

SUMMER 2023

Voyageurs National Park Programs and Events



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**Presented by Voyageurs National Park
and Voyageurs Conservancy**

New this summer! Be on the lookout for our Voyageurs Mobile Classroom as we bring you engaging programs throughout the park and its neighboring communities.



2023 Voyageurs Classroom Summer Programs



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Voyageurs Conservancy, the park's nonprofit partner, is thrilled to offer programs that deepen your connection to Voyageurs National Park. In partnership with the National Park Service, our Voyageurs Classroom includes a suite of family-friendly programs. Meet a Park Scientist and learn about their fascinating field work, connect to the night sky, or learn how to fish with a Park Ranger at a Junior Ranger Angler program. There is something for everyone!

Dark Sky Programs

*Fridays July 7 - September 8
10:00 - 11:00 PM*

Voyageurs Forest Overlook,
near Ash River Visitor Center



Voyageurs National Park has some of the darkest - and most brilliant - night skies! This summer, enjoy a family-friendly guided tour across space with a Voyageurs Conservancy education specialist and experience Minnesota's national park after dark. With our brand-new 18' telescope, you'll have the opportunity to view distant planets, galaxies, and mesmerizing starscapes like never before!

Hike with a Scientist

June 17, July 15, Aug 19, Sept 16

Learn about the real world science happening at Voyageurs National Park with the scientists in the field!

Voyageurs Star Party

August 10 - 12

Our third-annual Star Party returns on August 10 - 12 for a lively, multi-day astronomy festival with special speakers, constellation tours, and telescope sessions.

Thursday in International Falls; Friday at Rainy Lake Visitor Center; Saturday at Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center; Crane Lake Dark Sky Event August 22nd.

Junior Angler Fishing Programs

Woodenfrog Campground

June 22, July 13, July 27, August 24

Voyageurs Photo Contest

Submit your favorite Voyageurs memories, win prizes, and help protect and support your national park. **Learn how to enter and find more information at voyageurs.org/photocontest.**

FOR A FULL LISTING OF EVENTS & PROGRAMS, PLEASE VISIT VOYAGEURS.ORG/EVENTS



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2023 Voyageurs National Park Ranger-led Programs

RAINY LAKE VISITOR CENTER

Grand Tour - Boat Tour: This tour is a combination of the Discovery and Gold Mine Tour.

Discovery Cruise - Boat Tour: Discover the wonders and beauty of Voyageurs National Park. The captain will navigate Rainy Lake in search of abundant wildlife, eagles, and a historic commercial fish camp.

Gold Mine Tour - Boat Tour: This tour takes you to Little American Island where you may depart from the tour boat with a ranger for a 1/4 mile accessible walk through the remains of mining activities.

Starwatch Cruise - Boat Tour: Join a ranger for an adventure aboard The Voyageur to learn about the dark skies over Voyageurs. The boat will cruise to a quiet spot on Rainy Lake where the engines are cut so night sounds and dark skies can be optimized. A ranger will assist visitors to identify objects with the naked eye while learning about light pollution and what it means to be a Dark Sky Certified Park. There's always a chance the northern lights may dance for us. Bug spray, long-sleeved shirts, and pants recommended.

Kettle Falls Cruise - Boat Tour: Voyage to the Historic Kettle Falls Hotel area. This tour takes you back in time before the park was established by visiting places very few people traveled years ago. Spend 2.5-hours aboard The Voyageur on your way to Kettle Falls. Upon arrival, spend 2-hours on land touring the area and having lunch. Finally, enjoy a 2-hour cruise on your return trip. Visitors on this trip may bring their own lunch or are limited to select box lunches at Kettle Falls Hotel due to time constraints. Lunch not included in the tour price.

North Canoe Voyage: Paddle back in history aboard a 26-foot replica North Canoe. Learn the voyageur paddle salute, sing songs, and explore the life of a voyageur. Minimum age is 5, paddling required. We recommend participants know how to swim. Weather dependent. Reservations required. No loose items allowed on the trip.

Dark Skies over Voyageurs: If you want to truly experience a dark night sky, then plan on attending a staffed, land-based, sky viewing events throughout the summer. Observe the constellations, planets, and galaxies with telescope, and discover how to reduce light pollution.

