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Your Guide to Isle Royale National Park

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The Allure of Wild

- A boat ride to a destination out of sight.*
- A plunge in Lake Superior after days on the trail.*
- A lullaby of loons at a lakeside campsite.*
- A moose impeding the path to the privy.*
- A chance howling of wolves under a starlit sky.*

The desire to know “wild” unites many who have spent time on Minong, which is the Ojibwe word for Isle Royale, meaning “the Good Place.” The Ojibwe, who have visited Minong from time immemorial, know this wild as a place of sustenance, tradition, and abundance. Others are drawn to the peace, freedom, and serenity Minong has to offer. While immersed in wilderness, many take lessons from the island.

The first of my many lessons was one of self-reliance. This initiation involved removing 12 leeches from my feet after soaking bloody blisters in Chickenbone Lake on my inaugural solo backpacking trip. My stamina for enduring discomfort grew with each leech I dislodged. It was this wilderness immersion that allowed me to realize the power of my own self-reliance. This became my favorite

wild teaching so far – learning who I was when no one could bear witness, alone under nature’s gaze.

Jenna Behnke
Park Ranger



What is it about Isle Royale wilderness that calls to you? Many years ago, I remember reading about this wilderness for the first time - it sparked a curiosity. Having worked in large western parks, I wasn’t sure what to expect. Now, I know Isle Royale’s wilderness character is different – it’s an island, it’s inaccessible by car, it has a rich human history, and it can even be crowded at times despite having the lowest visitation of any national park in the contiguous United States.

What calls me to Isle Royale are the opportunities for profound connection on an isolated island in the middle of the world’s largest freshwater lake by surface area. In four years as Isle Royale’s Superintendent, I have found my wilderness connections through hiking, fishing inland lakes, camping, and paddling.

When you visit wild protected areas, whether from afar or in-person, be mindful of the many types of deep connections – physical, cultural, or ethnographic - people share with wilderness. I challenge you to consider your own perceptions and relationships with Isle Royale.

You are welcome here!

Denice Swanke, Superintendent

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Wilderness Character

There are no words that can tell the hidden spirit of the wilderness, that can reveal its mystery, its melancholy and its charm.

Theodore Roosevelt

Blueberries, I love blueberries!

In Isle Royale's wilderness, the patches are plentiful. When I'm out picking (and eating), I often wonder about others who picked in the same place. Did Laura Edisen, or another fisherwoman, find blueberries here in the 1930s? It's likely this particular patch has been scouted for centuries – this island wilderness has witnessed human presence for at least 8,000 years, possibly longer.

There were so many different reasons to make the voyage to Isle Royale: copper mining, fishing, maple sugaring, hunting, and trapping. It's clear the island has been changed by our presence - feed for horses brought alfalfa, miners and Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) members left apple trees. At many historic commercial fishing camps, like Wright Island, carefully tended rose bushes still bloom each summer.

Over the years, a lot of reasons to visit Isle Royale have changed – humans are no longer mining copper from the island's wilderness. Some reasons to visit have stayed the same – many are still taking advantage of Lake Superior's fishery, and tradition lives on through the Grand Portage Band of Ojibwe's connection to Minong. Yet, it's relatively recent that spending time in a national park wilderness can be added to the list of reasons to visit Isle Royale - in 1976, nearly 99 percent of the park's land area was federally designated as wilderness, which 20,000 visitors enjoy every year.

Regardless of the specific reason for your visit, what's evident is the allure of Isle Royale's wilderness has been calling to people for centuries, and it will continue to call to us for a long time to come. Humans have been, and always will be, tightly woven into the wild of Isle Royale.

Liz Valencia, Interpretation and Cultural Resources Manager



What Makes a Wilderness?

Natural

Ecological systems are substantially free from the effects of modern civilization.



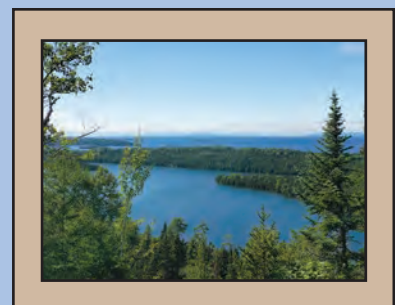
Undeveloped

Wilderness is essentially without permanent improvements or the sights and sounds of modern human occupation.



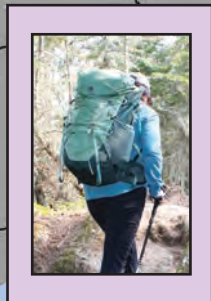
Untrammeled

Wilderness is essentially unhindered and free from the intentional actions of modern human control or manipulation.



Opportunities for Solitude or Primitive and Unconfined Recreation

Recreational activities are appropriate and compatible with wilderness.



Other Features of Value

Wilderness may also contain ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historical value.



Wilderness Act of 1964

The Wilderness Act of 1964 established the National Wilderness Preservation System, a national network of more than 800 federally designated wilderness areas. Today, nearly 112 million acres of lands are protected by the Wilderness Act, including nearly 99 percent of Isle Royale National Park.

A Changing Wilderness Refuge



Lake Superior insulates Isle Royale's wilderness from many outside forces. However, annual monitoring completed by the Great Lakes Inventory and Monitoring Network (GLKN) reveals that despite its isolation, human-caused global changes have affected island ecology.

One of these effects comes in the form of harmful algal blooms (HABs), which are formed when potentially toxic cyanobacteria reproduce rapidly under the right



conditions. The first known HAB reported on Isle Royale was on Lake Richie in 2007. A sediment core revealed it was the first HAB to occur there in 150 years. Why is this happening? Warmer temperatures cause ice to melt off Isle Royale's inland lakes earlier in the year, giving wind a chance to mix up the water. Algae and nutrients move up from the bottom, and sun exposure creates ideal growing conditions. Today, HABs occur on almost all of Isle Royale's inland lakes.



On land, annual surveys show a decline among insect-eating birds, especially the three most common species: the Nashville warbler, winter wren, and ovenbird. Because many island birds are migratory, habitat changes on their wintering grounds and loss of migratory stopover sites are major factors in their decline. Global temperature and precipitation changes are also in play, changing island forests and shifting the times insects are available for birds to eat. These changes may influence a high turnover of songbird species populations on Isle Royale in the future.

GLKN's programs show that humans are interconnected with wildness, even from afar. Today, Isle Royale's wilderness remains a refuge to both humans and wildlife. But for how long?

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Maintaining Wilderness by the Numbers

Isle Royale National Park is made up of 132,018 acres of federally designated wilderness. What does it take to maintain trails and campgrounds in the wild?

Each year trail crews:

Backcountry camp for 50 nights.

Rebuild 2,000 feet of boardwalk.

Remove 900 fallen trees.

Rehab 10 miles of trail.

Dig 8 privies.



Maintaining trails and campgrounds to a wilderness standard means working hard to make it look like we haven't disturbed the surroundings.

Corey Process
Trails and Campgrounds Supervisor



Lake Superior and the island’s wilderness present challenges and hazards to the inexperienced or ill-prepared.

Always check [current conditions](#) prior to your trip.

Play It Safe

Plan Ahead

Make a Conservative Trip Plan. Plan your adventure with the least experienced person in mind.

Be First Aid Ready. A first aid kit is a must. Be trained, experienced, and equipped to deal with common injuries.

Plan for Problems. What will you do if someone gets injured or lost? How will you self-rescue?

