

## ROUTE DESCRIPTION - River miles 0 to 27 (27 miles) plus a portion of the mouth of the St. Louis River.

(0.0 at Minnesota Point/Wisconsin Point. Alternate entrance - Duluth Lift Bridge. Large ships frequent this area, extreme caution is advised).

**Note:** Mile markers for sites within the St. Louis River and along Minnesota Point are relative distances based on the map's linear scale. Actual paddling distances between sites will vary.

**Note:** (L) and (R) represent left and right banks of the St. Louis River when facing downstream (facing lakeward).

### St. Louis River and Bay – Minnesota Side:

**16.9 (L) Boy Scout Landing.** Trailer access, toilets. Limited parking. [46° 39.205' N / 92° 13.580' W]

**12.0 (L) Clyde Avenue/Munger Landing.** Trailer access, pier, toilets, parking. [46° 42.050' N / 92° 12.430' W]

**10.6 (L) Indian Point Campground.** City of Duluth campground, carry-in access, toilets and fishing pier. Landing at boat docks. Call for information/reservations. [46° 43.260' N / 92° 10.935' W]

**8.4 (L) Grassy Point Trail.** Parking. Portage down boardwalk pier to overlooks. Launch also possible at Keene Creek. Powerline crossing. [46° 43.568' N / 92° 09.282' W]

**5.3 (L) Rice Point Landing.** Trailer access, parking, toilets. Under Hwy 53/Blatnik Bridge on the MN side. [46° 45.080' N / 92° 06.180' W]

### St. Louis River and Bay – Wisconsin Side:

**9.7 (R) Dwight's Point.** Primitive campsite. No facilities. Fires allowed. Not marked with sign. [46° 42.550' N / 92° 09.645' W]

**9.1 (R) Billings Park Access.** A city park with trailer access. Daytime parking. Fee charged to use access. Facilities, no camping. [46° 42.795' N / 92° 08.465' W]

**9.0 (R) Arrowhead Fishing Pier.** Fishing pier, toilets, limited parking. [46° 43.110' N / 92° 08.670' W]

**2.3 (R) Barker's Island.** Trailer access. Fee charged.

Toilets, daytime parking. [46° 43.105' N / 92° 03.440' W]

**0.8 (R) Loons Foot.** Trailer access. Fee charged. Toilets, daytime parking. [46° 42.010' N / 92° 02.060' W]

**0.0 Wisconsin Point.** A city of Superior natural area. Lighthouse, parking, no facilities. Protected launch on beach inside breakwater. Beware of ships, currents, and reflected waves in channel out to lake. [46° 42.370' N / 92° 00.775' W]

### Minnesota Point:

**0.8 Minnesota Point.** Rest area, no toilets, no camping. Caution: poison ivy prevalent in area. Sandy landing. [46° 42.660' N / 92° 01.455' W]

**2.6 Park Point Park.** A Duluth city trailer access and accessible carry-in access. Daytime parking, bathrooms, picnic areas, no camping. [46° 43.925' N / 92° 03.365' W]

**4.2 Lafayette Park.** Rest area, toilets, daytime parking. Sandy landing. [46° 45.145' N / 92° 04.265' W]

**5.7 Franklin Park.** Carry-in access, rest area, limited daytime parking. Seasonal toilets. [46° 46.320' N / 92° 05.235' W]

**5.7 UMD Boat Shed.** Carry-in access, parking. [46° 76.872' N / 92° 08.8524' W]

### North from Canal Park:

**6.7 Corner of the Lake.** Rest area. Duluth Public Park and Lake Walk. Facilities. Nearby metered parking. Sand and pebble beach. [46° 47.225' N / 92° 05.640' W]

**7.3 Leif Erikson Park.** Rest area, no facilities. Creek drainage through cement culvert. [46° 47.717' N / 92° 05.163' W]

**10.4 42nd Avenue East.** Rest area, no facilities, no camping. Rocky beach. [46° 49.235' N / 92° 02.305' W]

**12.4 Lester River.** Rest area. Sand and cobblestone beach near mouth of river. Facilities and tourist

information kiosk near parking lot off of Hwy 61. [46° 50.190' N / 92° 00.350' W]

