15, 2015</td>
<td>International Falls, MN</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Orr

On Pelican Lake Resort Association, PO Box 144, Orr, MN 55771, (888) 777-4690, www.orrpelicanlake.com
Your guide to Voyageurs National Park

Commercial Services

Businesses listed are authorized to provide services within Voyageurs National Park

Rainy Lake

- Billy's Guide Service  (218) 285-5422 Rainy Lake
- Border Country Outfitters  (218) 224-0458 Rainy Lake
- Christenson's Guide Service  (218) 285-3435 Rainy Lake
- Erickson's Guide Service  (218) 285-9598 Rainy Lake
- Gator Charters  (807) 274-2112 gatorcharters.com Rainy Lake
- Miller Williams Boat Captain & Fishing Guide  (218) 285-3591 Rainy Lake
- Norman Wood's Guide Service  (218) 324-2055 Rainy Lake
- Northern Memories Guide Service  (218) 285-2095 Rainy Lake
- Northern Houseboats  (218) 285-5221 northernhouseboats.com Rainy Lake
- One Dog's Guide Service  (218) 875-4122 Rainy Lake
- Pat Arnold's Charter Fishing  (218) 285-9100 arnoldsfishing.com Rainy Lake
- Paradise Outfitters Inc.  (218) 285-8486 paradiseoutfittersinc.com Rainy Lake
- Rainy Lake Houseboats  (218) 285-5931 rainylakehouseboats.com Rainy Lake
- Rudder's Guide Service  (218) 344-1054 Rainy Lake
- Scott's Rainy Lake Guide Service  (218) 210-1407,  (218) 753-3715 scottsharylandlakeguideservice.com Rainy Lake
- Voyage North Guide Service  (812) 805-3967 Rainy Lake
- Voyageurs Outfitters Inc.  (218) 285-9050 voyageursoutfitters.com Rainy Lake
- Wizard Charters  (763) 233-1957 Rainy Lake
- Woody's Fairly Reliable Guide Service  (218) 285-5021,  (800) 410-5001 fairlyreliable.com Rainy Lake

Kabetogama Lake & Ash River

- Arrowhead Lodge & Resort  (218) 875-2141 arrowheadlodgeresort.com Kabetogama Lake
- Border Guide Service  (218) 324-0495 bordergladventure.com Kabetogama Lake
- Carlson's Harmony Beach  (218) 875-2611 harmonybeachresort.com Kabetogama Lake
- Chuck's Guide Service  (218) 875-2025 Kabetogama Lake
- Driftwood Lodge Resort  (218) 875-3841 driftwoodlodge.com Kabetogama Lake
- Elk's Voyageur Houseboats  (218) 374-3571 elkhillsboats.com Ash River
- End of the Tail Guide Service  (218) 374-3131 endofthetail.com Ash River
- Frank House Guide Service  (218) 875-3051 Kabetogama Lake
- Granger Guide Service  (218) 875-3062 fishingkabetogama.com Kabetogama Lake
- Island Resort  (218) 875-3925 islandresort.com Kabetogama Lake
- Northern Limits Guide Service  (320) 266-4514,  (218) 374-3131 northernlimguiding.com Ash River
- Nel's Guide Service  (218) 875-3961 Kabetogama Lake
- Kabetogama Angling Adventure  (218) 875-2075 kabetogamaangling.com Kabetogama Lake
- Pigeon Tree Cove  (218) 875-2121 pigeonlocomotion.com Kabetogama Lake
- Sandy Point Lodge  (218) 875-2615 sandypointlodge.com Kabetogama Lake
- Tomahawk Resort  (218) 875-2252 herseytomahawkresort.com Kabetogama Lake
- Voyagaire Guide Service  (807) 274-1012 kabetogamaguide.com Kabetogama Lake

