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Help Us Celebrate...

Where were you 40 years ago?
Did you watch the premier of Wheel of Fortune or Saturday Night Live on television? Perhaps you remember or heard about the Energy Crisis of 1975 where daylight savings time commenced two months early in the United States. Or maybe you remember the horror of the Edmund Fitzgerald sinking 15 miles off the coast in Lake Superior.

No matter how old you were, 40 years ago was quite a time in United States history. Not only was there a lot going on in the country at this time but change was also occurring locally.

On April 8, 1975 Congress enacted Voyageurs National Park as the 36th National Park in the National Park System. Voyageurs will celebrate its 40th anniversary this year and we invite everyone to come help us! Unwrap and explore this national treasure.

Voyageurs offers a pristine North Woods Lake Country with 30 lakes to explore, miles and miles of hiking, cross county skiing, snowshoeing, and snowmobiling trails available to all ages.

Whether you wish to enjoy the seclusion at an individual campsite or join a boat of people from around the world traveling through the park, Voyageurs offers something for everyone.

Come help us celebrate, unwrap your gift and help us prepare for the next generation of stewards.

April 19, 2015
Voyageurs Day at Target Field
Mpls/St. Paul, MN

May 9, 2015
Minnesota Fishing Opener

June 6, 2015
VNP Volunteer Day
Voyageurs National Park, MN

July 1 – 6, 2015
U.S. and Canada Independence Day festivities
International Falls, MN and Fort Frances, Ontario, Canada

August 8, 2015
Rainy Lake Triathlon
International Falls, MN

August 8, 2015
Ranier Summer Festival
Ranier, MN

August 27-29, 2015
International Falls Bass Championship
International Falls, MN

September 4 - 6, 2015
Voyageur Days
Crane Lake, MN

Sept. 10-11 & 17-18, 2015
Ghosts of Voyageurs
Rainy Lake Visitor Center
Voyageurs National Park, MN

Sept. 11-12, 2015
Voyageurs National Park’s Fall Volunteer Rendezvous
Voyageurs National Park, MN

January 13-17, 2016
Icebox Days
International Falls, MN

Traveling to the Park

Roads lead to six park entrances, the communities of Crane Lake, Orr, Ash River, 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 13-15).

Contact Information

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

Rainy Lake Visitor Center
Phone: (218) 286-9258
Open year-round
Call ahead for up-to-date hours

Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center
Phone: (218) 875-2011
Mid - May to mid - September
Call ahead for up-to-date hours

Ash River Visitor Center
Phone: (218) 374-3221
Mid - May to mid - September
Call ahead for up-to-date hours

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

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.

Rocks, Ridges, and Gold

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 and is from the birth of North America.

At one time, massive, explosive volcanoes deposited layer after layer of ash and lava. Subsequent uplifting, folding, tremendous pressure, and superheating created igneous and metamorphic rock.

Over time, erosion wore down the volcanic mountain range and the ice ages brought glaciers that moved rivers of ice and scoured away the younger rock layers.

This action exposed the roots of the ancient mountains - the granite, migmaitite, and biotite schist you see today.

As the glaciers receded, torrents of melted water filled low-lying areas, creating the lakes and bogs of today’s landscape.

Today, 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 gold rush and a short-lived boontown in the 1890s. Many of the newcomers stayed for good, and their descendents live in the region today.

The Fur Trade

The waterways of Voyageurs 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 canoe men, 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.
**Your Guide to Voyageurs National Park**

**Voyageurs Watershed**

Voyageurs is a water-based park where to truly experience the park, visitors must leave their cars behind and travel by watercraft.

The 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 dams at Kettle Falls and Squirrel Falls on Namakan Lake.

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**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/](http://www.pca.state.mn.us/). (Make sure to search for harmful algae blooms MPCA in the search box).

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**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.
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.
**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.

**Emerald Ash Borer**

has decimated ash trees in Michigan and is spreading westward to Superior, WI and Mpls./St. Paul, MN.

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.

**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.*

**Eurasian Watermilfoil**

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.

**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.

**Lake News**

Little Trout & Mukooda Lakes

Mukooda and Little Trout Lakes in Voyageurs National Park are closed to the harvest of lake trout due to decreases in their lake trout populations.

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Protect
• 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
• 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. Do not disturb wildlife, especially breeding or nesting birds, or adult animals with young.

Closures
• 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.

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

Quiet Hours
• Quiet hours are from 10:00 pm to 6:00 am

Campfires
• Use a camp stove 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 DOWNED.