KABETOGAMA LAKE VISITOR CENTER

Ellsworth Rock Gardens - Boat Tour: Board the Ne-zho-dain and cruise a short distance to the Ellsworth Rock Gardens. Join a ranger for a 1/4 mile partially accessible tour by viewing unique rock sculptures, building remnants, and winding paths. Visitors will traverse a steep 60-foot incline and rocks are slippery when wet. Sturdy shoes, bug spray, and long-sleeved shirts are recommended.

ASH RIVER VISITOR CENTER

Kettle Falls Day Cruise - Boat Tour: Same description as above, just on the Ne-zho-dain and a stop at I.W. Stevens Island.

Kettle Falls Evening Cruise - Boat Tour: Same description as above, just in the afternoon/evening.

Ellsworth Rock Gardens - Boat Tour: Board the Ne-zho-dain and cruise a short distance to the Ellsworth Rock Gardens. Join a ranger for a 1/4 mile partially accessible tour by viewing unique rock sculptures, building remnants, and winding paths. Visitors will traverse a steep 60-foot incline and rocks are slippery when wet. Sturdy shoes, bug spray, and long-sleeved shirts are recommended.

North Canoe Voyage: Same description as above.

Crane Lake

Join us for land-based programs in the Crane Lake area this summer! Dates and times to be determined. Scan the QR codes below for more information.

Reservations are highly recommended for all programs. Walk-ons only if space is available. For reservations go to www.recreation.gov or call (877) 444 - 6777. Senior Access Passes apply only at the time of making an on-line reservation. For more information, follow the QR code or visit www.nps.gov/voya/planyourvisit/calendar.htm



Scan for full listing and calendar of National Park Service programs.



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Voyageurs National Park Ranger-led Program Schedule

Grand Tour June 11 - September 29, no tours August 15 & Sept 3, 10, 17, & 24	♿	1 - 3:30	1 - 3:30	1 - 3:30			1 - 3:30	1 - 3:30	\$50	\$25	\$5
Gold Mine Tour June 17 - September 23	♿							10:30 - 12	\$40	\$20	\$5
Discovery Cruise June 11 - September 21, no tours Sept. 3, 10 & 17	♿	10-12	10-12	10-12			10-12		\$40	\$20	\$5
Starwatch Cruise August 4, 18 & 25 & September 1, 8, 15 & 22	♿						10 - 11:30 pm		\$40	\$20	\$5
Kettle Falls Cruise September 3, 10, 17 & 24	♿	9:30 - 4							\$85	\$42.50	\$5
North Canoe Voyage June 21 - August 30					9:30 - 11 & 12 - 1:30				\$15	\$7.50 Must be 5 years & up	N/A
Dark Skies over Voyageurs August 1 - September 12	♿			10 - 11:30 pm					FREE	FREE	FREE
Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center											
Ellsworth Rock Gardens Tour June 22 - July 27	♿					11 - 1			\$40	\$20	\$5
Ash River Visitor Center											
Kettle Falls Day Cruise June 19 - September 22, no tour August 11	♿		10 - 3:30	10 - 3:30	10 - 3:30		10 - 3:30		\$60	\$30	\$5
Kettle Falls Evening Cruise June 22 - September 21, no tour August 10	♿					2 - 7:30			\$60	\$30	\$5
Ellsworth Rock Gardens Tour August 3 - September 21	♿					11 - 1			\$40	\$20	\$5
North Canoe Voyage June 24 - September 2								9:30 - 11 & 12 - 1:30	\$15	\$7.50 Must be 5 years & up	N/A
Crane Lake Area											
Join us for staff selected programs in the Crane Lake area this summer! Dates and times to be determined.	♿						TBD		FREE	FREE	FREE

Recreation.gov: (877) 444-6777

Rainy Lake Visitor Center: (218) 286-5258

Ash River Visitor Center: (218) 374-3221

Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center: (218) 875-2111

Become a Friend of Voyageurs

Voyageurs Conservancy is the official charitable partner of Voyageurs National Park. In partnership with the National Park Service, the Conservancy preserves the wild character and unique experience of Voyageurs by funding projects and programs that will sustain the park for generations to come.

Learn more and give back at www.voyageurs.org

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