Split Rock Lighthouse became a necessity in 1905 when a storm wrecked six ships within a dozen miles of the Split Rock River. The historic lighthouse sits on a 130-foot anorthosite cliff pushed up by magma within the Midcontinent Rift over a billion years ago. The combination creates a stunning setting that visitors come from around the world to see. The Minnesota Historical Society manages the Lighthouse Historic Site and the state park manages 2,200 acres around it. Visit and explore Shipwreck Creek Campground, the cart-in campground, rugged trails, Lake Superior shoreline and Split Rock River.

Immerse yourself in iconic North Shore scenery.

TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS

Corundum Point Overlook Trail
Hilly • Rocky • Stairs
Follow the trail along the lake, starting at Pebble Beach for an impressive overlook of the shoreline. Learn about a mine that was once here along the way.

Day Hill Trail
Hilly • Gravel • Rocky
Start at Pebble Beach and hike to the top for a stunning view of Lake Superior and the lighthouse. Go back the way you came or finish the loop with a long staircase to the campground.

Little Two Harbors Trails along Lake Superior
Flat • Accessible gravel from the Trail Center to Pebble Beach parking lot
This trail has it all. See Ellingsen Island, the lighthouse, pebble beaches, the largest freshwater lake in the world, and the Little Two Harbors Fishing Village location (active from 1910 through the 1940s).

Gitchi-Gami State Trail
Paved • Shared with bicycles
Get on this paved bike trail from the Trail Center parking lot and travel to Gooseberry Falls State Park (8 miles one-way) or the town of Beaver Bay (7 miles one-way).

MORE TO EXPLORE AT THE PARK

• Check out a GPS unit or birding or discovery kit.
• Rent the four-season Trail Center for your event.
• Scuba dive the Madeira shipwreck.
• Camp at one of four backpack sites.