



VOYAGEURS NATIONAL PARK

International Falls/Ranier

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Rainy Lake has legendary status in northeastern Minnesota. The spectacular scenery, rich natural resources, and vibrant history of the area prompted the establishment of Voyageurs National Park.

In International Falls, visit the Koochiching Museums where artifacts and displays can take you from the early native cultures through the fur trade era to industrialization, with a gold rush thrown in for good measure.

Ranier is a quiet village situated where Rainy Lake pours over a rapids to become Rainy River. That location means it is also a very busy village, not only because of the international rail traffic but because of the many parks, shops, and recreation opportunities.

The scenery of Rainy Lake varies with the vast expanses of open water and clusters of evergreen topped islands. The Rainy Lake Visitor Center helps explain the cultures that have met at this well-known waterways crossroads. The best way to experience the Park is from the water and the Park Service offers a regular tour boat schedule. The Grand Tour will allow for a short hike on Little American Island, home to the largest and most profitable

gold mine on Rainy Lake. You will see plentiful wildlife and pass by other historic sites.

Explore the park on a houseboat and you're always ready to fish or swim or paddle to a quiet beach or day-use site. Motorboats are allowed in the national park, and you are also welcome to canoe

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the waters just as the Voyageurs.

Plan your trip to be in the park for the fall colors, there are mixed hardwoods that will add colorful splashes. There are overlooks to hike and scenic drives to take between hikes.

From fun eateries to great shops stocking outdoor gear, clothing, gifts, and souvenirs, you'll find places you will be recommending to your friends. There's a lot to see and do both within and outside of Voyageurs National Park.

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The Koochiching Museums offer visitors a unique experience with two museums in one facility. Share in the story of NFL legend and hometown hero Bronko Nagurski, as well as the various cultures who traversed and populated this region; claiming the "Icebox of the Nation" as their home.

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