

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

River miles 54 to 95 (41 miles)

(0.0 at Minnesota Entrance – Duluth Lift Bridge).

MAP 3 - Split Rock Lighthouse State Park to Schroeder

- 55.5 **Split Rock River at Split Rock Lighthouse State Park.** Rest area, no facilities. [47° 10.920' N / 91° 24.440' W]
- 56.2 **Crazy Bay at Split Rock Lighthouse State Park.** Two watercraft campsites. *West site* is for kayakers only and is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Toilet. [47° 11.075' N / 91° 23.975' W]. *East site* (backpack/kayak site #3) is shared-use by kayakers and backpackers. Reservations recommended. Fire ring and toilet. [47° 11.145' N / 91° 23.935' W]
- 57.0 **Split Rock Creek at Split Rock Lighthouse State Park.** Backpack/kayak site #1. Shared-use by kayakers and backpackers. Reservations recommended. [47° 11.405' N / 91° 23.175' W]
- 57.7 **Little Two Harbors at Split Rock Lighthouse State Park.** Access to park and lighthouse, a Minnesota Historic Site. Trailer access, parking, campground, picnic area and trails. [47° 11.865' N / 91° 22.620' W]

- 59.0 **Gold Rock Point.** Wreck of the Madeira, driven ashore in 1905, lies scattered on the bottom in 10 to 100' of water with portions clearly visible in calm water. A popular recreational diving site, please be alert to divers in the water. Rest area on small beach nearby. No facilities. [47° 12.410' N / 91° 21.520' W]
- 60.0 **Nadine Blacklock Lakeshore.** Blacklock Nature Sanctuary. Campsite is near N.E. end of cobble beach E. of cabin (which is on point), in from Gull Rock. The shallows leading out to Gull Rock give some protection to this otherwise exposed beach. Landing is on large cobbles, which can be difficult even in good conditions. Note: the cabin is used for residencies at the Sanctuary. Please respect their desire for solitude. Toilet. [47° 13.070' N / 91° 21.025' W]
- 62.9 **Private resort.** [47° 14.795' N / 91° 18.775' W]
- 64.5 **Beaver Bay.** Rest area on beach only. No facilities. Food and other supplies available nearby. [47° 15.575' N / 91° 17.595' W]
- 65.7 **Bayside Park and Silver Bay Marina.** A city park with trailer access, parking, restrooms and picnic areas. [47° 16.280' N / 91° 16.570' W]
- 66.5 **Silver Bay Harbor.** **Caution! Large commercial vessels transit this area 24 hours a day.**
- 68.8 **Black Beach Access.** Carry-in access, rest area and parking.
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- 71.0 **Palisade Head at Tettegouche State Park.** Sea cliffs and caves. **Caution! Wind and waves can quickly create potential hazardous conditions in this area.** [47° 19.030' N / 91° 12.835' W]
- 71.8 **Palisade Coast Campsite.** Four watercraft campsites, rest area, toilet. No fires. First-come, first-served. [47° 19.725' N / 91° 12.340' W]
- 72.4 **Tettegouche State Park.** Walk-in site. Shared-use by kayakers and backpackers. Reservations required. Fire ring and toilet. [47° 20.075' N / 91° 11.900' W]
- 72.5 **Baptism River at Tettegouche State Park.** Carry-in access, parking, picnic area and trails. State park campground is 1.5 miles inland. [47° 20.165' N / 91° 11.855' W]
- 73.0 **Shovel Point at Tettegouche State Park.** Dramatic cliffs plunge into Lake Superior at this exposed, projecting point.
- 73.6 **Crystal Bay at Tettegouche State Park.** Rest area. No facilities. One of the largest North Shore sea caves. [47° 20.830' N / 91° 11.075' W]
- 76.3 **Rest Area.** Beach area only. No facilities. [47° 22.765' N / 91° 09.360' W]
- Caution! There are currently no established public landing areas or facilities for the next ten miles. Be knowledgeable of current weather conditions. Plan accordingly.**
- 80.0 **Private resort.** [47° 24.855' N / 91° 05.890' W]
- 82.7 **Manitou Falls and Arch.** Private property. No landing. [47° 26.565' N / 91° 03.805' W]
- 88.0 **Sugarloaf Interpretive Center.** Rest area on beach. Interpretive hiking trails nearby. Sugarloaf Point SNA on point. No facilities, camping or picnicking. [47° 29.220' N / 90° 59.010' W]
- 89.5 **Last Creek Watercraft Campsite.** Primitive campsite on hill overlooking lake and creek. Small beach at creek. Beach may be washed out making landing difficult. [47° 30.115' N / 90° 57.710' W]
- 92.0 **Taconite Harbor - Safe Harbor.** Trailer access, parking, toilets. **Caution! Large commercial ships may be using this area.** [47° 31.290' N / 90° 55.440' W]
- 94.0 **Private resort.** [47° 32.540' N / 90° 53.580' W]
- 94.2 **Father Baraga's Cross Monument.** On point of land near mouth of Cross River.
- 94.2 **Schroeder Public Access.** Carry-in with access to lake. Parking, toilets. State wayside at waterfall and other facilities are a short walk into Schroeder. [47° 32.640' N / 90° 53.440' W]

END OF MAP 3
Continued on Map 4, Schroeder to Grand Marais

LAKE SUPERIOR STATE WATER TRAIL



MAP 3 - SPLIT ROCK LIGHTHOUSE STATE PARK TO SCHREODER



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STATE PARKS AND TRAILS

ABOUT THE WATER TRAIL

Paddle past tall cliffs, low basalt rock outcrops, and rocky beaches on this segment of the water trail. There are areas with no public access, particularly between Kennedy Landing and Sugarloaf Point. Be sure to plan ahead with an eye on the weather and personal needs.

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.

Be prepared to deal with conditions and have the paddling skills needed to ensure your 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.



Explore camping opportunities along this segment.

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



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

SPLIT ROCK LIGHTHOUSE STATE PARK Water trail mile 57.7

Get a glimpse of this iconic lighthouse from the water before heading onto shore for hiking trails with closer views. Also enjoy park picnic tables, restrooms and water.
mndnr.gov/splitrocklighthouse

TETTEGOUCHE STATE PARK Water trail mile 72.5

Pull onto shore near the Baptism River to access park trails, picnic tables and vehicle parking.
mndnr.gov/tettegouche

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

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mndnr.gov/watertrails

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

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