Crane Lake

- Dutch Eggen Guide Service  (218) 993-2029 Crane Lake
- Ear's Guide Service  (218) 993-2403 earsguideservice.biz Crane Lake
- Handberg's Marine  (218) 993-2214 handbergs.com Crane Lake
- Jerry Polham Guide Service  (218) 993-2295 Crane Lake
- Lawrence Jacobson  (218) 254-2194 Crane Lake
- Marcel Pettel  (218) 969-6565 Crane Lake
- Norway Lodge  (218) 993-2225 norwaylodge.com Crane Lake
- Onitong Guiding  (218) 993-2314 Crane Lake
- Peaceful Valley Resort  (218) 993-2395 scottsharpelvaletary.com Crane Lake
- Point Pine Resort  (218) 993-2311 Crane Lake
- Russell Sikkila  (218) 254-4568 Crane Lake
- Samuel Guide Service  (218) 750-7102 Crane Lake
- Ted Ranoop  (218) 290-5804 Crane Lake
- Troy Chlum  (218) 365-3223 Crane Lake
- Voyageurs Lodge & Houseboats  (807) 274-6265 houseboatinvacations.com Crane Lake

© Megan Wilkins
Your guide to Voyageurs National Park

Supporting Organizations

Voyageurs National Park Association (VNPA)

VNPA helped establish Voyageurs National Park in 1975 and today, as the park’s charitable partner, supports Voyageurs through several key initiatives:

**Landmark Grant**
As Congress continues to cut National Park Service funding, VNPA has committed a grant of $150,000 to the park. This Landmark Grant will support projects and programs related to land preservation, research, education, and visitor destination sites.

**Kids to the Park**
We are focused on engaging the next generation of park stewards through programs like the first-ever National Park Teen Ambassador program.

**Protection and Stewardship**
We manage a Land Preservation Initiative to help willing sellers transfer private property to park ownership.

**Volunteer Rendezvous**

VNPA helps you and each new generation explore, protect, and enhance Voyageurs National Park.

Join us as a volunteer or become a member with a donation. VNPA members receive our Voyageurs Messenger e-newsletter, annual print newsletter, event invitations, and the satisfaction of becoming a national park steward.

126 North 3rd Street Suite 400
Minneapolis, MN 55401
Phone: (612) 333-5424
Fax: (612) 339-4731
www.voyageurs.org

Like us www.facebook.com/voyageursnpa
Follow us www.twitter.com/voyageursnpa

Heart of the Continent Partnership (HOCP)

HOCP is a coalition of land managers and diverse local stakeholders working together on cross-border projects. These projects promote the natural, cultural, and economic health of the lakes, forests and communities on the Minnesota - Ontario border.

Our mission is to sustain and celebrate the health, beauty, diversity, and productivity of the natural and cultural resources of the border lakes region.

Along with support for public lands and the development of a common regional identity, HOCP works to create and sustain economic stability for the communities that surround these public lands.

126 North 3rd Street Suite 400
Minneapolis, MN 55401
www.heartofthecontinent.org

Destination Voyageurs National Park (DVNP)

DVNP connects 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.

360 Highway 11 East
International Falls, MN 56649
www.destinationvoyageursnationalpark.com

The mission of FVNP is to sponsor outreach that supports natural, historical, and educational activities available at Voyageurs National Park. Past funding has included children’s activity tables, kid’s snowshoes and skis, and more.

360 Highway 11 East
International Falls, MN 56649
www.nps.gov/voya/supportyourpark

Jefferson National Parks Association (JNPA)

Jefferson National Parks Association (JNPA) is honored to be a non-profit partner and operates several retail stores at the park – Rainy Lake, Kabetogama Lake, and Ash River Visitor Centers.

We offer unique educational products and park memorabilia for all ages. From replica 19th century accessories worn by voyageurs of the North Woods, to books, toys, and collectibles. Visitors are sure to find special items at our stores. Shop online: www.shop.jnpa.com.

JNPA is proud to help spread awareness about the park and its events. The proceeds from the sales of our products support a wide variety of educational programs, exhibits, and events at Voyageurs. JNPA has operated visitor center stores and provided educational programs for national parks, historic sites, and public lands across the country since 1961.

We invite you to share your park experiences with us and others!

1 Memorial Drive, Suite 1900
St. Louis, MO 63102-2443
Phone: (314) 678-1500
www.jnpa.com

Like us www.facebook.com/JeffersonNationalParks
Follow us www.twitter.com/JNPA

DVNP connects 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.