Prep Your Gear. Bring supplies needed to handle delays and weather. Test your gear prior to your adventure. Wear sturdy, well broken in boots with ankle support for hiking.

Assess Risk

Watch the Weather. Conditions deteriorate quickly and unexpectedly.

Huddle Up. Start each day discussing expected conditions and potential safety issues.

Care for Your Companions. Monitor health and energy levels of party members.

Be Flexible. When issues arise, evaluate. Should you keep going, take a break, or change your trip plan?

Travel Smart

Stick Together. Divide gear to lighten the load of a slower or injured hiker. Don’t leave slower party members in the dust.

Rest Often. Enjoy frequent short breaks: drink water, munch snacks, relax and rejuvenate. Travel during cooler times of the day.

Stay Hydrated. Drink upon waking, along your route, and at your destination. Water is life.

Watch Your Step. Footing is uneven. Rocks and roots are trip hazards.

Boardwalks and rocks are slippery when wet.



Know Before You Go

Practice Backcountry Hygiene

Wash hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds or use sanitizer. Use soap at least 50 steps away from water.

Emergencies

Basic emergency services are available on the island, but contacting rangers can be difficult. Emergency response and evacuation take time, requiring you to rely on your own skills and equipment. Most private boaters have radios and may be able to contact rangers in an emergency.

Cellphone service is unreliable; do not depend on it.

To contact the park in an emergency: 440-546-5945

Drinking Water

Potable water is only available in Rock Harbor and Windigo. Early and late season visitors should plan for no potable water anywhere on-island.

Lake Superior and interior waters should be considered non-potable.

Purify Water: Use one of these methods:	
• Physical Purifier: Use one that is rated to remove viruses	
• Water Filter (0.4 microns or finer)	+ Chemical Treatment Use tablets or bleach
• Water Filter (0.4 microns or finer)	+ UV Treatment Use a UV purifier
• Boil: At a rolling boil for at least one minute	

Toxic Water Alert

Algal blooms have occurred in interior lakes and can be toxic. Purification does not remove toxins from the water. Avoid drinking, swimming, and fishing if water has a cloudy blue cast or looks like “pea soup.” If algal blooms occur, advisories will be posted.



When Things Go Wrong

- Take a breath
- Assess the situation
- Make a plan

Self-Rescue = Best Rescue. Self-reliance is the only immediate option in an emergency. Park response is limited and even if you are able to contact rangers, help could be hours or days away. Are there others nearby who can assist or go for help?

If you are not equipped to deal with your emergency:

- Call on marine radio, or
- Use a satellite phone, or
- Activate an emergency device with texting capability

Cellphone service is unreliable. Any device may fail in adverse weather.

Respond to Your Symptoms

Dehydration is a factor in most medical problems. You tire quickly, do not think clearly, and are more prone to falling. Water is scarce between campgrounds, especially along ridges. Carry a minimum two quarts of water per person; drink and refill whenever near water sources. Watch for mild signs of dehydration: thirst, fatigue, headache, and dizziness.



Hypothermia: Shivering, apathy, and coordination loss indicate mild hypothermia. Best defense: Stay warm and dry. Dress in layers and don raingear before you get wet. If someone shows these signs, warm and dry the person, add more layers, climb in a sleeping bag, and sip warm liquids.

Minimize your impact to protect the park's wilderness character for use and enjoyment by all.

Help Isle Royale Stay Wild

Adventure and simple living are important components of an Isle Royale visit. To ensure these experiences, you should be familiar with skills and habits that foster a Leave No Trace ethic. Visit www.lnt.org.

Quiet, Please

Most visitors come to Isle Royale to hear the sounds of nature in a wild setting. Be aware of your volume so others may enjoy peace and solitude.

Quiet Hours are between 10:00 pm and 6:00 am eastern time. If people in adjacent campsites can hear your activities, you are being too loud.

Audible use of electronic devices such as stereos, televisions, radios, cellphones, and tablets is not permitted except in the developed areas of Rock Harbor and Windigo, and on Lake Superior waters outside of designated quiet/no wake zones.

Portable Generators are prohibited in most areas of the park.

Keep the Island Clean

Practice Proper Food Storage: Keep a clean camp. To protect your food from wildlife, seal and secure in scent-proof containers. Hard-sided containers are preferred, but using doubled zip-lock bags is appropriate. Animals will steal unattended food and other items.

Trash: All trash and leftover food (including peels, cores, and nutshells) must be packed out. Do not burn, bury, or place in outhouses. Carry a zip-lock bag for securing small pieces of trash.

Human Waste Disposal: Use outhouses. Never defecate within 100' (at least 50 steps) of lakes, streams, or campsites. In areas without outhouses, dig a cathole 6" to 8" deep; after use, cover with soil. Urinate on durable surfaces, like rocks or bare soil, away from water sources and campsites.

Cookware Cleaning: Wash dishes at least 100' from water sources and campsites. Even biodegradable soap takes a long time to degrade. Use a strainer to remove food bits and pack them out with your trash. Disperse remaining water away from water sources and campsites.

Bathing: Get wet, then move at least 100' away from all water sources and campsites to lather and rinse. Use soap sparingly, if necessary.

Leave What You Find

Removing, possessing, or disturbing park resources is prohibited. Antlers, plants, driftwood, cultural or archeological objects, rocks/minerals including those in Lake Superior, must be left where found. Fishing and picking small quantities of berries/mushrooms is allowed.

Graffiti and the building of cairns (rock piles) mar the park for other visitors. Leave the park as you find it.

Minimize Use of Fires

Campfires are permitted at a handful of campgrounds (see page 6). A backpacking stove is highly recommended. A metal fire ring or grate is provided where campfires are allowed; never build your own ring.

Use Dead and Down Wood no bigger around than your wrist. Do not break branches or strip bark from standing trees, live or dead. Trash has no place in a backcountry fire. Do not import firewood; insects and pathogens from infected wood could devastate Isle Royale's forests.

Be Safe With Fire: Keep your fire small and burn down to ash; be sure the fire is completely out before leaving it.

Park Regulations

The regulations of Isle Royale National Park are intended to protect park resources and appropriate visitor experiences. Regulations place strong emphasis on preserving wilderness character and values. Visitors are responsible for adhering to park regulations.

For detailed information on park regulations visit www.nps.gov/isro/learn/management/lawsandpolicies.htm.

Wheeled vehicles (except for non-motorized wheelchairs) or other mechanical transportation are not allowed outside developed areas at Rock Harbor and Windigo. This includes bicycles and portaging devices.

