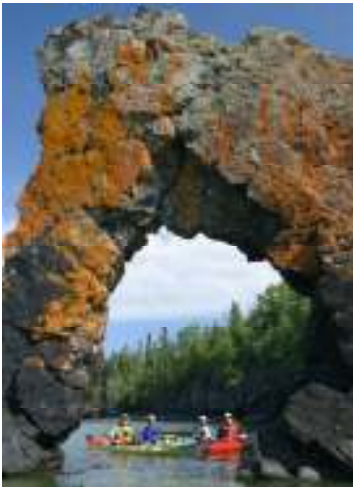


Pigeon River to Sibley Peninsula Lake Superior Sea Kayaking Expedition

Fast Facts

Description:	Fully guided and partially outfitted sea kayak trip – six and a half days kayaking, one night B&B 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 to occasionally demanding
Minimum Age:	18
Trip Distance	90 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 June 30 th -Saturday July 7 th , 2012
Cost:	\$1,780 including taxes
Includes:	Professional Guiding and group outfitting, all shuttles, meals. (Sea kayaks and tents extra).

Trip Overview



Lake Superior's westernmost Canadian shore is a unique mix of wilderness islands, cliffs, caves and flat-topped sedimentary hills, all tied together by colourful First Nation, voyageur and early settler lore. This trip traces the series of uninhabited islands stretching from the Canada-US border at Pigeon River to Thunder Bay and the spectacular Sibley Peninsula.

Our Lake Superior Sea Kayak Pageant begins with this leg. 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.

Our route starts at Pigeon River where brigades of voyageurs arriving from Montreal and Canada's hinterland once rendezvoused to exchange furs, trade goods and tall tales. The voyageur lifestyle is palpable as we continue eastwards to Pie Island, where 36-foot Montreal canoes once overnighted on Dawson Bay's sweeping expanse of sand. Pie Island and the crossing to Sleeping Giant are the highlights of the trip, both featuring spectacular cliffs and avian wildlife such as the endangered peregrine falcon.

A special treat on this trip is the opportunity to visit several first-come, first-served wilderness saunas that have been built along the way by local sailors of Scandinavian descent. After crossing to the Sleeping Giant and Sibley, we'll spend our last night camped at an old fishing station at Tee Harbour, beneath some of the highest vertical cliffs in Ontario. Stop for a break at the historic community of Silver Islet, where miner's houses dating back to the 19th century still line the village's main street. The trip finishes part way up the Black Bay side of the Sibley Peninsula.

This trip is designed for intermediate paddlers—previous sea kayaking experience is required. A short skills and safety workshop will take place prior to trip departure. Your enjoyment will be enhanced if you are in good physical condition and comfortable with wilderness camping.

Lake Superior is mostly calm in summer, but when it gets rough we enjoy the view from shore; experience paddling in surf and big swells is not necessary. The group sets our pace, but 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 – all food preparation is taken care of by our "wilderness chefs"!



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Trip Itinerary



The following is our proposed trip itinerary from Pigeon River past Silver Islet about half way up the Sibley Peninsula. The schedule provides for up to two wind days so our actual campsites may differ significantly. *Rough conditions on Lake Superior can prohibit safe boat travel and delay trip start and finish.*

Bed and breakfast accommodations are provided on Saturday night. We will meet at Beyond the Giant Nature Retreat at 1:00 pm on Saturday (or at our Rock Island Paddling Centre near Wawa, Ontario at 7:00 am) and shuttle to Pigeon River.

*This trip requires minimum participation to run so register early.

Day	Activity/campsite	Approx. Distance	Sights
One	Meet at Beyond the Giant at 1 pm (or Wawa at 7 am). Shuttle to Pigeon River. Group kayak skills/safety session, trip prep, dinner and bed and breakfast accommodations	N/A	Trans Canada Highway north of Superior leg
Two	Depart Pigeon River and camp at Big Trout Bay	15 km	Voyageur historic sites
Three	Big Trout Bay to Victoria Island	12 km	Island to island paddling
Four	Victoria Island to Thompson Island	15 km	Top of the World hike at Spar Island, wilderness sauna at Thompson Island
Five	Thompson Island to Pie Island, Dawson Bay	15 km	Mine shafts at McKellar Island, hiking at Dawson Bay
Six	Dawson Bay to Turtle Head, Pie Island	15 km	Exposed outside of Pie Island (weather permitting), sea caves, waterfalls and cliffs
Seven	Turtle Head to Tee Harbour	18 km	Open water crossing of Thunder Bay, Thunder Cape and Sleeping Giant, old fishing station at Tee Harbour
Eight	Tee Harbour to Squaw Bay	10 km	The Sea Lion arch, Silver Islet mines, community of Silver Islet, Black Bay

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; dinner and accommodations on Saturday evening and all meals to the following Saturday afternoon; tug and 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 the island chain from Pigeon River to the Sibley Peninsula is a unique Lake Superior adventure and makes for an exciting start to the Lake Superior Sea Kayak Pageant.