

# Lake Superior Provincial Park Sea Kayaking Expedition

## Fast Facts

Description:	Fully guided and partially outfitted sea kayak trip – six days kayaking, one night lodge accommodations, 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 to occasionally demanding
Minimum Age:	18
Trip Distance	120 kilometres (average paddling speed approximately 4.5 to 6 km/hr)
Food:	Prepared for you using locally produced, non-processed, healthy ingredients
Trip Dates:	Saturday August 4, 1 pm to Saturday August 11, 3 pm, 2012
Cost:	\$1,780 including taxes. See special pricing for multiple sections
Includes:	Professional Guiding and group outfitting, all shuttles, meals. (Sea kayaks and tents extra).

## Trip Overview



Lake Superior Provincial Park makes up the sixth 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.

Imagine a spectacular coastline of clear waters, rocky headlands, sandy beaches and a landscape carved by 10,000 years of wind and water. Forests are a deep green boreal and transitional mix interspersed with rare Arctic disjunct plants. Our trip takes us past wonderful geological formations including diabase dykes, pillow formations, and rust-coloured volcanic rhyolite. Along with a wide variety of Canadian wildlife including, moose, fox, beaver and otter, we may be fortunate enough to see woodland caribou and peregrine falcons in the Gargantua area.

We will paddle past the Agawa Pictographs, stone paintings made by native Ojibwa on bedrock cliffs near Sinclair Cove in Lake Superior Park. These rock cliff pictographs are more likely the result of vision quests and significant events than an absolute record of history. The most significant pictograph is that of 'Mishipishu', the great horned lynx that the Ojibwa believe lives in and controls Lake Superior. Be sure to leave a tobacco offering to 'Mishipishu' at the start of your trip and at Nanabush Rock (Devil's Chair)!

Starting from our base at the mouth of the Michipicoten River near Wawa, we'll paddle the full 120 kilometres of Lake Superior Provincial Park coastline south to the community of Montreal River. The final portion is a special treat as it explores the rarely paddled smooth granite cliffs south of Agawa Bay.

Daily paddling distances range from 10 to 24 kilometres (average 19 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 at 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 which provides for one to two wind days so actual campsites may differ significantly. *Rough conditions on Lake Superior can prohibit safe boat travel and delay trip start and finish.*

The trip begins with a half-day group sea kayak skills and safety workshop. Rock Island Lodge accommodations are provided on Sunday night on a first-come, first served basis. Sign up early if you'd like to stay on Lake Superior! Alternatively, we will make arrangements for you to stay at a nearby motel.

Day	Activity/Campsite	Approx. Distance	Sights
Saturday	Arrive. Group Kayak Skills/Safety Session, Trip Prep & Whitefish BBQ	N/A	Michipicoten River, Government Dock Beach, Lake Superior's Michipicoten Bay
Sunday	Michipicoten River to Brule Harbour	20 km	Smoky Point and the cliffs of Michipicoten, Beauvier Point
Monday	Brule Harbour to Red Rock Bay	24 km	Till Creek Falls, Grindstone Point and sea caves at Cap Chaillon
Tuesday	Red Rock Bay to Warp Bay	20 km	Pukaskwa Pits at Ryan Point, Devi's Chair, Gargantua
Wednesday	Warp Bay to Beatty Cove	17 km	Devil's Warehouse Island, Columbus shipwreck, Rhyolite Cove
Thursday	Beatty Cove to Barrett River	16 km	Baldhead River Falls, Sand River Dunes
Friday	Barrett River to Vrooman Island	16 km	Agawa Rock Pictographs, Agawa Bay
Saturday	Vrooman Island to Montreal River	10 km	Beaver Rock, Montreal River 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

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.

Sea kayaking Lake Superior Provincial Park is a diverse wilderness experience rich in natural and human history. Join Naturally Superior Adventures for the trip of a lifetime!