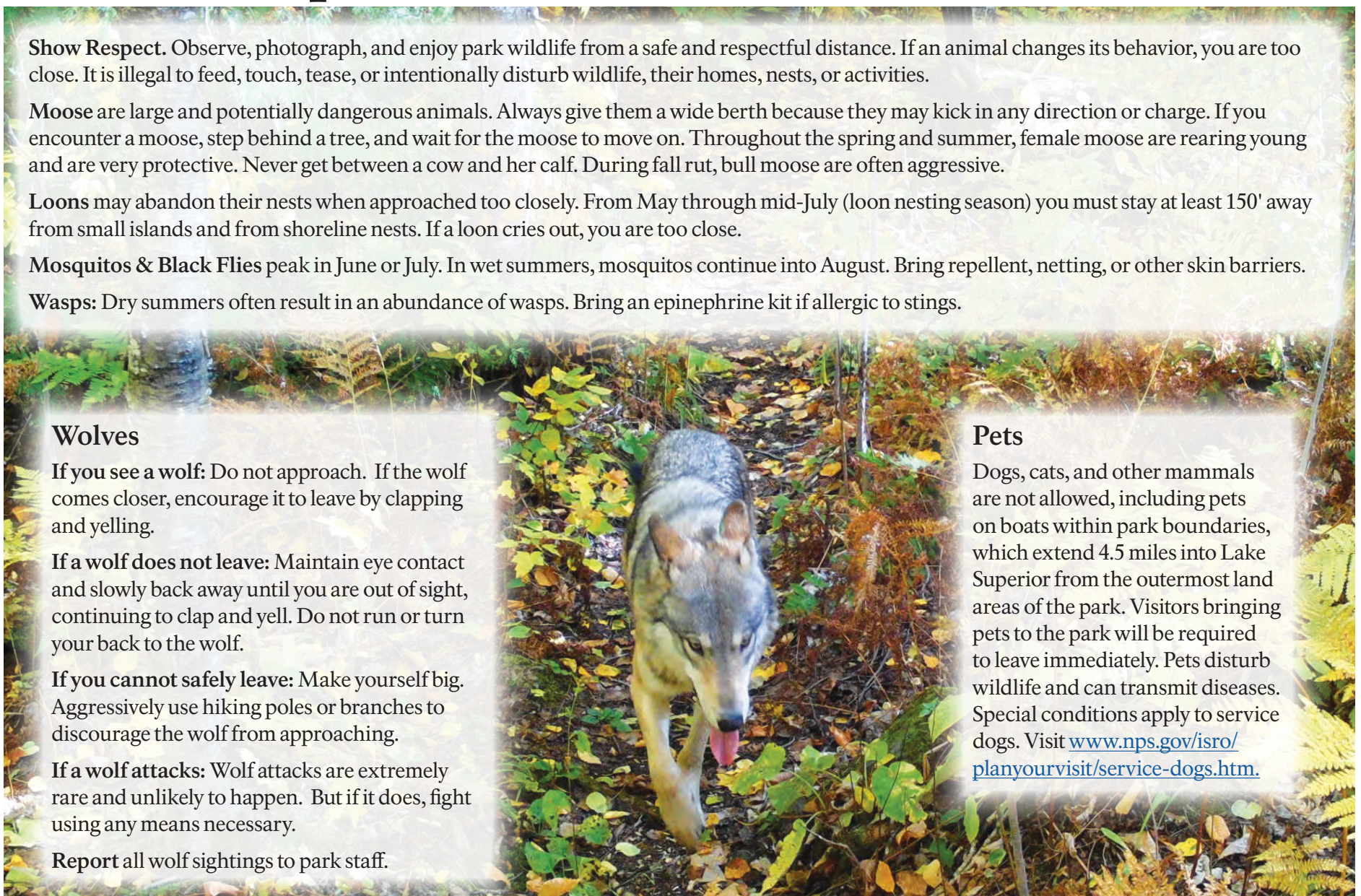
No Drone Zone: Launching, landing, or operating unmanned aircraft on lands and waters of the park is prohibited.

Weapons, Traps, & Nets: The use or possession of weapons, traps, and nets is prohibited. Weapons include any implements designed to discharge a projectile or missile in the air or water and include slingshots, blowguns, and bows and arrows. Fireworks are prohibited.

Exception: Possession of firearms within the park is regulated by Michigan law. The discharge of firearms within the park is prohibited.

Marijuana Prohibited: While recreational and medical marijuana are now legal in many states, marijuana remains illegal on federal lands including Isle Royale National Park.

Share the Space



Show Respect. Observe, photograph, and enjoy park wildlife from a safe and respectful distance. If an animal changes its behavior, you are too close. It is illegal to feed, touch, tease, or intentionally disturb wildlife, their homes, nests, or activities.

Moose are large and potentially dangerous animals. Always give them a wide berth because they may kick in any direction or charge. If you encounter a moose, step behind a tree, and wait for the moose to move on. Throughout the spring and summer, female moose are rearing young and are very protective. Never get between a cow and her calf. During fall rut, bull moose are often aggressive.

Loons may abandon their nests when approached too closely. From May through mid-July (loon nesting season) you must stay at least 150' away from small islands and from shoreline nests. If a loon cries out, you are too close.

Mosquitos & Black Flies peak in June or July. In wet summers, mosquitos continue into August. Bring repellent, netting, or other skin barriers.

Wasps: Dry summers often result in an abundance of wasps. Bring an epinephrine kit if allergic to stings.

Wolves

If you see a wolf: Do not approach. If the wolf comes closer, encourage it to leave by clapping and yelling.

If a wolf does not leave: Maintain eye contact and slowly back away until you are out of sight, continuing to clap and yell. Do not run or turn your back to the wolf.

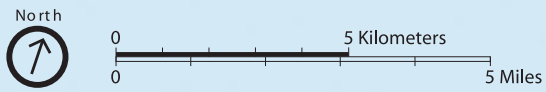
If you cannot safely leave: Make yourself big. Aggressively use hiking poles or branches to discourage the wolf from approaching.

If a wolf attacks: Wolf attacks are extremely rare and unlikely to happen. But if it does, fight using any means necessary.

Report all wolf sightings to park staff.

Pets

Dogs, cats, and other mammals are not allowed, including pets on boats within park boundaries, which extend 4.5 miles into Lake Superior from the outermost land areas of the park. Visitors bringing pets to the park will be required to leave immediately. Pets disturb wildlife and can transmit diseases. Special conditions apply to service dogs. Visit www.nps.gov/isro/planyourvisit/service-dogs.htm.



Do not use this map for navigation.

CANADA
UNITED STATES
ONTARIO
MICHIGAN

LAKE SUPERIOR

Voyageur II

During its clockwise circumnavigation, *Voyageur II* provides drop-off and pick-up services at several locations. See page 11.

Voyageur II

Grand Portage, MN, to Windigo
22mi/35km
2 hours one-way

Sea Hunter III

Grand Portage, MN, to Windigo
22mi/35km
1.5 hours one-way



Seaplane

Hancock, MI, to Windigo
61mi/98km
35-45 minutes one-way

Grand Marais, MN, to Windigo
57mi/91km
30 minutes one-way

- Trail
- Campsite
- Overnight dock
- Showers
- Quiet/no wake zones
- Fire tower
- Day-use only dock
- Lodging
- No wake zones
- Lighthouse
- Marina
- Dining

Campgrounds

CR - Fires in community ring only
S - Self-contained stoves only
W - Treated water supply
F - Campfire rings or standing grills provided

