



Wilderness Rules and Regulations

BWCA AND QUETICO PARK

Both the Boundary Waters (BWCA) and Quetico Park have a 9-person limit on the number of people who may travel and camp together at one time. Groups exceeding the 9 person limit must break into subgroups. The subgroups may travel on the same general routes, but must remain separate at all times. Portaging, traveling and camping together in groups larger than 9 people is strictly prohibited.

LEAVE NO TRACE

Both the Quetico Park and the BWCA promote leave-no-trace camping. For this reason, no foods packaged in cans or bottles are allowed on your canoe trip. Fresh and freeze-dried foods packaged in plastic or foil pouches or carried in plastic containers are permitted. Campers are required to bring out all garbage. Do not burn plastic or foil packaging and always leave your campsite cleaner than you found it.

Any activities that require the use of soap products (bathing, washing dishes, etc.) must be done at least 100 feet from the shoreline.

DRINKING WATER

It is recommended that you boil or treat your water before drinking. If you choose to drink directly from the lakes, avoid stagnant backwaters and areas where beavers are active.

FIREWOOD

Collect firewood away from the camp. Gather branches from dead and fallen trees along the shore line. Never cut down or remove branches or bark from live trees.

FISHING

Both wilderness areas offer excellent opportunities for fishing. Clean fish away from camp and leave the remains on an exposed rock away from the campsite.

PORTAGE

Traveling from lake to lake and around water hazards will require physically picking-up your canoe and equipment and traveling across a portage trail. Wherever you encounter a portage trail, please use it. They have been placed there for your safety. Don't run the rapids in your canoe - it's a long, difficult walk home.

ETIQUETTE

Wilderness etiquette encourages minimal noise while traveling and camping. Responsible noise level not only shows your respect for fellow campers and nature, but also offers you the opportunity to see various forms of wildlife. To fully experience the wilderness around you, consider leaving your radio, tape player and CD player at home.

PERMITS & LICENSES

Travel permits are necessary to enter either of the wilderness areas. The travel permit system is designed to limit the number of visitors by day and area. For the optimum variety of entry points and dates, plan your trip early. The travel permits become available in December and January. Since we work directly with both wilderness permit offices, we are able to handle the paperwork and apply for travel permits for your trip.

Fishing licenses for BWCA trips (Minnesota) are available at our base. Canadian fishing licenses may be obtained at a Canadian Ranger Station the morning your trip begins. Camping fees apply to both wilderness areas. Remote Border Crossing Passes, which serve as customs clearance for certain Canadian trips, must be applied for in advance.

For more details and specific rates, please feel free to contact us.