

Boundary Waters Canoe Area


Wilderness – Volunteer Vacations 2024

May 12th - May 18th

2020 W. Hwy 61, Grand Marais, MN 55604



Quick Facts:

- Project Rating: Strenuous 
- Group Size: 4-7
- Project Type: Backpacking
- Accommodations: Primitive Tent Sites
- Temperature:
 - Average High: 64°
 - Average Low: 43°



Project Description:

- The million-acre Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness is a stunningly beautiful designated wilderness area located in the northeastern tip of Minnesota. It is a unique landscape that is made up of lakes, rivers, and wetlands, and boreal forest. While canoeing is the dominant use of the Wilderness, there are 200 miles of hiking trails within the BWCAW including the Kekekabic and Border Route Trails – two components of the North Country National Scenic Trail.
- The Border Route Trail was damaged by the October 2021 tornado and the forest has started regenerating with thick brush and young trees. The crew will be working between the Clearwater Lake Campsite spur trail and the Clearwater-Mountain Lakes Portage and camping on Clearwater Lake to help maintain an open trail corridor. Volunteers will canoe to set up a base camp on Clearwater Lake within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, canoeing a distance of approximately 4 miles.



Area and Attractions:

- The Boundary Waters Canoe Area is in the northern third of the Superior National Forest in northeastern Minnesota. More than 1 million acres, it extends nearly 150 miles along the international boundary adjacent to Canada's Quetico Provincial Park and is bordered on the west by Voyageurs National Park. The area contains more than 1,200 miles of canoe routes, 12 hiking trails and more than 2,000 designated campsites.

Travel Details:

- Duluth International Airport is the closest major airport. Airport pick up and drop off is available for volunteers and will be arranged upon confirmation of the trip.



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