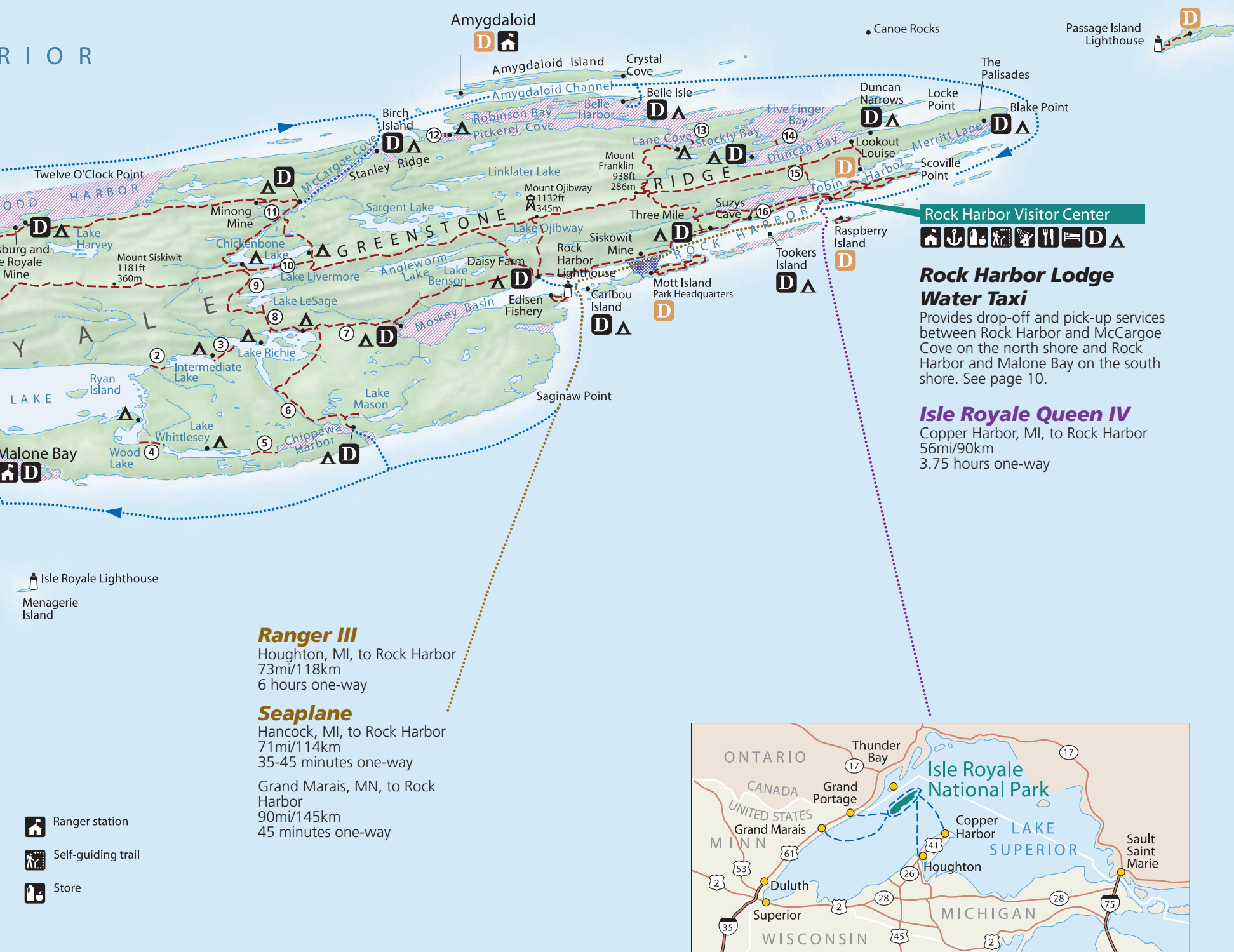
	Consecutive Nights Stay Limit (7/1 - Labor Day, those exceptions)	Individual Tent Sites	Shelters	Group Tent Sites	Special Information	Depth at Dock Normal Conditions	On-board Generator Use Allowed
Beaver Island	3	0	3	0	S	2' - 5'	yes
Belle Isle	5	1	6	0	F	13'	yes
Birch Island	3	1	1	0	S	5'	no
Caribou Island	3	1	2	0	CR	10'	yes
Chickenbone E	2	3	0	1	S	-	-
Chickenbone W	2	6	0	3	S	-	-
Chippewa Harbor	3	2	4	1	F	7'	no
Daisy Farm	3	6	16	3	S	9'	no
Desor N	2	3	0	0	S	-	-
Desor S	2	7	0	3	S	-	-
Duncan Bay	3	1	2	0	F	6'	no
Duncan Narrows	3	1	2	0	F	6'	no
Feldtmann Lake	2	5	0	2	S	-	-
Grace Island	3	0	2	0	S	2' - 4'	yes
Hatchet Lake	2	5	0	3	S	-	-
Hay Bay	3	1	0	0	S	3' - 7'	yes
Huginnin Cove	3	5	0	0	S	-	-
Intermediate Lake	2	3	0	0	S	-	-
Island Mine	3	4	0	2	F	-	-
Lake Richie	2	4	0	2	S	-	-
Lake Richie/Canoe	2	3	0	0	S	-	-
Lake Whittlesey	2	3	0	0	S	-	-
Lane Cove	1*	5	0	0	S	-	-
Little Todd	2	4	0	0	F	-	-
Malone Bay	3	0	5	2	F	3' - 6'	yes
McCargoe Cove	3	3	6	3	CR	7'	no
Merritt Lane	3	1	1	0	S	8'	no
Moskey Basin	3	2	6	2	S	8'	no
Pickerel Cove	2	1	0	0	S	-	-
Rock Harbor	1*	11	9	3	S-W	-	-
Rock Harbor Marina	14	0	0	0	F-W	3' - 12'	yes
Siskiwit Bay	3	4	2	3	CR	2' - 6'	no
Three Mile	1*	4	8	3	S	9'	no
Tobin Harbor Dock	5	0	0	0	S	3' - 8'	yes
Todd Harbor	3	5	1	3	CR	2'	no
Tookers Island	3	0	2	0	S	7'	no
Washington Creek (Windigo)	3*	5	10	4	S-W	-	-
Windigo Dock	3	0	0	0	S	4' - 20'	yes
Wood Lake	2	3	0	0	S	-	-

*Rock Harbor, Three Mile, Lane Cove, & Washington Creek stay limit in effect 6/1 - 9/21.

Canoe Portages

Distance • Elevation Change • Details

- ① Malone Bay - Siskiwit Lake
0.3 mile, 40' Gradual Slope
- ② Siskiwit Lake - Intermediate Lake
0.4 mile, 40' Gradual ups and downs
- ③ Intermediate Lake - Lake Richie
0.6 mile, 120' Hilly and wooded
- ④ Wood Lake - Lake Whittlesey
0.6 mile, 80' Rolling
- ⑤ Lake Whittlesey - Chippewa Harbor
0.6 mile, 140' Steep grades and rocky
- ⑥ Chippewa Harbor - Lake Richie
1.2 miles, 160' Hilly
- ⑦ Moskey Basin - Lake Richie
2.0 miles, 120' Gradual but long
- ⑧ Lake Richie - Lake LeSage
0.6 mile, 100' Steep grades, wet
- ⑨ Lake LeSage - Lake Livermore
0.4 mile, 80' Steep grades, wet
- ⑩ Lake Livermore - Chickenbone Lake
0.2 mile, 40' Steep but short
- ⑪ Chickenbone Lake - McCargoe Cove
1.2 miles, 80' Hilly
- ⑫ Pickerel Cove
0.1 mile, 10' Short and sweet
- ⑬ Lane Cove - Stockly Bay
0.1 mile, 8' Short and sweet
- ⑭ Five Finger Bay - Duncan Bay
0.2 mile, 8' Short and sweet
- ⑮ Duncan Bay - Tobin Harbor
0.8 mile, 175' Extremely steep
- ⑯ Tobin Harbor - Rock Harbor
0.2 mile, 40' Gradual up and down



