

ROUTE DESCRIPTION - River miles 93 to 126 (33 miles)

(0.0 at Minnesota Entrance – Duluth Lift Bridge).

MAP 3 - Split Rock Lighthouse State Park to Schroeder

- 94.0 Private resort and campground.** [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]
- 95.2 Temperance River State Park.** Rest area, carry-in access to lake, picnicking, toilets. Spectacular canyons and waterfalls on hiking trails across highway. Parking, camping permits, and other services available nearby at park headquarters. Park sticker required for vehicles. [47° 33.180' N / 90° 52.425' W]
- 97.3 Tofte Town Park.** Access at launch, picnicking, toilets. Many facilities including outfitters available in nearby Tofte. [47° 34.230' N / 90° 50.380' W]
- 97.7 Private resort.** Rest area, restaurant and lodging. Contact resort for further information. [47° 34.430' N / 90° 50.090' W]
- 101.5 Onion River.** Rest area on small beach at mouth. State wayside on other side of highway with toilets. No facilities. [47° 36.490' N / 90° 46.250' W]
- 105.0 Lutsen Kayak Camp.** Two primitive campsites near cobble beach. Toilet. [47° 38.060' N / 90° 42.600' W]
- 105.2 Private resort.** [47° 38.135' N / 90° 42.470' W]

- 109.0 Lutsen Grandview Community Park.** Rest area, parking, toilets, picnic area and an access. Rocky landing. [47° 39.560' N / 90° 38.337' W]

Caution! There are currently no established public landing areas or facilities for the next 6 miles. Be knowledgeable of current weather conditions. Plan accordingly.

- 115.4 Cascade River at Cascade River State Park.** Rest area on beach just west of river mouth. State wayside on highway. No overnight parking, no facilities. State Park campground and parking are located inland 0.2 miles northeast, across Highway 61. Please register for camping at the park office located inland across Highway 61 and 0.7 miles northeast. [47° 42.400' N / 90° 31.425' W]
- 115.8 Picnic Area at Cascade River State Park.** Seven picnic sites with tables and fire rings. Toilet near east end of day use parking lot. No camping or overnight parking.
- 117.0 Backpack/Kayak Campsite at Cascade River State Park.** Backpack/kayak campsite #1. Can be reserved by backpackers or kayakers. Reservations required. Toilet, fire ring and table. Landing may be difficult. [47° 42.785' N / 90° 29.595' W]
- 117.8 Butterwort Cliffs SNA.** No landing. Site protects a rare plant. Herring gull nest in the area in summer months- keep your distance. [47° 42.975' N / 90° 29.105' W]
- 120.0 Cut Face Creek. Rest Area and Access.** State wayside with picnicking and toilets. No overnight parking. [47° 43.820' N / 90° 26.380' W]

- 122.5 Fall River Kayak Campsite.** Rest area and campsite. Waterfall. No facilities at this time. [47° 44.455' N / 90° 23.295' W]

- 125.0 Grand Marais.** All facilities available. Municipal campground at west end of harbor. Parking, trailer access, and Coast Guard station at east end of harbor. Nice beach in East Bay. [47° 44.805' N / 90° 20.020' W]

- 126.5 Old Shore Road.** Rest area. No facilities or services. Open for public recreational use. Undeveloped local access with limited parking. Located on Old Shore Road behind DNR Forestry Office. [47° 45.4183' N / 90° 18.756' W]

END OF MAP 4
Continued on Map 5, Grand Marais to Pigeon Point

LAKE SUPERIOR STATE WATER TRAIL



MAP 4 - SCHROEDER TO GRAND MARAIS



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STATE PARKS AND TRAILS

ABOUT THE WATER TRAIL

Paddle past basalt rock outcrops, rocky beaches and distant views of the Sawtooth Mountains along this segment of the water trail. There are areas with no public access, particularly near Tofte and Lutsen. 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.

You should 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.



Planning and preparation help create a great experience.

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

TEMPERANCE RIVER STATE PARK Water trail mile 95.2

Beach your kayak near the mouth of the Temperance River and stretch your legs on park trails. You'll also find vehicle parking and a picnic area just a short walk from the lake.

mndnr.gov/temperance

CASCADE RIVER STATE PARK Water trail mile 115.4

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

mndnr.gov/cascaderiver

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

CONTACTS

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CASCADE RIVER STATE PARK
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NORTH SHORE HEALTH
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IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 911

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mndnr.gov/watertrails

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

Search for outfitters at exploreminnesota.com

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