

# Lake Superior Rosspport to Marathon Sea Kayaking Expedition

## Fast Facts

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| Description:  | Fully guided and partially outfitted sea kayak trip – six days kayaking, one night accommodation, six nights camping, transportation (drop-off and pick-up), half-day group skills workshop |
| Skill Level:  | Intermediate to advanced paddling skills and backcountry camping experience.  |
| Pace:         | Moderate with occasional demanding portions   |
| Minimum Age:  | 18  |
| Trip Distance | 110 kilometres (approximate paddling speed of 4.5 – 6 km/hr)  |
| Food:         | Prepared for you using locally produced, non-processed, healthy ingredients   |
| Trip Dates:   | Sat July 14 <sup>th</sup> , 10 am – Sat July 21 <sup>st</sup> , 3pm, 2012   |
| Cost:         | \$1,780 including taxes. See special pricing for multiple sections  |
| Includes:     | Professional Guiding and group outfitting, all shuttles, Saturday night B&B accommodations, meals. (Sea kayaks and tents additional.)   |

## Trip Overview



Sea kayak the uniquely diverse Lake Superior coastline between Rosspport and Marathon, including spectacular Neys Provincial Park and Pic Island, on this guided adventure. A portion of this route has been recognized as a National Marine Conservation Area for its fascinating geological and human history. En route we will encounter First Nations pictographs, voyageur campsites and the fossilized remains of stromatolites, the Earth's first aerobic organism.

Rosspport to Marathon makes up the third leg of the Lake Superior Sea Kayak Pageant. You can sign up for this trip only or take advantage of special rates by combining it with other legs of our series of trips along the entire Canadian shore.

Starting at Rosspport, we'll tour scenic Channel, Wilson and Copper islands, among others, before continuing east. Paddling through Les Petit Ecrivains, named by the voyageurs after long-faded Ojibwa rock paintings, gives us a taste of the area's human history, as do the former World War II prisoner of war camps near Neys Provincial Park. The isolation of this area is palpable. The trip's greatest highlight is spectacular Pic Island, whose rolling hills once inspired Group of Seven painter Lawren Harris. From Pic Island, we'll explore the islands of Peninsula Bay and continue east to our take-out at Marathon, once the site of a commercial fishery.

Daily paddling distances range from 10 to 24 kilometres (average 17 km) with a full 'no paddling day' included to accommodate rough weather or a more relaxed or exploratory group pace. Although time is built in for rough conditions, it is a trip for paddlers in good condition with previous paddling and wilderness camping experience.

The lake is mostly calm in summer, but when it gets rough we enjoy the view from shore. Although each group will travel according to its own pace, we tend to spend most of the day on the water leaving lots of time for "covering the distance" and exploring the coast.



You will be responsible for carrying a portion of the group gear in your kayak, as well as your tent, sleeping bag and personal gear. Don't worry about cooking or clean-up – all food preparation is taken care of by our "wilderness chefs"!

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## Trip Itinerary

The following is a typical trip itinerary and provides for one to two wind days so our actual campsites, start and end points may differ significantly. We start our trip by meeting at Marathon (or Wawa) where we leave our vehicles and travel by van to a Rosspoint area B&B. Here we review group skills, trip orientation and enjoy a wonderful meal before spending the night at the B&B. The next morning we put-in at the Rosspoint Government Dock. Our trip will end at Marathon where our vehicles or shuttle back to Wawa will be waiting.

*Rough conditions on Lake Superior can prohibit safe boat travel and delay trip start and finish.*

| Day       | Activity/Campsite   | Approx. Distance | Sights  |
|-----------|---|------------------|---|
| Saturday  | Meet at Marathon. Shuttle to Rosspoint B&B. Trip prep, home-style meal and overnight at B&B | N/A              | Rock Island; Trans Canada Highway along the scenic north shore of Lake Superior; village of Rosspoint |
| Sunday    | Rosspoint Islands tour. Camp on Copper Island   | 14 km            | Wilderness islands, Wilson Island arch, site of the Gunilda shipwreck                                 |
| Monday    | Copper Island to Victoria Bay   | 24 km            | Mount Gwynne and pictographs at Worthington Bay, Les Petit Ecris First Nation/voyageur site           |
| Tuesday   | Victoria Bay to Bottle Cove   | 20 km            | Cape Victoria, abandoned community of Jackfish  |
| Wednesday | Bottle Cove to Neys Provincial Park   | 22 km            | Prairie Creek and Ashburton Bay   |
| Thursday  | Circumnavigate Pic Island and camp at Foster Island   | 20 km            | Pic Island circumnavigation, sea caves, cliffs, woodland caribou, smooth rock campsite                |
| Friday    | Foster Island to Eagle Cliff  | 22 km            | Peninsula Bay, World War II prisoner of war camps   |
| Saturday  | Take-out at Marathon  | 10 km            | Seagull Islands, Craig's Pit Nature Reserve cliffs  |

## About the Lake Superior Sea Kayak Pageant

The Lake Superior Sea Kayak Pageant evolved from the question "why don't we combine all of our wilderness trips to cover the entire North Shore?" In the spirit of Naturally Superior Adventures' wilderness trips, this adventure doesn't bite off more than it can chew. We've allotted plenty of time to enjoy the experience. Do not be intimidated by the thought of stepping on the toes of "thru paddlers" taking on the entire trip. It isn't a competition. It's designed to be all about celebrating a world class paddling destination in the company of like-minded (soon-to-be) friends. Sign up for the vacation of your dreams and we promise to exceed your expectations.

## Equipment and Services – Partially Outfitted Trip

We Provide: Professional instruction and guiding; Accommodations (B&B and/or camping and all meal from Saturday to the following Saturday afternoon; vehicle shuttles; all group safety, camping, cooking, eating and sanitation gear.

You Provide: Fully outfitted expedition sea kayak (minimum 16.5 feet in length with two sealed bulkheads – rudder or skeg are recommended), tent, sleeping bag and pad and all personal equipment and clothing. A detailed recommended list is provided on registration.

Outfitting: We have expedition outfitted sea kayaks (\$20 day) and tents (\$5 day) available at reduced rates for trip guests who prefer to use our equipment.

This scenic stretch of Lake Superior coastline is a little known gem among sea kayakers. The region's unique human history and the dramatic hills of Neys Provincial Park rank it among the best sea kayaking adventures on the Great Lakes. We hope you'll join us.



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