Trail Mileages

Chickenbone E	Chickenbone W	Chippewa Harbor	Daisy Farm	Desor N	Desor S	Feldtmann Lake	Hatchet Lake	Huginnin Cove	Island Mine	Lake Richie	Lane Cove	Little Todd	Malone Bay	McCargo Cove	Moskey Basin	Rock Harbor	Siskiwit Bay	Three Mile	Todd Harbor	Washington Creek - Windigo	
-	1.8	9.3	6.1	19.6	16.4	35.8	9.3	30.3	21.3	5.0	10.9	15.6	19.6	2.3	7.3	13.3	25.7	10.5	8.7	27.1	Chickenbone E
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15.6	16.2	22.6	21.5	5.7	15.5	26.1	7.8	19.1	20.4	18.5	26.5	-	18.7	13.5	22.1	28.6	24.8	25.9	7.0	17.3	Little Todd
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2.3	2.7	10.6	8.2	18.0	17.7	37.1	10.7	31.8	22.6	6.3	13.0	13.5	20.9	-	8.4	15.3	27.0	12.6	6.7	28.4	McCargo Cove
7.3	5.9	6.2	3.9	25.3	20.5	40.1	13.4	34.6	25.4	2.3	10.8	22.1	23.7	8.4	-	11.0	29.8	8.3	15.1	31.0	Moskey Basin
13.3	14.8	16.8	7.1	33.1	29.4	49.0	22.3	44.4	34.3	12.9	6.9	28.6	34.3	15.3	11.0	-	38.7	2.7	22.2	40.1	Rock Harbor
25.7	24.3	31.6	31.8	23.0	9.9	10.3	17.4	14.4	4.4	27.5	36.6	24.8	20.1	27.0	29.8	38.7	-	36.0	21.1	11.0	Siskiwit Bay
10.5	12.5	14.1	4.4	30.4	26.7	46.3	19.8	41.7	31.6	10.2	4.6	25.9	31.6	12.6	8.3	2.7	36.0	-	19.5	37.8	Three Mile
8.7	9.3	17.3	14.9	11.4	11.8	31.8	4.1	24.8	16.7	13.0	19.5	7.0	15.0	6.7	15.1	22.2	21.1	19.5	-	23.0	Todd Harbor
27.1	25.7	33.0	33.2	12.6	11.3	8.8	18.8	4.0	6.6	28.9	38.3	17.3	21.5	28.4	31.0	40.1	11.0	37.8	23.0	-	Washington Creek

Things to Do

Hiking

Miles of trail wind through forests and hug the shoreline, climb steeply to ridgetop views, and descend into wetlands. Ninety-nine percent of the park's land base is designated wilderness that beckons you to explore.

Camping

Thirty-six campgrounds are scattered throughout the park. Campsites are accessible only by foot or watercraft. All campgrounds have tent sites, outhouses, and are near a water source. Many of the campgrounds located on the Lake Superior shoreline offer docks, shelters, and picnic tables.

Camping Permits are required for all overnight stays at campgrounds, cross-country sites, docks, or at anchor.

Group Camping

Advance reservations are required for any group or organization, including families and friends traveling together, bringing seven or more people to the island (see below).

Small-Party Camping (six or fewer people)

No reservations. All small-party campsites contain either tent sites or a three-sided shelter. Sites for individual small parties are available first-come, first-served. Expect crowded campsites from mid-July through mid-September. Expect to have conversations about sharing sites.

How to Select a Campsite:

1. At a campground, camp at a designated tent site or occupy a shelter.
2. When all sites are occupied, use the identified overflow group campsite (if present).
3. When all sites are occupied, ask to share a tent site.
4. When all sites are occupied and there are no viable tent sites to share, ask to pitch your tent or hammock outside a shelter.
5. When options 1-4 are full, camp outside of campground per cross-country camping regulations and zone map.

Shelters: Shelters may not be reserved and may not be used solely for cooking or gear storage. Tents may be used inside shelters. Using nails, staples, tacks, and/or tape to attach items is prohibited.

Hammocks: In campgrounds, hammocks may only be used within the existing impacted area of designated sites and not in the surrounding trees. Hammocks may not be hung inside shelters. Permissible hammock locations may not be available; bring a tent. Choose trees with care; many cannot support a hammock. Hammock use must not damage trees.

Cross-Country Camping

Terrain and vegetation make off-trail hiking and camping difficult. Visit www.nps.gov/isro/planyourvisit/cross-country-camping.htm.

Group Camping

Want to bring seven or more people to camp in the park? Advance reservations are required for any group or organization, including families and friends traveling together, bringing seven or more people to the island.

If your group exceeds ten people, you must split into two parties, each independent and traveling on separate itineraries. Parties with separate overnight permits, but sharing the same affiliation may not camp in the same campground at the same time.

Organizations may need a Commercial Use Authorization (see page 11). Organizations may not have more than twenty people camping on the island at any one time and are limited to eighty people a year.

Group leaders should carry medical information for each member including known allergies, medical conditions, and medications taken.

How to Make A Group Camping Reservation Request

1. All group camping reservations must be made in advance.
2. Check out the group camping website: www.nps.gov/isro/planyourvisit/group-camping-introduction.htm.



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Boating

Hundreds of islands and surrounding Lake Superior waters are within park boundaries. Numerous docks and anchorages provide access for power and sailboats.

Obtain a Permit: Overnight boaters need to permit ahead of time. Call 906-482-0984.

Plan Ahead: All boaters should become familiar with information in the Isle Royale Boating Guide.

Visit www.nps.gov/isro/planyourvisit/boating-guide.htm.

Lake Superior offers challenging and often dangerous weather: fog, high winds, waves, and thunderstorms. Combine rocky reefs and limited safe harbors with Isle Royale's remoteness, and it pays for you, your crew, and your boat to be shipshape.

Prevent the Spread of Invasive Species: Vessel owners are legally responsible for invasive species decontamination prior to entering park waters (extending 4.5 miles into Lake Superior from the outermost land areas of the park). Learn how to decontaminate your vessel at stopaquaticinvasives.org/prevention.

Day Use: Boaters visiting the park or park waters for the day are required to pay entrance fees (see page 11) and are encouraged to fill out a day permit. Call 906-482-0984.

Overnight Stays: Boaters staying overnight at anchor, at docks, or in campgrounds must obtain a permit ahead of time.

Restricted Water Activities:

- Water skiing and personal watercraft including vessels referred to as Jet Skis, Waverunners, or Sea-Doos are prohibited in all park waters.
- Vessels with motors (even if not in use) are prohibited on interior lakes and streams.

Quiet/No Wake Zones: These zones promote quality visitor experience by providing relatively tranquil, natural marine surroundings. Within the zone, vessels must not exceed 5 mph or create a wake in excess of surrounding seas (see pages 6 and 7).

Visit www.nps.gov/isro/planyourvisit/quiet-no-wake.htm.

On-Board Generators: The operation or use of permanently installed (by the boat manufacturer) on-board vessel generators is limited to specific times and locations.

Visit www.nps.gov/isro/planyourvisit/boating-guide.htm.

Portable Generators are prohibited in most areas of the park.

Fuel: Vessels carrying spare fuel in portable containers must use legally approved containers. Fuel may not be stored on docks.

Gasoline and diesel fuel are sold at Rock Harbor and Windigo when Isle Royale Resort stores are open (see page 10).



Customs

All visitors intending to arrive at Isle Royale from Canada are encouraged to use the ROAM App to clear customs. Find more details at:

www.nps.gov/isro/planyourvisit/customs.htm.

For updates on current requirements visit www.cbp.gov or contact Grand Portage Customs and Border Patrol at 218-475-2244. If unable to clear customs prior to your island trip, expect long wait times for customs officials to become available.

