



# Backcountry Campsites



## Features

Backcountry campsites are the same style of campsites you may know from the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, but since they are not in the BWCAW, fewer restrictions apply. These single sites outside of a campground have a firegrate, flat space for a tent, and wilderness latrine (an outhouse without the house), a group size limit of nine, but no permits or fees.

- Please use only the facilities that are provided for fires, tents, and waste. You are not allowed to make additional fire rings, tent pads, trenches, or catholes
- Water, trail or road access to the campsites
- 14 day limit at all Forest Service campsites
- Locations of backcountry sites are available on the current Forest Map



## Reminders

Most of the recommendations for the BWCA Wilderness make sense for backcountry campsites as well.

- Hang food packs.
- Put fires out at night and each time you leave the campsite. Be aware of campfire restrictions.
- Treat or boil all water.
- Wash yourself and dishes at least 200 ft from the water's edge.
- Clean fish far away from the campsite and bury the remains at least 200 ft from water. Do not throw fish remains in the water.
- Pack out all garbage.
- Use a Forest Map to locate campsites and accesses.



## Leave No Trace Principles

1. Plan ahead and prepare.
2. Travel and camp on durable surfaces.
3. Dispose of waste properly.
4. Minimize use and impact of fires.
5. Respect wildlife.
6. Leave what you find.
7. Be considerate of other visitors.



# Superior National Forest - LaCroix Backcountry Sites

Lake, River or Route	Campsites	Location	Features
Hunting Shack River Route*: Astrid, Pauline, Nigh, Maude Lakes	6	29 miles NE of Orr	Roadside parking. Astrid Lake hiking Trail nearby.
Johnson Lake Route*: Johnson, Little Johnson Lakes	7	29 miles NE of Orr	Small boat/canoe access via a 1/2 mile portage for ATV use.
Franklin Lake	2	29 miles NE of Orr	Small boat/canoe acces via a 1 mile portage for ATV use.
Echo Lake*	3	22 miles NE of Orr	Park at the boat landing, not at the campground.
Lake Jeanette*	6	32 miles NE of Orr	Park at boat landing, not at campground. Astrid Lake Hiking Trail nearby
Crane Lake	3	27 miles NE of Orr	Adjacent to Voyageurs National Park
Meander Lake	2	32 miles NE of Orr	Road access, picnic tables, and fishing pier.
Myrtle Lake	3	8 miles E of Orr	Boat launch located on Myrtle Lake Rd off of CR 23.
Picket Lake	3	33 miles NE of Orr	High-clearance vehicles on Forest Rd 477.
Lake Vermilion*	17	Cook-Tower area	6 USFS campsites. 11 MN DNR sites on Hinsdale Island.
Vermilion River Route*	9	NE of Cook	River map with access points and campsites available.

\* More detailed information is available.

## Need more information?

**on the web at:**  
[www.fs.usda.gov/superior](http://www.fs.usda.gov/superior)

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