

2019 Freshmen Outdoor Trip: Fishing the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness



The Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness is an extensive area of waterways with campsites and portages that will be the focus of our fishing excursions. We will camp along the shores and try our hand at catching the various fish that can be found in these beautiful lakes.

HERE'S WHAT TO EXPECT:

We will begin our journey by traveling as a group up the Gunflint Trail to our spot near Poplar Lake where we will review basic canoeing skills and load the boats. The group will then get into the wilderness and use the lakes and portage trails to find spots where maybe the walleye are “stacked up like cordwood”.

For pictures of past trips, go to: www.umdrsop.org and click on “Outdoor Trips” then “Freshmen Trips”.

WHEN:

9 am Monday, August 19 – Thursday, August 22, 2019
Pre-trip meeting Sunday, August 18, at 5pm (meet in Lake Superior Hall Lobby)

WHERE:

We will be departing from the main entrance to Lake Superior Hall at **9am on August 19**

PREPARATION:

- *Equipment* – attached is an equipment list that includes what we provide and what you need to obtain. **Follow this closely**; it is based upon extensive experience. Plan on weather that could range from the low 70's to the 40's and windy.
- *Schedule* – attached is an itinerary of what we will be doing.
- *Housing* – if you have an on-campus housing assignment you will be eligible to move in on Sunday, August 18 between 11am and 4pm and stay on campus the night before the trip. *Call the Housing Office at (218)726-8178 if you have any questions.* Bring your Housing Assignment letter.
- *Health & Liability Form* – complete these forms and return them within one week.
- *Training* – We will be portaging and paddling. Please be prepared physically for this.

THE OUTDOOR PROGRAM PROVIDES:

We provide all group gear, food, quality paddling equipment, transportation, and expert instruction.

GOALS:

- Have Fun
- Meet other freshmen, students, and staff
- Transition into UMD
- Explore the BWCAW
- Learn how to fish in the Boundary Waters
- Learn canoe camping skills
- Discover some of the rich history of the BWCAW

EXPLORE MORE WITH THE UMD OUTDOOR PROGRAM:

The Outdoor Program offers a wide variety of programs during the school year. Get involved!

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The Real Classroom is Outside...Get Into It!

Fishing the BWCAW Itinerary

This itinerary is designed to be flexible based on many factors that include weather, skill levels, and interests. Listed are highlights of what will be seen and done.

Note: You will be on your own to get dinner on Sunday evening and breakfast on Monday morning. Please plan accordingly. The resident dining hall is NOT open. The food court will have limited hours.

Sunday, August 18

11am- 4pm – Early Move-In for ON-CAMPUS residents at 189 Lake Superior Hall. Bring your Housing Assignment letter.

5pm – Meet in the Lobby of Lake Superior Hall to learn more about your trip as well as meet leaders and other trip participants. This is a required meeting. Afterward, if you have gear reserved from the Rental Center, staff will take you there.

Monday, August 19

9am – Meet in front of Lake Superior Hall’s main entrance – divide into groups and load equipment. Drive up the North Shore on a mini-bus to Grand Marais, then up the Gunflint Trail.

Put in at Poplar Lake. Head out, portage and paddle to the first campsite. Once camp is set, wet a line and explore the area.

Tuesday, August 20

- Rise and shine. Eat breakfast.
- Load equipment and paddle through a variety of lakes, all the while looking for spots to fish. We will likely put on some miles paddling, then go fishing so we can get to a variety of locations.

Wednesday, August 21

- Paddle, portage, and fish.
- Set-up camp then explore the area. Look for moose. Go fishing. Have fun.

Thursday, August 22

- Enjoy the morning. Pack up belongings and paddle leisurely to the boat landing.
- Drive back to Duluth. Unload equipment and clean-up.
- 5pm – Barbeque and campfire in Bagley Nature Area. Share your stories with other trip participants.
WELCOME TO UMD!

FUN INFORMATION ABOUT CANOEING IN THE BOUNDARY WATERS:

- The Boundary Waters Canoe Area is a designated Wilderness. This means we travel and camp in a way that attempts to “leave no trace”. Everything we bring in, we bring out with us, including garbage.
- Portaging is carrying your equipment from one lake to another on trails that have been around for hundreds of years. Some people love the break from paddling.
- We will get our water from lakes using water filters to remove possible bacteria.
- This is northern Minnesota, so moose, bear, and wolf sign are definitely possible.
- The forests along the way have seen many changes through the years, from forest fires and logging to planting and re-growth of pines, aspen, birch, and maple.
- We eat well on these trips with meals ranging from Mexican night to Italian spaghetti. Hopefully, we’ll have a fish dinner!

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Fishing the BWCAW Equipment List

On this trip the weather may vary from hot and sunny with a high of 70 degrees to cold, rainy, and windy and in the 40 degree range. Plan your clothing items so they can be worn over each other in layers. During the coldest possible weather, you may be wearing nearly all of your layers.

WE PROVIDE:

Maps for the group	Tarps
Paddles	Life jackets
Duluth Packs	First Aid kit
Tents	Matches
Toilet tissue	Spare rope
Kitchen and cookware	Each meal while on the trail
All transportation from UMD	

YOU NEED TO BRING:

Try to avoid cotton clothing – if it gets wet, it is very cold and takes a long time to dry.

- Heavy duty garbage bags (to use as Duluth Pack liners)
- Sleeping pad (closed cell foam or self-inflating style)
- Sleeping bag (rated to 20 degrees F) in a stuff sack
- 2 Pair pants (wool, nylon, synthetic)
- 2 Piece rain-suit of durable material
- 1 Pair light tennis shoes for camp use
- 1 Pair long underwear (no cotton)
- 1 Pair shoes or boots which may get wet in the canoe
- 3 Pair underwear
- 4 Pair wool socks
- 1 Small towel
- 1 Long sleeved shirt
- 2 T-shirts
- 1 Pair shorts and 1 swimsuit
- If you want to swim, bring closed toed sandals or shoes that can get wet.
- 1 Heavy sweater
- 1 Lightweight jacket
- Fishing gear (pole, reel, line) and valid Minnesota Fishing License
- Small tackle box for your lures. Focus on lures for bass, walleye, northern, and lake trout. We will pick up bait on the drive up.
- Toiletries: Toothbrush/paste, Soap in plastic bag
- Sunglasses with safety strap
- Gloves or mittens and a winter hat
- Pocket knife
- Sunscreen lotion
- Baseball style or wide-brim hat for sun protection
- Insect repellent
- Spare prescription glasses with safety strap
- Unbreakable eating utensils (plate, cup, bowl, k,f,s)
- Flashlight w/ fresh batteries
- 1 quart water bottle

RENTAL:

Our Rental Center has many items including sleeping bags & pads, rain gear, fishing rods. Call the Rental Center at 218-726-6134 to reserve equipment. Rental details can be found at umdrsop.org/rental

EQUIPMENT TIPS:

- Fleece and wool are great insulators – they even work when wet.
- Quality rain gear really helps you enjoy inclement weather.
- Long underwear should be a synthetic material, not cotton. If you don't have any, most outdoor stores have appropriate supplies.
- Wool socks work best because they are durable and warm.

EXTRAS YOU CAN BRING:

Camera, Journal, Pencil, book to read, field guides, personal map

DO NOT BRING:

- Cell phones or other electronics
- Tobacco
- Cosmetics
- Valuables
- Recreational drugs, alcohol, or tobacco

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