

Sibley Peninsula to Rosspport 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 with occasional demanding portions
Minimum Age:	18
Trip Distance	125 kilometres (approximate paddling speed of 4.5 – 6 km/hr)
Food:	Prepared for you using locally produced, non-processed, healthy ingredients
Trip Dates:	Saturday July 7, 2pm – Saturday July 14, 3pm, 2012
Cost:	\$1,780 including taxes. See special pricing for multiple sections
Includes:	Professional Guiding and group outfitting, all shuttles, Saturday night lodge accommodations, meals. (Sea kayaks and tents additional.)

Trip Overview

This remote, roadless, wilderness coastline is a sea kayaker's dream. On this week-long trip you'll explore a region of fascinating flora and fauna, wondrous geology, crystal clear water, and protected wilderness that stretches as far as the eye can see.

The Black Bay Peninsula and its adjacent island archipelago in the Rosspport area have been designated as the Lake Superior National Marine Conservation Reserve. Its shoreline is geologically and structurally diverse, comprised of peninsulas and hundreds of islands, crisscrossed with faults, ridges and cuestas. Communities of rare arctic/alpine flora are scattered along the coast and island archipelagos, remnants of the last glacial period 10,000 years ago. Several first-come, first-served wilderness saunas make a great way to end days on the water.



Sibley to Rosspport makes up the second 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 near Squaw Bay, part way up the Black Bay side of the Sibley Peninsula, we make a number of crossings between a series of remote, roadless offshore islands. We'll see many fascinating geological formations, the Battle Island Lighthouse, and an old Canadian Pacific Railway executive retreat with a wilderness sauna.

Daily paddling distances range from 10 to 26 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 and provides for one to two wind days so our actual campsites, start and end points may differ significantly. We meet in RosSPORT (or Wawa) where we leave our vehicles and travel by van to a B&B on the Sibley Peninsula. 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 our boats in the water right after breakfast. Our trip will end at RosSPORT 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 RosSPORT, Shuttle to Sibley Peninsula area B&B. Trip prep, homestyle meal and overnight at B&B	N/A	Rock Island; Trans Canada Highway along the scenic north shore of Lake Superior;
Sunday	Camp at Porphery Island or Island No. 10.	Up to 26 km (Depends on weather)	Views of the Sleeping Giant, of Isle Royale and the Paps; historic lighthouses at Porphery Island and Island No. 10.
Monday	Camp at Loon Harbour	16 km	Island to island paddling; old mining claim cabin at Swede Island; 'Bahia Espana' channel to Loon Harbour; abandoned logging barge.
Tuesday	Camp at Fluor Island	24 km	Open water crossing to Sail Rock, a single sea stack exposed to Superior; agate beaches; Lamb Island Lighthouse; green water of the Nipigon Channel; Fluor Island.
Wednesday	Camp at CPR Slip	12 km	Protected channels along Fluor Island; agate beaches; sauna, cabin and excellent hiking at CPR Slip.
Thursday	Camp at French Harbour	20 km	Arctic-alpine vegetation and terra-cotta beaches of Paradise Island; red gravel beaches of St. Ignace Island; daisystone rock formations near French Harbour.
Friday	Camp at McKay's Cove	12 km	Unique sea stacks and caves along south side of Simpson Island; agate beaches; geodes at McKay Cove campsite.
Saturday	Take-out at RosSPORT	15 km	Battle Island Lighthouse tour; RosSPORT Islands.

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 meals 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.

The Sibley Peninsula to RosSPORT sea kayak trip through the designated National Marine Conservation Reserve is an extraordinary Lake Superior wilderness trip. We run it only once per year. We hope you will join us.

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