

Backcountry



SUPERIOR NATIONAL FOREST

LACROIX RANGER DISTRICT

COOK, MINNESOTA

Features

- Remote canoeing/boating, hiking and camping
- Wilderness-style campsites with fire grate, latrine and tent pads
- Water, trail or road access to the campsites
- No permits or fees



Backcountry Camping

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

Wherever you travel or camp, you can make a difference by learning, practicing and passing on Leave No Trace skills and ethics. The specific techniques you use are flexible and are meant to be tempered by your own good judgment 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*

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.



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Superior National Forest - LaCroix Backcountry Campsites

Description

Backcountry campsites are usually without road access. Access is by water or trail only. The following backcountry 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 ½-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 miles 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	Road access. 2 campsites and a fishing pier. No drinking water.
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 campsites. 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.