



# Isle Royale National Park Kayak Adventure

## Packing List

### Lodge Clothing & Accessories:

- Sleepwear
- Clothes for lounging and/or dinners at restaurant (*no prom attire please*)
- Comfortable shoes of your choice for lounging and/or restaurant
- Toiletries/dopp kit

### Day Trip Clothing:

- Wetsuit  
(*we will provide — or bring your own*)
- 1-2 swimsuits for base layers  
(*ladies: 2-piece or tankinis work well for potty breaks*)
- 1 Synthetic long-underwear base layer  
(*long-sleeved top and bottom*)
- 2-3 Synthetic t-shirts  
(*short- or long-sleeved*)
- 1 Synthetic long-sleeved shirt or sun top  
(*built-in UV protection is great!*)
- 2 Quick-dry shorts
- 2 Quick-dry pants or workout tights
- Rain Gear  
(*waterproof jacket and rain pants [not water resistant] to protect from the wind and rain. A hooded jacket or rain pants featuring secure closures/elastic cuffs around face, neck, wrists, and ankles is what you're looking for*)
- 1 Fleece top and bottom (pullover/jacket and pants/sweatpants)
- 2 Pairs of wool or synthetic socks
- 2 Pairs of hiking socks  
(*synthetic or wool*)
- Warm hat & gloves (*synthetic or wool*)

### Day Trip Accessories:

- Waterproof shoes, water sandals or neoprene booties with durable soles (*all shoes must be well secured to the feet; no Crocs or flip-flops!*)
- 2 Reusable and durable water bottles (*minimum 1-liter capacity with 1 small carabiner for securing to boat deck; second in boat hatch*)
- Sunglasses (preferably polarized) and lanyard for loss prevention
- Sun hat, rain hat, or baseball cap
- Sunscreen  
(*waterproof & SPF30 or higher*)
- Lip protection (*SPF30 or higher*)
- Hiking shoes or lightweight hiking boots (*broken in*)
- Dry bag for lunches  
(*they come packed in paper bags*)
- Dry bag for stowing extra clothes and personal belongings
- Small day pack for hikes (*holds water, lunch, extra clothes, etc.*)
- Small, quick-drying towel
- Medications (*including Dramamine if you are prone to sea-sickness*)
- Personal first aid kit (*Band-Aids, antibiotic ointment, ibuprofen, moleskin, eye drops, etc.*)
- Insect repellent, bug hood, and/or a bug repellent treated shirt
- NPS/Federal Lands Passes  
(*senior, annual, or volunteer*)
- Flashlight (*headlamp preferred*)



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### Optionals:

- Camera or phone
- Waterproof case and floats for phone, camera, memory cards
- Hiking poles (*bring 'em if you got 'em*)
- Binoculars (*guides will have too*)
- Sketchbook, journal & pen, book(s) for reading during free time
- Beer or wine (*it is available in the camp store for \$, so consider bringing a small libation inside your luggage to enjoy while sitting on your deck or around the fire **after** our daily adventures*)

## Pro Tips

- If traveling on a ferry to the island, pack what you need for the travel days to/from the island in your day pack. Luggage will be stowed and inaccessible for the ferry trip.
- Cotton when it gets wet, either from perspiration or precipitation, will make you cold and dries incredibly slow. This is why we recommend synthetic clothing for paddling and hiking outings. Save the cotton shorts and t-shirts for time at the Lodge.
- **You don't need to invest in dry bags.** Freezer zip-top bags in quart, one gallon, and two gallon sizes work really well. Smaller sizes can organize things like sunscreen, memory cards, etcetera. A kitchen garbage bag can keep a day pack clean and dry too!
- We're not there to win fashion shows and you'll see us guides wearing the same clothing for multiple days.
- For our paddling day trips, bring one full set of clothes to warm up in and change into if you get wet. **Always pack rain gear. Always!**
- Leave a clean set of clothes in your car.

## Packing Notes

### Average Temps

June: 69° / 49°

July: 75° / 56°

August: 72° / 56°

September: 63° / 50°

### Mosquitoes & Black Fly Season

Mosquitoes and black flies typically hatch late May–early June. They are the worst in late June and early July. FYI: Late springs can push that season into mid-July!

### NPS Park Pass

Each annual pass holder can bring 3 additional *unrelated* people into the park. We typically have enough passes within our group to cover everyone so no one needs to pay the daily fee.

### Cash/Money

There are several small gift/camp stores at Rock Harbor that accept cash/credit. Alcoholic beverages at the Lodge can be paid for at time of purchase via cash/credit. On the last evening or morning, stop by the Lodge office in order to tip wait staff, housekeeping, and bell hops with cash/credit (you assign desired amount to each category). **However**, bring cash for purchasing ferry snacks, an optional donation to the Wolf/Moose Research Project, and gratuity for your guides (*deeply appreciated but not required — they hope to impress you!*).