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.

Day Use
• 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 a picnic table, fire ring, and privy.

Day Use is allowed at reservable sites between the hours of noon and 2:00 pm if the site is not occupied.

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.

Black Bears
• 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 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 bears to campsites and houseboats, resulting in property damage and an increased risk to human safety.
Your Guide to Voyageurs National Park

Summer Ranger-led Boat Tours and Programs

**Rainy Lake Visitor Center**

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<td>Board the Voyageur Tour Boat and navigate Rainy Lake in search of active eagle nests, view a commercial fishing camp from the boat, and watch for abundant wildlife. A stop at Little American Island (1/4 mile accessible walk) explores the 1881s Rainy Lake gold rush.</td>
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**Kettle Falls Cruise** - (July 1 to August 22, 6.5 hours, 22-passenger minimum)

**Voyageurs Country Tour** - (June 14 – August 22, 1.5 hours, 4-passenger minimum)

**Ethno-botanical Garden Tour** - (June 14 – August 22, 30 minutes)

**Sullivan Bay Hike** - (June 17 - August 21, 2.5 hours)

**Sullivan Bay Hike** - (June 19 - August 21, 1 hour)

**Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center**

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<td>Voyage to the historic Kettle Falls area. Spend 2 hours on land, dine at the hotel, enjoy a picnic lunch, or explore the hotel and nearby dam. Fee meal separate.</td>
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**Ellsworth Rock Garden Tour** - (June 16 – August 22, 1.5 hours, 4 passenger minimum) See description above. Reservations recommended. Call the visitor center at (218) 875-2111.

**Kettle Falls Dam Tour** - (June 14 – August 22, 30 minutes)

**Kettle Falls Dam Tour** - (August 24 - September 23, 30 minutes)

**First Lady’s - Let’s Move Outdoors Campaign**

**Twilight Walk into the Past** - (June 6 - August 8, 1 hour)

**Twilight Walk into the Past** - (August 24 - August 31, 1 hour) See description above.

**Alaska Camp** - (August 24 - August 31, 1 hour) See description above.

**Sunset Dinner Cruise** - (June 14 – August 22, 1 hour)

**Sunset Dinner Cruise** - (August 25 - September 1, 1 hour)

**North Canoe Voyage** - (June 14 – August 20, 1.5 hours, 4 passenger minimum)

**North Canoe Voyage** - (August 24 - September 23, 1.5 hours)

**Evening Campfire** - (June 19 – August 21, 1 hour) See description above.

**Kettle Falls**

**Kettle Falls Dam Tour** - (June 14 – August 22, 30 minutes)

Meet out front of the Kettle Falls Hotel. A ranger will guide you through the history of the area and walk to the dam overlook (not accessible).

**Autumn Ranger-led Boat Tours and Programs**

**Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center**

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**North Canoe Voyage** - (September 24 - September 29, 1.5 hours) See description above.

**Kettle Falls**

**Kettle Falls Dam Tour** - (August 24 - September 25, 30 minutes)

Meet out front of the Kettle Falls Hotel. See description above.
# Map Key

- Unpaved road
- Ranger station
- Park area
- Boat ramp
- Public campground
- Fishing trail
- Road service
- Cross-country ski trail
- Snowshoe trail

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Your Guide to Voyageurs National Park

Safe Travel Reminders

**Don’t Get Caught in the Weather!**

The weather can change rapidly and severely in Voyageur country. Park rangers remind you to come prepared.

During the summer, when thunderstorms are most active, make sure to seek protection when on the water. Boat to a location behind islands and wait thunderstorms out in safe harbors.

During the spring and fall avoid prolonged exposure to wind and cold as conditions for hypothermia are especially present this time of year.

Check conditions at visitor centers before heading out onto the water or ice so you are not caught off guard.

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.

**Ranger Tips!**

When traveling in and through Voyageurs National Park remember to take these precautions for a safe and enjoyable visit.

*Ticks are present in the park including ticks that harbor Lyme’s disease. Park staff recommend you wear long pants while hiking through tall grass and check your body each night.*

*Mosquitoes are present in Voyageurs with the highest concentration during the spring and heavy rain seasons. Mosquitoes can transfer West Nile Virus. Wear repellent, long sleeves, and long pants to decrease contact.*

*Carbon Monoxide can be deadly. Houseboaters should be aware of the danger of swimming the perimeter of the houseboat. Swim away from the houseboat and not near the edges.*

*Black flies are present in the park, typically during two weeks in June and then again in August. The best defense against black flies is to wear long sleeves and long pants.*

**Boating Guidelines**

- 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 12 years of age to wear a life jacket when in a recreational boat.
- When swimming around or behind boats, always make certain engines and generators are turned off to prevent toxic gas exposure.
- 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

**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.
**Winter in the Park**

**Park Trails**

**Cross country Ski Trails and Equipment Loans**

Trails are tracked and groomed on a regular basis within park boundaries. Trails include: 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 and ranges from easy to moderate.

