

Isle Royale Trip Frequently Asked Questions

***What do we do on our arrival day?** Meet up at our lodging base at 4pm for a packing session where we'll distribute dry bags and help with all those pesky packing conundrums.

***Is lodging included?** Yes, before and after your trip

***Will I need money or ID during the trip?** You should carry your ID and National Parks pass if you have one. The bookstore, café and gift shop at Rock Harbor all take credit cards.

***What about tips?** No need to tip the ferry crew...we do that on your behalf. As for guide tips, people often tip someone for sliding a cup of coffee over a counter to them....tipping a guide 5-10% for your personal safety, care and feeding over the course of several days seems like a much better investment.

***What does our first trip day look like?** Ferry over to island: 7:15 am meet up on the dock to load gear and move cars (free parking nearby) for our 8 am departure.

***Are there designated campsites?** We're generally limited to designated camps that have limited tent and/or shelter space. We can have several tents but be prepared for them to be next to each other to fit in the campsites.

***What's the longest we'll paddle in a day?** Sampler trip would be about 10 miles, whereas the explorer could see up to 16.

***Are there bugs?** Depends on the season, but mosquitos are mostly out when you are sleeping and biting flies are easily controlled with clothing.

***Do I need to bring any food?** Any specialized diet snacks you may want (like bars) are good to bring.

***If I bring my own dry bags, what do you recommend?** 20 liter is pretty much the biggest that would fit in a kayak, but we find organizing clothes in 10-15 liter bags makes it easier to find stuff. Consult our packing list for additional packing info.

***What types of footwear should I bring?** Neoprene booties to paddle in (over the ankle type) and comfortable trail shoes or hiking sandals for on land (shoes offer better bug protection)

Are there any bears? Isle Royale has no bears, no raccoons and no porcupines...weird, right?

What's the weather like? Is it rainy? Day temps from 50-80's and nights down to mid 40's. Bring a raincoat for the occasional shower.