

# Back Country



SUPERIOR NATIONAL FOREST

LACROIX RANGER DISTRICT

COOK, MINNESOTA

## FEATURES

- Remote paddling/boating, hiking, and camping
- Wilderness-style campsites with tent pads, latrines, and fire grates
- Water or trail access to the campsites
- No permits or fees
- First-come, first-served



Visitors may camp in the Superior National Forest, outside the BWCA Wilderness, at designated back country sites or at any other sites well away from trails, trailheads, roads, parking lots, and developed areas.

Wherever you camp or travel, you can make a difference by learning, practicing, and passing on the Leave No Trace skills and ethics. The specific techniques you use are flexible, and are meant to be tempered by your own good judgement and experience. Thank you for joining the national Leave No Trace effort and for helping to promote the responsible use of our natural resources.

*For more information on the web:*  
[www.LNT.org](http://www.LNT.org)

## Leave No Trace Principles

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

### For More Information Contact:

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218-666-0020 Voice and TTY  
**On the web at:**  
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# Superior National Forest - LaCroix District Back Country Sites

## DESCRIPTION

Back country campsites are usually without road access. Access is by water or trail only. The following back country sites are shown on the Superior National Forest map, for sale at all Superior National Forest offices.

\* More detailed information is available.

Lake, River or Route	Campsites	Location	Access	Features
Hunting Shack River Route*: <i>Astrid, Pauline, Nigh, Maude Lakes</i>	6	29 miles NE of Orr	9 miles east of Co.24 on the Echo Trail (Co.116) or 2 miles south of the Echo Trail on Forest Rd. 200	Roadside parking. Pull your vehicle well off the road. Astrid Lake Hiking Trail.
Johnson Lake Route*: <i>Johnson, Little Johnson</i>	7	29 miles NE of Orr	15 miles northeast of Co.180 off Forest Rd. 203	Small boat/canoe access via a 1/2- mile portage for ATV use.
Franklin Lake	2	29 miles NE of Orr	14 miles northeast of Co.180 off Forest Rd. 203	Small boat/canoe access via a 1-mile portage for ATV use.
Echo Lake	3	22 miles NE of Orr	0.8 mile east of Co.24 off the Echo Trail	Park at the boat landing, not at the campground.
Lake Jeanette	6	32 miles NE of Orr	12 miles east of Co.24 off the Echo Trail	Astrid Lake Hiking Trail
Crane Lake	3	27 miles NE of Orr	1.6 miles east of Co.24 on Co.425	Adjacent to Voyageurs National Park.
Meander Lake	2	32 miles NE of Orr	20 miles east of Co.24 off the Echo Trail	Camping allowed at the picnic site. No drinking water. Fishing pier.
Myrtle Lake	3	8 miles E of Orr	8.6 miles east of MN Hwy 53 on Co.23	
Picket Lake	3	33 miles NE of Orr	1.7 miles west of Forest Rd. 200 on Forest Rd. 477	High-clearance vehicles on Forest Rd. 477.
Lake Vermilion	16	Cook - Tower	11 public boat launch sites on the lake	8 US Forest Service sites. 8 MN DNR sites on Hinsdale Island.
Vermilion River Route*	9	NE of Cook	6 access points from Lake Vermilion to Crane Lake	River map with access points and campsites available.