Ski equipment is available free-of-charge for adults and children during regular visitor center hours at Rainy Lake.

**Snowshoes**

are available through a free loan program at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center during regular hours.

**Ice Anglers**

are required to have a current Minnesota State fishing license and an up-to-date shelter (fish house) registration.

The park requires placement of equipment or any type of structure to be greater than 50 feet off the edge of all ice roads and 50 feet off the center line of all snowmobile trails.

**Ice Roads**

are maintained when ice conditions allow. Two ice roads typically exist during winter months.

One extends from the boat launch ramp at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center and goes as far as ice conditions allow. The other ice 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 with the Rainy Lake 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.

**Snowmobiling in the Park**

Snowmobiling in the park is allowed. Voyageurs 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.

Park staff, along with local gateway snowmobile clubs, maintain over 110 miles of groomed trails on frozen surfaces.

**Rangers ask snowmobilers to remember these rules when on the trails!**

- Snowmobiling is allowed on frozen lake surfaces and designated safety portages but all land areas, including rock faces, are closed to snowmobiles.
- Hill climbing with snowmobiles is prohibited.
- Obey all closure signs. Areas are closed to protect your safety and to protect sensitive resources.
- The 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.
- Dress for the weather.
- Carry a snowmobile trail map.
- Keep to the right on trails.
- Leave a route plan with someone.
- Pressure ridges are changes in ice conditions that change the surface of the lake. Be sure to always stop and inspect ridge areas before crossing. Some hazardous pressure ridges are marked by park staff with two crossed orange caution stakes.
- Slush and open water are dangerous. Avoid these conditions by staying on staked and groomed trails.
- Park 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.
- The speed limit on frozen lake surfaces is 45 mph.
- The speed limit on land portages is 25 mph.
- Conditions are updated weekly at [http://www.nps.gov/voya/PlanYourVisit/winter-ice-and-trail-conditions.htm](http://www.nps.gov/voya/PlanYourVisit/winter-ice-and-trail-conditions.htm).
Your Park Partners & Opportunities to Help Voyageurs

Voyageurs National Park Association (VNPA)

Voyageurs National Park Association (VNPA) helped establish Voyageurs National Park and in 2015 will celebrate 50 years as the park’s nonprofit partner! Celebrate with us – a full calendar of events and activities is available at http://voyageurs.org/2015.

VNPA serves as the leading voice for both protection and promotion of Voyageurs National Park. As a partner with the National Park Service, (NPS) we empower park stewards, implement special projects with financial and volunteer support, and work together to preserve the visitor experience and wild nature of the park for future generations. VNPA’s initiatives include:

Funding Park Projects through the Landmark Grant

As Congress continues to cut NPS funding, VNPA has committed a grant of $50,000 for park projects that could not move forward without charitable support. In 2015, the Landmark Grant will fund a land conservation educational station, a wildlife research fellowship position, and the first-ever bear DNA study.

National Park Teen Ambassador Program

VNPA and the park service seek to introduce a younger, more diverse audience to the natural classrooms that are national parks. In this effort, VNPA partners with Wilderness Inquiry and the NPS to provide the Teen Ambassador program, a free environmental stewardship and education program for young adults.

Protection & Stewardship

VNPA manages a Land Preservation Initiative to help willing sellers transfer private property to park ownership. VNPA recently transferred 61 acres of shoreline and boreal forest to park ownership. We also advocate on behalf of Voyageurs’ historic and environmental assets, ensuring that the park remains wild and pristine for future generations.

Volunteers

Join VNPA as a national park steward at one of their 2015 volunteer work days. More information is available at http://www.voyageurs.org/volunteer.

VNPA helps you and each new generation explore, protect, and enhance Voyageurs National Park. Visit them to learn more, subscribe to their e-newsletter, or become a member by making a tax-deductible gift.

Volunteer work days are available at the Ash River Visitor Centers.

Jefferson National Parks Association (JNPA)

JNPA is honored to be a nonprofit partner and operates three 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.

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.

