

Pukaskwa National Park Lake Superior Sea Kayaking Expedition

Fast Facts

Description:	Fully guided and partially outfitted sea kayak trip – six days kayaking, one night B&B accommodation, six nights camping, half-day tug transfer, 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:	95 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 July 21, 1 pm to Saturday July 28, 4 pm, 2012
Cost:	\$1,780 including taxes. See special pricing for multiple sections
Includes:	Professional Guiding and group outfitting, all vehicle and boat shuttles, park permits and meals. (Sea kayaks and tents extra).

Trip Overview



Volcanoes, glaciers and millions of years of wind and waves...if you're a moderately experienced paddler in search of a world-class sea kayak destination like Lake Superior's Pukaskwa National Park, this trip is for you!

Pukaskwa National Park forms part of Ontario's Great Lakes Heritage Coast. Here, the waters are crystal clear and the shoreline is made up of an impressive semi-mountainous hulk of Canadian Shield. Some of the natural highlights we will encounter along the route include fascinating geological formations like basalt intrusions, rare arctic-alpine plant species, the endangered peregrine falcon, and woodland caribou in their most southerly habitat.

Pukaskwa National Park comprises the fourth 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. Our route along the isolated Pukaskwa peninsula takes us to landmarks such as Richardson Island, Cascade Falls, the Otter Island Lighthouse, Oiseau Bay's white sand beaches, and ancient aboriginal Pukaskwa Pits.

We paddle the coast from Marathon, just north of the park line, to Pukaskwa Depot at Pukaskwa's remote southern boundary. We use a local tug service to pick up the group from Pukaskwa Depot.

This trip is designed for intermediate paddlers—previous sea kayaking experience is required. A skills 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 a typical trip itinerary from Marathon to Pukaskwa Depot, at the south end of Pukaskwa National Park. The schedule provides for up to two wind days so our actual campsites may differ significantly. This trip may be linked with our Superior Highlands trip for the ultimate coastal paddling experience.

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 Lakeview Manor B&B before 2pm (or at our Rock Island Paddling Centre near Wawa, Ontario at 11:00 am) and shuttle to Marathon.

Day	Activity/campsite	Approx. Distance	Sights
One	Arrive. Group Kayak Skills/Safety Session, Trip Prep & dinner		Pebble Beach, town of Marathon, Peninsula Harbour
Two	Quick shuttle to waterfront, paddle south to White River	15 km	Pic River, White River suspension bridge, logging artifacts
Three	Fish Harbour	15 km	Sheltered channels and scenic islands
Four	Fisherman's Cove	15 km	Pictographs, Oiseau Bay, beach thistle
Five	North Swallow River	15 km	Expansive beaches, woodland caribou calving islands
Six	Otter Island lighthouse Area	15 km	Cascade Falls, Lighthouse, Pukaskwa Pits
Seven	Pukaskwa Depot	20 km	Pukaskwa Pits. Pukaskwa Depot
Eight	Tug shuttle back to Heron Bay	N/a	View the coastline from offshore

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; BBQ 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.

Add this world-class sea kayak trip along Canada's Pukaskwa National Park coast to your lifetime paddling checklist!