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Backcountry Campsites



Features

Backcountry campsites are near-wilderness single party sites accessed only by boat or foot. They are available on a first come, first served basis. These campsites have a picnic table, steel firegrate, and wilderness latrine (an outhouse without the house). They do not have treated water supplies or refuse containers. Cans and bottles are allowed at these sites, but we do ask that if you packed it in, pack it out.

- Canoe, boat, or hike-in camping. Some campsites on lakes with boat launches.
- Group size limited to 9 or fewer - first come, first served
- Primitive camping experience
- Fishing



Reminders

Most of the recommendations for the Boundary Waters make sense for camping outside of the BWCAW as well.

- Hang food packs.
- Put fires out at night and each time you leave the campsite. Be aware of campfire restrictions.
- Treat or boil all water.
- Wash yourselves and dishes at least 150 ft. from the water's edge.
- Clean fish far away from the campsite and bury the remains at least 150 ft. from water. Do not throw fish remains in the water.
- Pack out all garbage.
- Use a Forest Map to locate campsites and accesses.

**Be a Camper
who
"Leaves No
Trace"**



1. Plan ahead and prepare.
2. Travel and camp on durable surfaces.
3. Dispose of waste properly.
4. Minimize use and impact of fires.
5. Respect wildlife.
6. Leave what you find.
7. Be considerate of other visitors.

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Lake Name	# Campsites Hike in/boat in	Ranger District	Fish **	Location	Features
Cascade Lake	2 boat	Tofte	WNP	27 mi. NE of Tofte	Good fishing
Crescent Lake	3 boat	Tofte	WNPM	26 mi. NE of Tofte	Near campground
Divide Lake	1 boat *	Tofte	Rt	8 mi. E of Isabella	Hiking trail
Dumbell Lake	2 boat	Tofte	WM	6 mi. E of Isabella	Picnic area
Elbow Lake	5 boat *	Tofte	WNPSm	18 mi. NW of Tofte	Timber Frear Loop
Finger Lake	1 boat *	Tofte	WN	18 mi. NW of Tofte	Timber Frear Loop
Fourmile Lake	2 boat	Tofte	WNCP	16 mi. NW of Tofte	Osprey nest, dock
Frear Lake	2 boat *	Tofte	WN	18 mi. NW of Tofte	Timber Frear Loop
Hogback Lake Trail	4 foot	Tofte	Rt	12 mi. E of Isabella	Fishing pier, picnic area
Homer Lake	1 boat	Tofte	WNP	32 mi. NE of Tofte	Edge of the BWCAW
Island River	4 boat *	Tofte	WN	17 mi. NE of Isabella	Scenic river, wild rice
Lichen Lake	1 boat *	Tofte	WNPM	29 mi. NE of Tofte	Carry-down access
Rice Lake	2 boat *	Tofte	WNP	26 mi. NE of Tofte	Rough road access
Scarp Lake	2 boat	Tofte	Rt	12 mi. E of Isabella	Hiking trail
Silver Island Lake	4 boat	Tofte	WN	18 mi. NE of Isabella	Beware of rocks!
Superior Hiking Trail	13 foot	Tofte			
T-Lake	2 boat *	Tofte	WN	18 mi. NW of Tofte	Portage access
Timber Lake	1 boat *	Tofte	WN	18 mi. NW of Tofte	Timber Frear Loop
Whitefish Lake	3 boat *	Tofte	WN	18 mi. NW of Isabella	Timber Frear Loop
Wilson Lake	1 boat	Tofte	WNP	16 mi. NW of Tofte	Dock
Windy Lake	3 boat	Tofte	WNRt	18 mi. NE of Isabella	Along road at landing
Ball Club Lake	1 boat *	Gunflint	WN	14 mi. NW of G Marais	
Bearskin Lake	1 boat	Gunflint	LtSm	22 mi. N of G Marais	
Birch Lake	1 boat *	Gunflint	LtRt	24 mi. N of G Marais	
East Twin Lake	2 boat *	Gunflint	W	11 mi. N of G Marais	
Elbow Lake	1 boat	Gunflint	WNP	8 mi. N of G Marais	
Greenwood Lake	1 boat	Gunflint	LtPWfSm	18 mi. N of G Marais	
Gunflint Lake	6 boat	Gunflint	LtWNSmCs	30 mi. NW of G Marais	
Ham Lake	4 boat *	Gunflint	WNP	31 mi. NW of G Marais	
Kemo Lake	1 boat *	Gunflint	LtSp	11 mi. N of G Marais	
Little Gunflint Lake	2 boat	Gunflint	WNSm	28 mi. NW of G Marais	
Loon Lake	1 boat	Gunflint	LtWNSmCs	28 mi. NW of G Marais	
Moss Lake	1 boat *	Gunflint	LtSm	23 mi. N of G Marais	
North Fowl Lake	1 boat *	Gunflint	WNPSm	17 mi. N of Hovland	
North Lake (From Gunflint)	6 boat *	Gunflint	LtWNSmCs	27 mi. NW of G Marais	
Northern Light Lake	1 boat *	Gunflint	WNPSm	12 mi. NE of G Marais	
Pine Lake	1 boat	Gunflint	RtSp	10 mi. N of G Marais	
South Fowl Lake	2 boat *	Gunflint	WNPSm	15 mi. N of Hovland	
Trout Lake	1 boat *	Gunflint	LtRtPCs	11 mi. NE of G Marais	
West Twin Lake	1 boat	Gunflint	W	11 mi. N of G Marais	

* no trailer access to lake, access by carry down from road or portage from other lakes

Fish codes: **Walleye, **N**orthern Pike, **P**erch, **M**uskie, **R**ainbow trout, **S**mallmouth Bass, **C**rappies