

Camp Mishawaka Wilderness Tripping Descriptions

Overview

Camp Mishawaka has a long history of incorporating wilderness tripping as a part of its overall program. Situated at the gateway of some of the most beautiful and pristine wilderness areas in the Northern Lakes country, we are able to provide canoeing, hiking and other experiences that are truly remarkable. In addition to passing along basic wilderness skills these trips, by design, give campers an opportunity to work as a team toward shared goals, challenge themselves in new ways and discover new strengths.

Many of these opportunities are part of our regular Camp programming- day trips and shorter canoe trips and are included in the Camp fee. Some of the longer trips, which involve specialized transportation, services, permits or fees do generate additional charges. Trips are designed to be age and skill appropriate. The extended trips are available to campers 12 and above. *In general, the longer trips (3 days +) are available as part of a four-week session.* See below for full descriptions.

As Camp approaches a Trip Permission Form will be available in your [CampInTouch](#) account and parents will have an opportunity to indicate which trips their campers have permission for. This **is not** a pre-sign up for the trip. In the first few days of Camp campers will be given an opportunity to indicate their preferences in order of choice and the trips are put together based upon interest, age, qualifications and permit availability.

Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness

Description: One million acres of wilderness in the Superior National Forest. This world-renowned canoeing wilderness is located just two hours north of Mishawaka. Campers will canoe from one lake to the next, portaging their canoes and packs across a “portage” trail. Five to seven campers will join two tripping counselors and enjoy paddling, portaging, swimming, and fishing. Generally available for 4-week campers.

Option #1: 4 days. Perfect for 12 and 13 year-old campers as an introductory experience for canoeing, camping, or both. Campers will experience two full days of canoeing and short portages.

Option #2: 5-6 days. Great opportunity for a 2nd, longer Boundary Waters trip for older campers or campers with extended tripping experience. Similar to an introductory canoe trip but with longer days and more challenging portages and routes.

Skills Learned: map reading, canoeing, portaging, campfire building, and other camp craft and wilderness skills

Learn More: [Wikipedia on BWCA](#)

[New York Times piece on BWCA](#)

Cost: \$150 or \$200

Mississippi River Canoeing

Description: Five miles from Mishawaka, Lake Pokegama joins the Mississippi river and campers can canoe from the entry point right back to Camp. This is a great way to try out canoeing and camping, without the portaging and certain challenges of a Boundary Waters trip. Campers will experience one full day of canoeing and camp for two nights at state parks and reserved campsites.

Length: 1-3 days

Recommended Ages: All

Skills Learned: canoeing, campfire building, basic camp craft skills

Learn More: http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/maps/canoe_routes/mississippi3.pdf

Cost: Day Trip Included, Overnight trips \$50-\$100

Isle Royale National Park Backpacking/Hiking Trip

Description: Located in the northwest of Lake Superior, Isle Royale is the largest natural island in Lake Superior. 20 miles removed from the closest port, Isle Royale offers breathtaking views of Lake Superior and a pristine hiking experience for campers. After a three-hour ferry ride to the Island from Grand Portage, Minnesota, campers hike for five days and four nights in a loop on the island's western end. Along the way campers may see moose, fox, and other animals native to the island. This is an excellent hiking trip for older campers and intermediate to experienced hikers.

Length: 6 days

recommended ages: 13-16

Skills Learned: map reading, hiking, campfire building, camp craft skills and ecology.

Learn More: [National Park Services Isle Royale site](#)

Cost: \$310

Superior Hiking Trail Backpacking/Hiking Trip

Description: Located on the north shore of Lake Superior, this trail is a 310 mile hiking path that stretches from Duluth to the Canadian border. With most of its trail within a mile the Lake campers encounter many incredible views of Lake Superior. The trails are well-maintained with campsites available every few miles. This trip is an excellent introduction to hiking, as well as a first camping trip.

Length: 3-5 days

Recommended ages: 12-15

Skills Learned: map reading, hiking, campfire building, and camp craft skills

Learn More: [Wikipedia page on Superior Hiking Trail](#)

Cost \$150

Whitewater Rafting the St. Louis River

Description: A full day adventure on the St. Louis River. We contract with Minnesota Whitewater Rafting, a local rafting company. Campers, grouped with Mishawaka staff and professional guides take on 6 rapids from class I to III.

Length: 1 day

Required age: 12 and up

Skills Learned: Paddling and Pure Fun

Learn More: <https://minnesotawhitewater.com/>

Cost: \$88

Guided Launch Fishing Trip on Lake Winnibigoshish

Length: 1 day

Recommended Ages: 11 and up

Description: Campers make the trip to nearby Lake Winnie, one of the greatest fisheries in N. Minnesota in pursuit of Walleye, Perch and Northern Pike. We engage the services of a professionally guided launch for this adventure.

Campers learn to bait hooks, remove fish from hooks and clean and cook their catch.

Learn More: <http://www.dennysresort.com/>

Cost: \$80

Cabin Group Overnights and Day Trips

Description: A variety of options for day and overnight trips are available as part of the regular camp program. From campcraft classes in camp, to day-long canoeing or kayaking day trips on Pokegama Lake, campers have the opportunity to learn about the woods and waters around them. Overnight camping trips to our private Island on the Lake, and nearby State and National Park Campsites offer a wide variety of opportunities to all campers.