



## Isle Royale National Park Trip Assistant

### How Much Time?

While it's possible, this is not a daytripping park. It's a backpacking destination. How much time you stay will likely be dependent on which transportation provider you use. [The Ranger III](#) departs Houghton, MI. The Isle [Royale Queen IV](#) departs Copper Harbor, MI. And the [Voyageur II and Wenonah](#) depart Grand Portage, MN. There are primitive cabins at Windigo and a lodge (and

restaurant) at Rock Harbor. The Greenstone Ridge Trail, following the island's spine, is just over 42 miles long, so you could spend quite a bit of time backpacking. Paddling is another option. There are inland lakes you can portage to or vast open water of Lake Superior. A few smaller islands also have campsites. It's a great place, but takes some planning (and experience) to have a magical time.

### Need to Know

- Isle Royale is the only park that closes for winter (November through April).
- The park is only accessible by ferry or seaplane. Ferries depart [Houghton \(MI\)](#), [Copper Harbor \(MI\)](#), and [Grand Portage \(MN\)](#).
- It's primarily a backpacking/kayaking destination.
- The [Voyageur II](#) circumnavigates the island.

### Maps

Isle Royale National Park Map: [PDF](#) | [JPG](#)  
Region: [PDF](#) | [JPG](#)

### [Google Map w/ Trails, Attractions, and Outfitters](#)

All 63 National Parks Map: [PDF](#) | [JPG](#)  
Northern National Park Service Units Map: [PDF](#) | [JPG](#)

### Highlights [Boat Tours](#)

Ferry Rides  
McCargoe Cove  
Mount Ojibway  
Rock Harbor  
Windigo  
Daisy Farm



## Favorite Trails

It's a backpacking park, but you can hike [Stoll Trail](#) from Rock Harbor or [Windigo Nature Trail](#) at Windigo.

## Road Trip

Here's a [Google Map](#) to help plan road trips from the east (Acadia), west (Voyageurs), and south (Indiana Dunes). It's a good start, but I'd highly recommend making your own.

There's much more to our country. Here's another [Google Map](#) with points of interest across all types of public land.

For campers, here's a [Google Map](#) with National Forest campgrounds. National Park campgrounds are difficult to reserve (there are about 200!). With nearly 5,000 national forest campgrounds, you can usually pull in and find a spot.

## Activities

Hiking  
Backpacking  
Paddling  
Boat Tours  
SCUBA Diving  
Fishing

See this [Google Map](#) for pins to area outfitters offering tours and rentals as well as all favorite trails and attractions.

## Highlights

[Sleeping Giant Provincial Park](#) (Canada)

[Tahquamenon Falls SP](#) (MI)  
[Pictured Rocks NL](#) (MI)

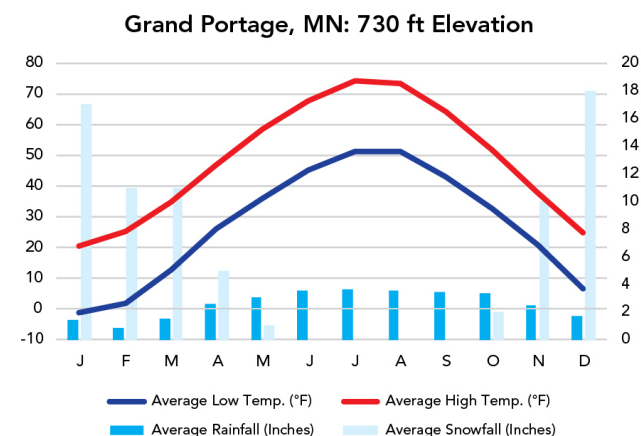
[Sleeping Bear Dunes NL](#) (MI)  
[Mackinac Island SP](#) (MI)

[Bond Falls](#) (MI)

[Judge C.R. Magney SP](#) (MN)  
[Temperance River SP](#) (MN)  
[Caribou Falls SP](#) (MN)  
[Tettegouche SP](#) (MN)

## When To Go

### Weather



### Visitation

