

# Backcountry Camping



SUPERIOR NATIONAL FOREST

LAURENTIAN RANGER DISTRICT

AURORA, MN

## Features

“Backcountry” campsites are single-party sites usually accessed only by boat or foot. They are available on a first come, first served basis. These campsites may have a picnic table, steel firegrate, and wilderness-type 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.
- No permits - first come, first served
- Primitive camping experience
- Fishing



## Be a Camper that “Leaves No Trace”

### Leave No Trace Principles

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.

## Reminders

- 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.

# Laurentian Ranger District - Backcountry Campsites

Lake Name	# Campsites hike/boat/or drive in	Fish **	Location	Features
Otto/Harris Lakes	3 hike	NWSmC	4 mi. SW of Fairbanks	Half-mile portage into Otto Lake suitable for portage wheels. Hiking trail around Otto and Harris.
St. Louis River	1 boat	NW	15 mi. E of Aurora	Canoe access. May need to portage during periods of low water.
Butterball Lake	1 boat	N	18 mi. E of Aurora	Remote, quiet lake. Good chance to view wildlife. Portage from St. Louis River.
Seven Beaver/ Round Lakes	3 boat	NW	20 mi. E of Aurora	Remote, undeveloped. Adirondack shelter on Round.
*Pine Lake	2 boat/2 drive	NWC	6 mi. NW of Toimi	ATVs allowed on 500-foot portage. Quiet lake. Camping allowed in parking area.
Big Rice Lake	3 drive	N	14 mi. N of Virginia	Boat Landing. Sites suitable for RVs or tents. Good wild rice lake, waterfowl.
Stone Lake	1 hike	N	12 mi. E of Hoyt Lakes	300-yard portage to Stone Lake. Wild rice, waterfowl.
*Big Lake	5 boat	NW	13 mi. E of Hoyt Lakes	1½-mile hiking trail/portage to Big Lake.
Whiteface Reservoir	2 boat	NWC	14 mi. S of Hoyt Lakes	Sites located off 2½-mile hiking trail or by water. Boat landing at campground.
Cloquet Lake	1 drive	NW	14 mi. NW of Silver Bay	Campsite located at Forest Service boat landing.
Sturgeon River	1 hike	NW	10 mi. N of Chisholm	Site located north of County 65 along Sturgeon River Trail at Adirondack shelter.
Jean Lake	1 hike		10 mi. N of Chisholm	Hiking access to Adirondack shelter. No ATVs allowed on trail.
Pfeiffer Lake	2 boat/hike	WLMC	18 mi. N of Virginia	1 mile hike to sites or access by boat. Developed campground, boat landing and beach on lake.
Deepwater Lake	1 atv	BtRt	9 mi. N of Chisholm	Trail is 2.4 miles from F.R. 273 to the lake. Remote site.
* no trailer access to lake, access by carry down from road or portage from other lakes				
**Fish codes: <b>W</b> alleye, <b>N</b> orthern Pike, <b>P</b> erch, <b>R</b> ainbow trout, <b>B</b> rown trout, <b>S</b> mallmouth Bass, <b>L</b> argemouth, <b>C</b> rappies,				

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