Things to Do

Paddling

With numerous lakes, bays, and islands, miles of waterways await for the experienced canoeist and kayaker.

Route Considerations: Lake Superior is well-known for its cold waters, fog, and sudden, wave-generating squalls. Small, open vessels are encouraged to use interior lake waterways instead.

Requirements: Every paddler must have a U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device. Wear it; your life may depend on it.

Prevent the Spread of Invasive Species

- Vessel owners are legally responsible for invasive species decontamination prior to entering park waters. Learn how to decontaminate your vessel at stopaquaticinvasives.org/prevention.
- Before moving from Lake Superior to interior waters, wipe down your boat and gear.

Weather: Consult the marine forecast at visitor centers before embarking. Be prepared to adjust your schedule. A portable marine radio is recommended for overnight trips.

Interior Lake Canoe Routes and Portages: Portages are marked with a letter "P" on a post (see page 6).

Portaging Devices are not allowed in wilderness.

Boat Rentals are available at Windigo and Rock Harbor. Contact Isle Royale Resorts for more information (see page 10).



Fishing

With its multitude of reefs and bays on Lake Superior and its numerous interior lakes and streams, Isle Royale provides varied opportunities for recreational fishing.

Prevent the Spread of Invasive Species

- Before your island trip, clean fishing gear and change line spools.
- When moving from Lake Superior to interior waters, clean gear and change line spools.

Lake Superior Waters

- A Michigan fishing license is required for fishing in Lake Superior, including bays and harbors, and when transporting fish from island to mainland. Youth age 16 years or younger may fish without a license.
- Transporting fish or fish parts for use as bait to the park is prohibited. Possession or use of bait for fishing within Lake Superior park waters is limited to fish and/or fish parts caught within park waters.

Interior Lakes and Streams

- Licenses are not required to fish Isle Royale's interior waters.
- Barbless hooks and artificial lures only in all interior lakes and streams.

Possession Limits are usually the same as those set by the State of Michigan. Refer to Michigan fishing regulations for possession limits and detailed license requirements for Lake Superior.

Fishing Licenses: 24-hour licenses may not be available on island. Purchase a Michigan fishing license in advance, and download a copy of the Michigan Fishing Guide at www.michigan.gov/dnr.

Disposal of Fish Remains: Eliminate potential for attracting and feeding wildlife by reducing unsightly fish remains and odors. Clean fish away from docks and campgrounds. Do not throw remains into shallow water, to gulls, or to other wildlife. To dispose of remains:

- At Rock Harbor and Windigo, use the fish cleaning station.
- At other Lake Superior locations, deposit chopped remains (pieces 4" or less) into water at least 50' in depth.
- At interior lakes, deposit chopped remains (pieces 4" or less) into deep water via canoe or move at least 200' (75 steps) from campground and throw chopped remains as far as possible into deep water.

Fish Consumption Advisory: Fish in some interior lakes show elevated mercury levels. Fish in Lake Superior show elevated levels of PFAS (forever chemicals). [Review safe fish consumption guidelines.](#)

Diving

Experienced divers can explore the National Park Service's most intact collection of shipwrecks.

Dive Permits are required. Each diver must permit at Houghton, Rock Harbor, or Windigo before diving.

Prevent the Spread of Invasive Species: Wash all gear in warm, chlorinated tap water. Dry for seven days before entering park waters.

To learn more visit: www.nps.gov/isro/planyourvisit/scuba-diving.htm.

Community Science

Help Isle Royale collect data about important pollinator species. During your island adventure, record sightings of butterflies and moths, then share them.

How to Participate

Join iNaturalist and become a member of the Isle Royale Pollinators project.

Use your device to take photos, coordinates, and notes for all butterflies and moths you see.

Upload your observations.

Watch the iNaturalist page. Your fieldwork will contribute to the understanding of pollinators across Isle Royale.



To learn more visit: www.nps.gov/isro/getinvolved/community-science.htm



Fishing Regulations

Species	Season	Minimum Size	Daily Possession Limit	Note
Lake Trout, Rainbow Trout, and Salmon in Lake Superior	All Year	10" except 15" for Lake Trout	5 in any combination, but no more than 3 Lake Trout - only one Lake Trout 34" or greater	*1, *2
Lake Trout in Siskiwit Lake	April 16 - Oct 31			*2, *3, *4
Coaster Brook Trout in Lake Superior	Last Saturday in April - Labor Day	N/A	Catch and release only - No possession allowed.	*1
Brook Trout in Streams and Hidden Lake	Last Saturday in April - Labor Day	N/A	Catch and release only - No possession allowed.	*3, *4
Rainbow Trout in Streams		7"	5 fish with no more than 3 fish over 15"	
Lake Herring (Cisco) and Lake Whitefish in Interior Lakes	April 16 - Oct 31	N/A	Catch and release only	*3, *4
Yellow Perch in Lake Superior and Interior Lakes		No minimum size	25 Recommend Daily Limit of 10	
Northern Pike in Lake Superior and Interior Lakes	May 15 - Oct 31	Lake Superior 24" Interior no min size, 30" max	5 in any combination, but no more than 2 Northern Pike	*3, *4
Walleye in Lake Superior and Interior Lakes		15"		

Review the [Michigan Fishing Guide](#) for additional fish species, seasons, creel limits, and regulation updates and changes.

- *1 Park boundaries extend 4.5 miles into Lake Superior from the outermost land areas.
- *2 For additional trout/salmon fishing information, review the Michigan Fishing Guide.
- *3 Artificial lure means any lure or fly manufactured in imitation of, or as a substitute for, natural bait. It is unlawful to use or possess live bait, dead or preserved bait, organic or processed food, or scented material on interior lakes and streams.
- *4 Only barbless hooks may be used for fishing in park interior lakes and streams. Barbed hooks are only allowed in Lake Superior waters.



Visitor Centers and Programs

Check local boards and monitors for updated information and program schedules.

All times in eastern time.

