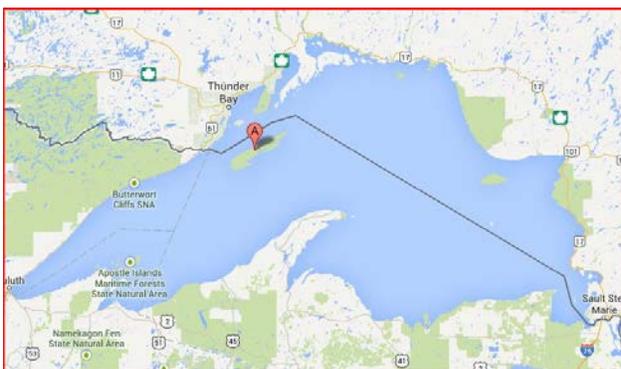


Isle Royale T-255 HA

August 2-17^{+/-}, 2014



Isle Royale National Park: Out in the vastness of Lake Superior rises an island known for its immigrant wolves and moose. Isle Royale is an isolated realm like no other park. While among the least visited of the national parks, it has the largest percentage of repeat visitors! It is 45 miles long and 9 miles wide at its widest point. The park encompasses a total land area of 209 square miles. The island is a living laboratory, designated an international Biosphere Reserve by the United Nations as having global scientific and educational significance. This is rough, untamed country. Waterways may be fogbound and trails muddy. Black-, deer-, horse- and stable-flies, no-see-ums and mosquitoes may descend upon hikers in swarms – but their densities diminish in the late summer. On the trails, expect to see animals' tracks and droppings, although quietly grazing moose do surprise hikers, particularly in swamps or dense forest. You may spot the rippling Vs of the beaver ponds' creators. At campsites watch for foxes looking for hand-outs. Wolves see you, but you are not likely to see them. The island also had several copper mines. The island is accessible only by a 3 hour ferry ride. The full trek requires 3 ferry trips – to access the island, an after hike circumvention of the north shore, and the return. The **hiking difficulty** is way below T-255's Philmont or Grand Tetons HAs; closer to West Coast Trail HA.



Isle Royale is so remote that this trip requires a 7 day road trip in the Piercemobile: **TO:** 1) Detroit (maybe Tigers game); 2) Henry Ford Museum/ Rouge Plant, then the Mackinac Straits; 3) Straits to Copper Harbor. **FROM:** 4) Copper Harbor to Sault Ste. Marie; 5) Toronto; 6) Niagara Falls; and

7) Maybe a Little League World Series game and home.

When: 15 days from approximately **August 2>17, 2014**, depending on **NPS lottery results**. Lottery starts January 2, 2014; results known February 2014.

Adult Leaders: Scott Johnson and Keith Pierce. Other adults may join.

Who can go: Scouts age 14 & First Class and above as of date of trip. Must have demonstrated hiking and camping skills, and enjoy the outdoors. Adult leaders will review all applicants. Minimum 6 including adults. NPS maximum is 10.



How Much: \$725 +/- (Mulch Credits eligible), including 3-day, 2-night shakedown; transportation to, around, and return; food during the hike on Isle Royale; all ferries; NPS's permit and fees; hotel in Detroit; Henry Ford Museum/Rouge Plant Tour; CN Tower; Niagara Falls Maid of the Mist/ Cave of Winds/Beck Generating plant; various state park camping fees. +/- depends also on side trips and length of trip (15 to 17-days.)
Not included: food while on the road; Tigers scalped tickets.

Payment Schedule: Tuesday, December 17, 2013: \$200
(We must know #'s for the January 2014 NPS lottery)
Tuesday, March 11, 2014: \$225
Tuesday, May 6, 2014: \$300

Reconciliation with additional payments or refunds due September 2014.

Note: As reservations are made, some payments are NOT REFUNDABLE.

Paperwork: As with any BSA HA, there is a lot of paperwork. Most important:
All: Must have up-to-date BSA Annual Health Form, Parts A-C; passport. **Adults:** Various BSA required certifications – including Wilderness First Aid.

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Additional references:

<http://www.nps.gov/isro/index.htm>

<http://sweetwatervisitions.com/Platforms/IsleRoyaleNP.html>

