

LAKE SUPERIOR STATE WATER TRAIL



MAP 5 - GRAND MARAIS TO PIGEON POINT



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ABOUT THE WATER TRAIL

This water trail segment passes cobble and sand beaches and low basalt rock outcrops. Much of the segment is within the Grand Portage Indian Reservation and has limited public access points. Plan ahead with an eye on the weather and personal needs.

The first nation people of the Grand Portage Reservation have a rich natural and cultural history. Respect the privacy of the Reservation Lands and visit the Grand Portage National Monument area to learn more. Use of all reservation land needs prior authorization by its Trust Lands and Natural Resources Office at 218-475-2415. In order to cross the border into Canada or the U.S., you will need to notify the appropriate customs office for proper entry protocol.

Calm summer waters can change to life-threatening conditions in minutes and cliff areas can prevent you from seeking safety on shore. Be prepared to deal with conditions. Local marine weather forecasts should be monitored before and during any paddling trip.



Lake conditions can change in minutes.

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–TRIP PLANNING AND SAFETY -

- Plan your trip with a map and tell someone your plans before you leave.
- Make sure your route fits your experience and fitness levels. The average kayaking speed is 2-3 m.p.h.
- Travel with a companion or group and know everyone's skill level.
- Seek instruction and practice kayak skills, including rescues, before paddling on Lake Superior. Be certain your boat has adequate bow and stern flotation and a pump for emptying a flooded boat.
- Anticipate changes in weather, wind and waves by monitoring a weather or marine VHF radio.
- Study shoreline features and review exit points before launching. Cliffs may create water turbulence that prevents you from going ashore.
- Always wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal floatation device. Each paddler is required to have one readily accessible.

- Know the dangers of hypothermia and dress for cold water (32 to 50 degrees Fahrenheit). Cold water is a killer – wearing a wet or dry suit is strongly recommended.
- Pack a map, water, spray skirt, float for paddle, whistle, emergency flares, and a waterproof container with a first aid kit, matches and extra clothes.
- Fog can make visibility zero. Bring a compass and know how to use it.
- A bright white light must be displayed on each kayak or canoe after sunset to prevent a collision.
- Purchase a license for your non-motorized watercraft if it's more than 10 feet in length. If you're not from Minnesota, check your state's laws.
- This map is not adequate for sole use as a navigational aid. Utilize USGS topographic maps and NOAA charts of the North Shore.

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- MEDICAL

NORTH SHORE HEALTH



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IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 911

CAMPING_

- Respect private property along the shore! Stop only at designated areas.
- Camp only in designated campsites.
- Campgrounds require fees and reservations, while watercraft campsites are typically available on a first-come, first-served basis. Find details at mndnr.gov/lswt
- Leave a clean campsite and carry out all trash.
- Be sanitary! Use designated toilet facilities or bury human waste away from the water.

EXPLORE ON SHORE —

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Water trail mile 140.4

Pull onto shore near the Brule River, or paddle upstream if the water is high enough, and you'll find a short trail leading into the state park. From there, enjoy picnic tables along the river or hike further on park trails. If you have an hour or two, you could hike the steep Devil's Kettle Trail to see the river plunge into an impressive pothole.

mndnr.gov/judgemagney

- PROTECT THE LAKE -

Your experience on the lake depends on a healthy environment. As you explore the beauty of this waterway, also do your best to protect it.

Protect Your Waters

Before launching...before leaving

- Clean off aquatic plants and animals.
- Drain all water away from the landing.
- Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash.

mndnr.gov/invasives/aquatic

Buffer Protection

The Minnesota buffer law establishes new vegetation buffers along rivers, streams and ditches to help filter out chemicals and sediment before they reach waterways.

mndnr.gov/buffers

More Information

mndnr.gov/watertrails

- Interactive water trail map
- Recommended routes
- Lake safety
- Virtual tours

Search for outfitters at exploreminnesota.com

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