360 Highway 11 East
International Falls, MN 56649
www.destinationvoyageursnationalpark.com

The mission of FVNP is to sponsor outreach that supports natural, historical, and educational activities available at Voyageurs National Park. Past funding has included children’s activity tables, kid’s snowshoes and skis, and more.

360 Highway 11 East
International Falls, MN 56649
www.nps.gov/voya/supportyourpark

Jefferson National Parks Association (JNPA)

Jefferson National Parks Association (JNPA) is honored to be a non-profit partner and operates several retail stores at the park – Rainy Lake, Kabetogama Lake, and Ash River Visitor Centers.

We offer unique educational products and park memorabilia for all ages. From replica 19th century accessories worn by voyageurs of the North Woods, to books, toys, and collectibles. Visitors are sure to find special items at our stores. Shop online: www.shop.jnpa.com.

JNPA is proud to help spread awareness about the park and its events. The proceeds from the sales of our products support a wide variety of educational programs, exhibits, and events at Voyageurs. JNPA has operated visitor center stores and provided educational programs for national parks, historic sites, and public lands across the country since 1961.

We invite you to share your park experiences with us and others!

1 Memorial Drive, Suite 1900
St. Louis, MO 63102-2443
Phone: (314) 678-1500
www.jnpa.com

Like us www.facebook.com/JeffersonNationalParks
Follow us www.twitter.com/JNPA

Facebook.com/
Volunteering

Volunteer Opportunities

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 for a few hours to multi-month assignments.

If you are interested in learning more about volunteering in the park, contact the park’s volunteer coordinator at (218) 283-6636, or visit the park’s website at www.nps.gov/voya/supportyourpark/volunteer.

Opportunities

Ethno-botanical Garden
This volunteer assists with maintaining an Ethno-botanical Garden. Learn the botany of the area and help educate the public on invasive species and native plants. If you like working outdoors and talking with people, consider this opportunity. For local volunteers, hours are flexible in the summer, usually a few hours a week. Long term summer opportunities also exist, and RV hookups maybe available.

Headquarters Assistant
Volunteer at the park headquarters in International Falls. Assist with different projects from data entry, to information requests, to brochures. Hours are flexible, generally one day a week for a few hours or as needed.

Visitor Center Volunteer
If you enjoy meeting new people and providing information to park visitors, this may be the position for you. For local volunteers, hours are flexible, filling in at a visitor center when needed. Volunteers are needed year round for the Rainy Lake Visitor Center and during the summer for the Kabetogama and Ash River Visitor Centers. Long term summer opportunities also exist and park housing or RV hookups maybe available.

Tour Boat Deckhand
Volunteer on the Voyageur, a USCS approved tour boat vessel. Prepare the boat for tours, secure lines during docking and undocking, and train on boat safety procedures. Tours leave from the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. Hours depend on tour boat schedule.

Website Assistant
Assist with updating web information, layout design, and page development. Hours are flexible, generally one day a week for a few hours at park headquarters in International Falls. Training is available.

2013 Volunteer Accomplishments

Volunteers-In-Parks (VIPs) are Very Important People
In 2013, the park benefited from the generous donation of 92 people who volunteered nearly 10,000 hours in support of park activities. Together, we improve the facilities, the water, and the wildlife for all to enjoy.

2013 Accomplishments
Visitor center assistants who volunteer for several months over the summer donated an amazing 3,500 hours.

The Fall Rendezvous, an annual two day event drawing volunteers from all across the state, assisted with trail maintenance on the Black Bay and Echo Bay Trails. Over two days, 36 volunteers donated 210 hours to the projects.

A new position, the Ethno-botanical Garden volunteers helped maintain a native plant garden over the course of the summer, donating 869 hours.

Dedicated people like you help make Voyageurs an incredible place to recreate, relax, and enjoy the outdoors. Thank you.

2013 Volunteer Accomplishments

Volunteer Spotlight

Since 2005, John Gersich and Carol Marlow have volunteered at Voyageurs. May through September, almost every week, they have worked as the Ellsworth Rock Gardens Groundskeepers. Tasks include mowing, pruning, watering, and any landscape needs. They have also discovered missing stones from sculptures, helping to return the gardens to their historical image.