Destination Voyageurs National Park (DVNP)

DVNP connects people to Voyageurs via implementation of an ongoing, comprehensive marketing and public relations campaign that will effectively encourage awareness and result in increased visitation and economic growth.

http://www.destinationvoyageursnationalpark.com
Aspen Resort
asperresortvacation.com (888) 802-7736 10 3 BIFPSGF (FGO) 21RMiVESBTP 5P (FGO) B P May-Oct.

Black Forest Lodge
(218) 757-3479

Deer Lodge Resort
(888) 982-7015

Grey Wolf Lodge
greywolfresidence.net (800) 940-9653 11 1 I RV FFo B R May-Oct.

Hundred Acres Wood B&B
voyagecountry.com/hundredacreswoods (218) 757-0070 2 3 IWFPSF(FGO) Rb All Year

Island View Resort
(800) 777-7235 13 3 IFPVAYFG B FFo B R May-Sept.

Norman’s One Stop & Motel
(218) 757-5291

Northland Lodge
northlandlodge.com (218) 757-3445 10 2 APL BTrayent PPoSD B P All Year

Oxesco’s Pelican Lake Resort and Inn
oxescopelicanlakeresortandinn.com (800) 960-3613 48 1 IFPVAYFG D B P May-Oct.

Pine Acres Resort
pineacres.com (800) 777-7231 13 2 BDYPFPPSIF RVAYFEDBT FPCPFPD B P May-Sept.

Pine Grove Resort
(218) 757-3308

Richardson’s Shangri-La Resort
(800) 314-3432

Bayside Resort
visitcranelake.com/waterfront_home (218) 993-2600 7 WF May-Oct.

Cabin O’ Pines
cabinopines.com (218) 757-3122 9 2 BDIWFSGFD WRVESDBT FCPPoKD B RP May-Sept.

Grey Wolf Lodge
greywolflodge.com (800) 840-9653 11 1 I RV FPo B R May-Oct.

Island View Resort
islandviewresort.com (800) 777-7235 13 3 BDIWFPGF FPoCD B RP May-Sept.

Hundred Acre Wood B&B
voyageurcountry.com/hundredacreswoods (218) 757-0070 2 3 IWFPSF(FGO) Rb All Year

Northland Lodge
northlandlodgeorr.com (218) 757-3445 10 2 APL BIWF FPoD P May-Sept.

North Country Inn
http://www.northcountryinn.com

Oveson’s Pelican Lake Resort & Inn
ovesonpelicanlakeresortandinn.com (800) 860-3613 48 1 PL FFoD B P May-Sept.

Pine Point Lodge & Resort
pinepointlodge.com (800) 777-7235 12 1 L BILPRGWF FCPRPoRbD B RP May-Oct.

Sand Point Lodge
sandpointlodge.net (218) 290-6854 6 1 P BILPGWF FC B May-Oct.

Voyageurs Landing Resort
voyageurslanding.com (218) 993-2401 5 1 P All Year

Wildwood Escape-Deluxe Privacy
wildwoodescapes.com (952) 334-3195 2 3 WF All Year

Orr Pelican Lake Resort Association, PO Box 144, Orr, MN 55771, (800) 777-4690, www.orrpelicanlake.com

Orr-Pelican Lake Resort
http://www.orrpelicanlake.com

Orr-Pelican Lake Resort Association
http://www.orrpelicanlake.com

Voyageurs Outfitters
http://www.voyageursoutfitters.com

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Summer in the Park

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.

To get started, visit any of the three park visitor centers to pick up a Trails Passport and trail map.

Head out on any of the park’s 19 trails, locate the trail rubbing posted along each trail, and etch it into your passport.

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

Picnic & Explore a Visitor Destination

Voyageurs offers more than 20 Day Use sites throughout the park where visitors can stop and picnic.

Visitors may stop and picnic also at any campsite between the hours of noon and 2:00 pm if the site is not reserved by tent campers.

Explore Visitor Destinations throughout the park such as: Ellsworth Rock Gardens, Hoist Bay, Kettle Falls, Casareto Cabin, Oveson’s Fish Camp, and Little American Island.

Visitor Destinations often offer picnic facilities as well as interpretive waysides and a great opportunity to explore the park more in-depth.

All Visitor Destinations are only accessible by water.

Visitor Destination Spotlight

In the Summer of 1933, Jake Casareto fell in love with Crane Lake. He bought his property and built a 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 and picnicking.

All tent camping requires an advanced reservation prior to arrival at the park.

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