ROCK HARBOR	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Rock Harbor Visitor Center Information, books, maps, camping permits, dive permits, passes, ranger program schedules.	6/3 – 9/21: Daily 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Prior to 6/3 and after 9/21: Open intermittently						
MV SANDY TOURS FROM ROCK HARBOR	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
The trails on tours are rocky and uneven with some steep climbs and descents; trails may be slippery. Be prepared for cold temperatures and rain.	Tours operate 6/7 through 9/10. Obtain tickets at the lodge office. Rates available at the lodge. Water Bus service available with some tours. Contact Rock Harbor Lodge.						
Hidden Lake/Lookout Louise (\$) A 4-mile boat trip with a 2-mile round trip hike up to Lookout Louise for views of Canada. Return on the boat or hike 9.4 miles back to Rock Harbor.			9:00 am to 12:30 pm (Water Bus)		9:00 am to 12:30 pm (Water Bus)		
Passage Island (\$) An 8-mile boat tour crosses a popular shipping lane. The 2-mile round trip hike leads to Passage Island Lighthouse.		1:30 pm to 6:00 pm		9:00 am to 1:30 pm		1:30 pm to 6:00 pm	
Edisen Fishery and Rock Harbor Light (\$) A 6-mile boat tour to the historic commercial fishery and a quarter-mile hike to enjoy the Rock Harbor Lighthouse exhibits.			2:00 pm to 6:00 pm (Water Bus)		2:00 pm to 6:00 pm (Water Bus)		9:00 am to 1:30 pm (Water Bus)
Raspberry Island/Sunset Cruise (\$) A 1-mile hike around Raspberry Island for scenic views of shoreline, forest, and bog. Then cruise around Blake Point to view Canada and enjoy a Lake Superior sunset (after Aug. 15, cruise only).			8:00 pm to sunset in June - July, 7:30 pm in Aug-September	2:30 pm to 5:30 pm Raspberry Island only		8:00 pm to sunset in June - July, 7:30 pm in Aug-September	
WINDIGO	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Windigo Visitor Center Information, books, maps, camping permits, dive permits, passes, ranger program schedules.	6/3 – 9/21: Daily 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Prior to 6/3 and after 9/21: Open intermittently						
HOUGHTON	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Houghton Visitor Center Information, planning, books, maps, <i>Ranger III</i> and group camping reservations, dive permits, boater camping permits, and passes.	4/15 - 5/26: Monday through Friday 10 am to 4 pm 5/27 - 9/21: Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm; Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm 9/22 - 10/31: Monday through Friday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm; closed federal holidays Closed for winter beginning 11/1/2024						
Keweenaw Waterway Cruises (\$) Enjoy a 3-hour afternoon Keweenaw Waterway Cruise aboard <i>Ranger III</i> . For reservations call 906-482-0984.					7/11, 7/25 12:30 pm		
ISLE ROYALE & KEWEENAW WORKSHOPS							
The Isle Royale & Keweenaw Parks Association (IRKPA) promotes the public's understanding and appreciation of Isle Royale National Park and Keweenaw National Historical Park through education and research.	During the summer months, IRKPA hosts multi-day workshops focused on local botany and night sky photography. More workshop information: www.irkpa.org/workshops .						

Isle Royale Resorts

Rock Harbor

Lakeside Lodge Rooms

Sixty rooms available; each accommodates four and offers private bath. Open 6/7 through night of 9/10.

Housekeeping Cabins

Twenty duplex cottages accommodate six and are furnished with kitchenettes, utensils, dishware, private bath, double bed, and one bunk bed. Open 5/24 through night of 9/10.

Gift Shop and Dockside Store

Handcrafted gifts, apparel, postcards, souvenirs, daily fishing licenses, and tackle. Store offers camping, hiking, and boating supplies, groceries, freeze-dried foods, fishing tackle, stove fuel, showers, laundry, and sundries. Gift Shop open 6/7 through 9/10; Dockside Store open 5/24 through 9/10.

Greenstone Grill & Lighthouse Restaurant

Everyone welcome for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Offering grab-and-go meals and hearty specials. Grill open 5/24 through 6/6 with limited menu. Full service opens 6/7 through breakfast on 9/10.

Marina

450 feet of dock space, accommodating boats up to 65 feet. Electrical and fresh water hook-up, sewage pump-out, gasoline and diesel fuel, motorboat, canoe, and kayak rental. Services open 5/24 through 9/10.

Fishing Charters

Charters are fully equipped for catching lake trout and salmon. Open 6/7 through 9/10.

Water Taxis

Provides drop-off and pick-up services between Rock Harbor and McCargoe Cove on the north shore and Rock Harbor and Malone Bay on the south shore. Weather dependent. Available 5/24 through 9/10.

Washington Harbor Store and Marina

Groceries, grab-and-go, quick service menu, camping supplies, and gifts. Marina offers gasoline, diesel, pump-out service, and motorboat, canoe and kayak rental. Showers and laundry available. Open 6/7 through 9/7.



Camper Cabins

Two rustic cabins; each accommodates up to six and is furnished with table, chairs, full size futon, bunk beds with mattresses, electrical outlets and lighting. Each has a picnic table and propane grill. Water spigot and outhouse are nearby. Open 6/7 through night of 9/7.

Contact Isle Royale Resorts

www.rockharborlodge.com

Reservations

Phone: 877-841-1064

On Island Services

Phone: 906-337-4993

Email

IsleRoyale-CustomerService@aramark.com



From Houghton, Michigan



From Copper Harbor, Michigan



From Grand Portage, Minnesota



From Grand Portage, Minnesota



From Michigan & Minnesota



Fares and schedules are subject to change.

Ranger III

6 hours one-way to Rock Harbor, 5.5 hours one-way to Windigo, NPS owned and operated.

Schedule (eastern time)

Outbound Island Trips

Houghton to Rock Harbor 9:00 am
5/28–9/13.....T,F
Except Windigo Trip Days

Houghton to Windigo 9:00 am
6/18, 7/16, 8/13.....T

Inbound Island Trips

Rock Harbor to Houghton 9:00 am
5/30.....Th
6/1–9/14.....W,Sat
Except Windigo Trip Days

Windigo to Houghton 9:00 am
6/19, 7/17, 8/14.....W

Fares

One-Way	
Adult.....	\$80.00
Child (1–15).....	\$40.00
Infant (under 1).....	Free
Boat (less than 18'01").....	\$125.00
Boat (18'01" to 20'00").....	\$200.00
Canoe/Kayak.....	\$35.00
Canoe/Kayak (over 18ft/80lbs).....	\$70.00
100 lbs. gear per passenger.....	Free
Freight after 100 lbs.....	\$12.00/100wt.

Reservations

Payment required for confirmed reservation. Reservations accepted on or after January 2.

Cancellations

Refunds, minus a 15% processing fee, if cancellation received 3 days prior to sailing. No refund within 3 days of sailing.

Amenities

Free parking • Orientation and permits issued onboard • Programs

Contact Information

www.nps.gov/isro
(906) 482-0984
ISRO_Ranger3Reserve@nps.gov

Ranger III Grill Returns

Lunch and snack items available for purchase. Cash only.

Isle Royale Queen IV

3.75 hours one-way to Rock Harbor, concession operated.

Schedule (eastern time)

•Copper Harbor 8:00 am
•Rock Harbor 2:45 pm
5/13–6/2.....M,F
6/3–6/30.....M, T, Th, F, Sat
7/1–7/31.....M, T, Th, F, Sat, Sun
8/1–8/20.....Every Day
8/21–9/7.....M, T, Th, F, Sat, Sun
9/8–9/30.....M, F

Fares

One-Way	
•Adult.....	\$80.00
•Child (1–15).....	\$57.50
All Season	
•Infant (under 1).....	Free
•Canoes/Kayaks.....	\$30.00
•Double Kayaks.....	\$40.00
•Inflatable Boats.....	\$15.00
•70 lbs. gear per person.....	Free

Reservations

Online reservations available at www.isleroyale.com. Phone reservations also taken. Full-fare deposit required. Canoes and kayaks require reservations.

Cancellations

Refund is 85% if received prior to 2 weeks before sailing. No refund within 2 weeks of sailing. If canceling a group of 10 or more, one month notice is required.

Miscellaneous

Parking fee • Freight, canoes, etc. carried for passengers only • Baggage limited to 70 lbs. per passenger

Contact Information

The Isle Royale Line, Inc.
www.isleroyale.com
(906) 289-4437
isleroyalequeen@gmail.com

Voyageur II

2 hours to Windigo one-way, 5 hours Windigo to Rock Harbor one-way, concession operated.