Together they have donated over 2,500 hours. Their passion and dedication make a visit to Ellsworth Rock Gardens a memorable and enjoyable experience. John and Carol, thank you for your service.
Your guide to Voyageurs National Park

Kettle Falls

**Official Concessionaire**

The Kettle Falls Hotel is the only official concessionaire within the boundaries of Voyageurs National Park.

The historic Kettle Falls hotel and landscape are owned by the park, but operated by the concessionnaire. For more information about what the concessionaire has to offer, go online www.kettlefallshotel.com or call (218) 240-1726 (summer).

**Visitor Destination**

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

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

In 1918, Bob Williams purchased the hotel, and over the next seventy years, his family helped create a lasting icon that Voyageurs National Park now oversees and preserves.

The Kettle Falls Hotel is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. No visitor should miss out. Boat tours visit this destination (page 7).

**Enjoy the Area**

1. Grab a bite at the restaurant.
2. Hike to the dam overlook or attend a dam tour (page 7).
3. Enjoy a cold drink at the bar.
4. Play the nickelodeon.
5. Walk the historic Portage Rd.
6. Check out the Trading Post.
7. Toss some horseshoes on the front lawn.
8. Fish the waters and have the restaurant serve up your freshly caught walleye.

**Before the Dam**

The Kettle Falls area was more a series of descending rapids than a typical plummeting waterfall. The Voyageurs named the falls, on the United States side, Chaudière Falls, which means to boil or bubble. During high water, they portaged canoes and trade goods overland around the impassable falls. In low water, the rapids were actually navigable by canoe.

To the right, the picture depicts how the Kettle Falls area looked before the construction of the dam, which raised Namakan and Kabetogama Lakes an estimated four feet.

Below the falls on the US side prior to Kettle Falls Dam construction
Your guide to Voyageurs National Park

Things To Do

Casareto Cabin Beach

Hoist Bay Root Cellar

Kettle Falls Hotel, © David Driapa

Places To Go

Ethno-botanical Garden
This garden shares the history of the local Ojibwe Indians and the plants on which they relied. It reminds us of the significance of native plants. Self-guided brochures are available at the trailheads. Guided walks are available (page 7).

Little American Island
Explore the remains of the mining activities from the 1890s Rainy Lake gold rush. Discover mining history, water-filled shafts, and just how much gold this island had to offer.

Casareto Cabin
In the summer of 1933, Jake Casareto fell in love with Crane Lake. He bought this property and built his own family cabin. Today, this historic site represents the recreational history of the 1930s. Located on a beautiful sand beach, this site is great for swimming.

Ellsworth Rock Gardens
Jack Ellsworth constructed a unique sculpture garden containing 32 varieties of flowers atop a 60-foot granite outcrop on his vacation property from 1944 - 1965.

Hoist Bay
Two distinct historical time periods are represented at Hoist Bay. View logging era remnants such as the former railroad trestle pier. Visit the interior of the old resort buildings such as cabins, the kitchen, and icehouse. Boat tours visit this historic site (page 7).

Harry Oveson Fish Camp
Located on Rainy Lake, the Harry Oveson Fish Camp represents the region's history of commercial fishing. Built in 1959, the site preserves an ice house, fish house, Harry’s dock and, his two-room home. Boat tours view this location from the water (page 7).

Things We Didn't Know We Could Do

Harry Oveson Fish Camp

Discovery Packs
Explore VoyagEURS on your own by checking out one of the seven different backpacks filled with activities.

• Water
• Winter
• Scenery
• Geology
• People
• VoyagEURS
• Plants & Animals

Inquire at any visitor center. Come back each year and try a new one!

Junior Ranger Activities

Become a Junior Ranger
Find out what it takes to become a Junior Ranger. Complete the booklet, check it out with a ranger, and earn a badge, patch, and pencil. The park has 4 different booklets:

• Bear Club
• Beaver Club
• Wolf Club
• Night Sky

Inquire at any visitor center.

3) To Infinity and Beyond
Explore beyond what your eyes can see. Check out a pair of free binoculars from any visitor center.

2) Winter Survival
Do you have what it takes to trek through the snow? It’s time to experience snowshoes. Check them out for free (page 9).

1) Let's See Some Muscle
Test your skills! Help paddle a North Canoe (page 7).