**12.7 Brighton Beach.** A Duluth city park. Carry-in access, daytime parking, toilets, picnic area. No camping. [46° 50.595' N / 91° 59.545' W]

**15.5 Lakewood Station.** Rest area, no toilets. Daytime parking on east side of Hwy 61. [46° 51.805' N / 91° 57.445' W]

**16.0 Private campground.** Steep bank up to Hwy 61. [46° 52.110' N / 91° 56.950' W]

**17.6 McQuade Safe Harbor.** Protected boat and kayak launch, toilets, parking, and shore fishing. [46° 52.840' N / 91° 55.235' W]

**19.6 French River.** Carry-in access, rest area, toilets. Limited parking. [46° 53.960' N / 91° 53.535' W]

**22.0 Bluebird Landing.** Rest area, no toilets. Limited parking. Rocky beach. [46° 55.045' N / 91° 51.155' W]

**23.1 Big Sucker River.** Rest area on small beach at river mouth. No toilets. Very small landing area. [46° 55.320' N / 91° 50.855' W]

**24.3 Stony Point.** Rest area. Limited daytime parking. No toilets. Rocky beach. [46° 55.675' N / 91° 48.795' W]

**26.5 Knife River Marina.** Access at boat launch area. Parking, toilets. [46° 56.705' N / 91° 46.950' W]

**26.6 Knife River Beach.** Carry-in access, rest area, parking, toilet. Sand and pebble beach. [46° 56.785' N / 91° 46.845' W]

END OF MAP 1  
Continued on Map 2, Knife River to Silver Bay

# LAKE SUPERIOR STATE WATER TRAIL



## MAP 1 - BOY SCOUT LANDING TO KNIFE RIVER



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## ABOUT THE WATER TRAIL

Beginning at Minnesota Point, this water trail segment heads northeast past low cliffs, stately mansions and cobblestone beaches. It also encompasses the estuary of the St. Louis River, where the world's longest freshwater sandspit protects undeveloped backwaters and industrial waterfront from Lake Superior waves. You'll find a maze of bays there that offer paddling options when the lake has less than ideal conditions.

Shipwrecks are tragic reminders of Lake Superior's power, something that no paddler should underestimate. Lake cliffs can be serious hazards to the unwary. Calm summer waters can change to life-threatening conditions in minutes and cliff areas can prevent you from seeking safety on shore. A paddler must be prepared to deal with conditions and have the paddling skills needed to ensure their safety. Local marine weather forecasts should be monitored before and during any trip on the lake. You should understand how these forecasts affect overall lake conditions. Wave heights can be greatly increased by shoreline features and currents.



Make sure you know the nautical rules of the road.

## CONTACTS

**DNR TWO HARBORS AREA OFFICE**  
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Two Harbors, MN 55616  
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St. Paul, MN 55155-4040  
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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 flotation 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.**



## AREA OVERVIEW



## MEDICAL

**ST. MARY'S MEDICAL CENTER**  
407 East 3rd St  
Duluth, MN 55805  
218-786-4000

**ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL**  
915 East 1st Street  
Duluth, MN 55805  
800-321-3790

**IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 911**



## HARBOR SAFETY

- The Duluth/Superior Harbor is the largest freshwater port with both commercial and recreation vessels sharing the water. Large commercial vessels deserve respect. These ships need a long distance to stop, produce a large wake and often can't see paddle craft.
- Stay near the shore and well away from commercial vessels. Do not paddle in fog or other poor weather.
- Outgoing currents through the entrances of the Duluth-Superior Harbor can clash with incoming waves to create chaotic paddling conditions. Seek instruction and practice kayak skills before paddling from the harbor to Lake Superior. Be certain your boat has adequate bow and stern flotation and a pump for emptying a flooded boat.

## 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 available on a first-come, first-served basis. Find details at [mndnr.gov/lswt](http://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.



## 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](http://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](http://mndnr.gov/buffers)

## More Information

[mndnr.gov/watertrails](http://mndnr.gov/watertrails)

- Interactive water trail map
- Recommended routes
- Virtual tours

[paddlesafetwinports.org](http://paddlesafetwinports.org)

- Lake conditions and safety

Search for outfitters at [exploreminnesota.com](http://exploreminnesota.com)

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