Schedule (central time)

•Grand Portage to Rock Harbor via Windigo/McCargoe Cove/Belle Isle
7:30 am (8:30 am EDT)
5/11–5/25.....W, Sat
5/27–9/14.....M, W, Sat
9/18–9/25.....W
•Rock Harbor to Grand Portage via Daisy Farm/Chippewa Harbor/Malone Bay/Windigo 8:00 am (9:00 am EDT)
5/12–5/26.....Th, Sun
5/28–9/15.....T, Th, Sun
9/19–9/26.....Th
•Windigo Round Trip
9/21–9/29.....Sat, Sun
Grand Portage to Windigo.....8:00 am
Windigo to Grand Portage.....1:00 pm
.....(2:00 pm EDT)

Fares

One-Way	
Grand Portage to Windigo	
•Adult.....	\$90.00
•Child (15 and under).....	\$79.00
Grand Portage to any same-day stop beyond Windigo or any same-day stop beyond Windigo to Grand Portage	
•Adult.....	\$113.00
•Child (15 and under).....	\$108.00
Inter-island travel between various same-day island stops	
•Adult.....	\$73.00 – 89.00
•Child (15 and under).....	\$71.00 – 81.00
All Season	
Canoe, Kayak.....	\$45.00
40 lbs. gear per passenger.....	Free
Additional freight.....	\$45.00 up to 100 lbs.

Reservations

Payment required for confirmed reservations.

Cancellations

Refund is 85% of fare, provided cancellation is received at least 2 full weeks prior to departure.

Miscellaneous

Parking fee • Fishing poles must be in protective cases

Contact Information

Grand Portage Isle Royale Transportation Line, Inc.
www.isleroyaleboats.com
(218) 600-0765 (May - Sept)
reservations@isleroyaleboats.com

Sea Hunter III

1.5 hours one-way to Windigo, concession operated.

Schedule (central time)

•Grand Portage to Windigo
8:30 am (9:30 am EDT)
6/12–7/13.....W,F,Sat
7/17–8/11.....W,Th,F,Sat,Sun
8/14–8/31.....W,F,Sat
•Windigo to Grand Portage
2:00 pm (3:00 pm EDT)
6/12–7/13.....W,F,Sat
7/17–8/11.....W,Th,F,Sat,Sun
8/14–8/31.....W,F,Sat

Day Trip

Adult.....\$102.00
Child (15 and under).....\$94.00

Fares

One-Way	
Adult.....	\$89.00
Child (15 and under).....	\$79.00
Canoe, Kayak.....	\$45.00
40 lbs. gear per passenger.....	Free
Additional freight.....	\$42.00 up to 100 lbs.

Reservations

Payment required for confirmed reservations.

Cancellations

Refund is 85% of fare, provided cancellation is received at least 2 full weeks prior to departure. Check with office for group cancellation policy.

Miscellaneous

Parking fee • Fishing poles must be in protective cases • Sightseeing en route

Contact Information

Grand Portage Isle Royale Transportation Line, Inc.
www.isleroyaleboats.com
(218) 600-0765 (May - Sept)
reservations@isleroyaleboats.com

Seaplane

From Hubbell, Michigan

Schedule

35 - 45 minutes to Windigo or Rock Harbor each way, concession operated
Cessna 206 and DeHavilland Beaver.
5/19–9/21.....Daily

Fares (per person)

Round trip.....	\$360.00
One-way.....	\$250.00
Inter-island.....	\$142.00
Infant (under 2).....	Free

From Grand Marais, Minnesota

Schedule

30 minutes to Windigo each way, 45 minutes to Rock Harbor each way, concession operated
Cessna 206.
5/19–9/21.....Daily

Fares (per person)

Grand Marais to Windigo	
•Round trip.....	\$350.00
•One-way.....	\$236.00
Grand Marais to Rock Harbor	
•Round trip.....	\$452.00
•One-way.....	\$308.00
Arrive Rock Harbor, Depart Windigo	
.....	\$401.00
Arrive Windigo, Depart Rock Harbor	
.....	\$401.00
Inter-island.....	\$142.00
Infant (under 2).....	Free

Reservations

Payment required for confirmed reservation • Reservation changes...\$25

Cancellations

Full refund of fare, provided cancellation received at least fifteen days prior to departure.

Miscellaneous

Parking fee • Planes accommodate up to six passengers • Baggage is limited to 45 lbs. per person • Planes cannot carry stove fuel; selected fuels are available upon park arrival

Contact Information

Isle Royale Seaplanes
www.isleroyalseaplanes.com
(906) 483-4991
info@isleroyalseaplanes.com

Paying Park Fees? Credit Only.

Fees & Passes	Rates
Daily Entrance Fee	\$7 per person per day to enter or remain in the park. Children 15 and younger are exempt.
Isle Royale Season Pass	\$60, valid from April 16 through October 31 of the year indicated. Pass covers fees for the pass holder and up to three adults traveling with the pass holder (four total).
Federal Lands Passes	Access, Annual, Military, and Senior Passes are honored. Pass covers fees for the pass holder and up to three adults traveling with the pass holder (four total).
4th Grade Pass	Through August 31, entrance fees will be waived for US students in 4th grade (and up to three accompanying adults). Student must present paper voucher or pass upon arrival. Go to everykidoutdoors.gov to receive a voucher.

Commercial Groups, Special Use, Filming

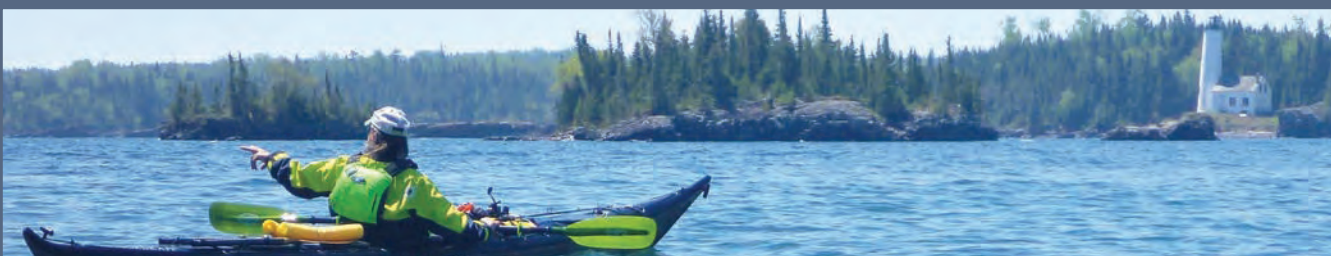
If you want to operate a business in the park, you will need a Commercial Use Authorization (CUA).

Any individual, corporation, or organization that generates taxable income from providing services such as guided backpacking trips, guided kayaking trips, fishing charters, and photography workshops in the park must first obtain a CUA. Non-profit and educational institutions also require a CUA.

Commercial still photography, filming, and special events (e.g., weddings) require a Special Use Permit.

Memorial Permits are required for scattering ashes.

For more information visit <https://www.nps.gov/isro/getinvolved/dobusinesswithus.htm>



Pay Park Fees Online

Visit pay.gov (search *Isle Royale*). Select the Individual Daily Pass or Season Pass Fees. Print your receipt and show upon park arrival.



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Isle Royale & Keweenaw Parks Association

Visit www.irkpa.org or call 906-483-8877



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Email for General Information

ISRO_ParkInfo@nps.gov

Emergency use only

(440) 546-5945

Rock Harbor Lodge

www.rockharborlodge.com

Reservations

877-841-1064

On Island Services

906-337-4993

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IsleRoyale-CustomerService@aramark.com

Weather Forecast

for Isle Royale

www.weather.gov/mqt

Keweenaw Convention and

Visitors Bureau

www.visitkeweenaw.com

906-337-4579

Minnesota's Grand Marais

Visitor Information Center

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