

GRAND PORTAGE POINTS OF INTEREST

Pull on your hiking boots and grab your camera. Venture out to experience the unparalleled beauty of Grand Portage, filled with breathtaking nature, wildlife, culture and history. With so much to see and do, your North Shore bucket list will be brimming with wonderful memories.

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1. Directions from Grand Portage Lodge & Casino:

- Use our lodge as your base camp to reach all Grand Portage bucket list points of interest.

2. Hollow Rock Resort:

- As you are exiting our Lodge & Casino, turn left onto Highway 61. Go approximately 3.5 miles.
  - You'll see a highway sign pointing left to the Hollow Rock Resort entrance.
  - Hollow Rock is one of the North Shore's most popular nature photo destinations.
  - Please be quiet and respectful of our guests staying in the Hollow Rock cabins.

3. Grand Portage State Park, High Falls and Middle Falls:

- As you are exiting our Lodge & Casino, turn right onto Highway 61. Go approximately 6 miles.
  - Just before you reach the Canadian Border Checkpoint, the entrance to Grand Portage State Park is on your left.
  - The address is 9393 East Highway 61, Grand Portage, MN 55605.
  - Phone: 218-475-2360.
  - The park is open daily from 8am -10pm.
  - There is parking for visitors, a wonderful, informative Visitor Center and rest area facilities.
  - The trail leading to High Falls is clearly marked near the Visitor Center, and is an easy one mile round-trip hike.
  - At 120' high, High Falls is Minnesota's tallest waterfall. There are two Observation Decks at the end of a boardwalk for fabulous views (and rainbows in the mist)!
  - The 4.5 mile round-trip hike to Middle Falls is very rugged (lots of rocks and roots). Average round-trip hiking time is at least 3 hours.

4. Grand Portage National Monument and Heritage Center:

- As you are exiting our Lodge & Casino, turn right on 17, Mile Creek Road (before reaching the Trading Post).
  - Follow this road for approximately 1 mile. The Heritage Center is on your left at 170 Mile Creek Road, Grand Portage 55605. Phone: 218-475-0123.
  - The Grand Portage National Monument is just past the Heritage Center on the right.
    - You can park in the Heritage Center parking lot and walk to tour the National Monument.
  - Both venues offer wonderful glimpses into the history and culture of the area and its people. There is no admission fee, but they will accept free will donations.

5. Mount Rose Lookout:

- One trail begins at end of the Heritage Center parking lot (you can park here and hike up).
  - The trail is fairly steep, but is paved in many places and several sets of stairs (approx. 170 stairs) help with the ascent.
  - Another trailhead leads up from the base, directly across from the National Monument.
  - The panoramic view from the top of Mount Rose (906 elevation) is spectacular.
  - Take in the surrounding Grand Portage Bay and shoreline, the Susie Islands, the National Monument, Isle Royale, even up to Canada.

6. Mount Josephine:

- As you are exiting our Lodge & Casino, turn right on 17, Mile Creek Road (before reaching the Trading Post).
  - Follow Mile Creek Road past the Heritage Center, National Monument and through the Grand Portage Village (please drive slow for children & pedestrians). Continue until you reach a small parking lot on the left side of the road with a small sign that reads Mount Josephine.
  - The trailhead begins following an ATV road running parallel to Upper Rd. After about a half mile, you will come to a sign where the trail turns left and begins climbing. You will reach the top after about a mile and be rewarded with views of Lake Superior, Wauswaugoning Bay, Pigeon Point, the Susie Islands and Isle Royale.

7. Wauswaugoning Bay:

- As you are exiting our Lodge & Casino, turn right onto Highway 61. Go approximately 3 miles.
  - Turn right into the parking lot for the overlook.
  - From the overlook platform, enjoy breathtaking panoramic views of Lake Superior, the Susie Islands, Isle Royale and Hat Point from approximately 1,200 feet above sea level.
  - On a clear day, you can see the Rock of Ages lighthouse at Isle Royale.
  - There are picnic tables here if you wish to bring a snack (please dispose of waste).

8. Hat Point Marina (Isle Royale Shuttle):

- As you are exiting our Lodge & Casino, turn right on 17, Mile Creek Road (before you reach the Trading Post).
  - Follow Mile Creek Road past the Heritage Center, National Monument and through the Grand Portage Village (please drive slow for children & pedestrians). Continue for approximately 2 miles until you reach the Hat Point Marina on the right side.
  - Address: 402 Upper Rd, Grand Portage, MN 55606. Phone: 218-600-0765.
  - Here you can park and take a shuttle boat (Voyageur II and Sea Hunter III) to Isle Royale.
  - We recommend calling in advance for schedules, availability and information.

9. Raspberry Trail:

- Walk out the rear exit from our Lodge (from the Fireplace Lobby) toward the shore. Turn right toward the woods. There is a wooden footbridge that will start you on your hike.
  - This trail traditionally has wild raspberries.

10. Mineral Center:

- As you are exiting our Lodge & Casino, turn left onto Highway 61. In less than a mile, turn right onto County Road 17 (Mineral Center Road).
  - Follow 17 for approximately 5 miles.
  - Mineral Center is located on the left, with a large parking lot and a rustic warming shack.
  - This a popular location for snowmobilers and hikers, as many trails pass through here.
  - Mineral Center is also one of the checkpoints for the annual John Beargrease Dog Sled Marathon.

11. Eagle Watching Area:

- As you are exiting our Lodge & Casino, turn left onto Highway 61.
  - Go approximately 11 miles SW (about 1 mile beyond the Reservation border).
  - There is a tree on the lakeside of Hwy 61 where Bald Eagles nest and can be seen.
  - Be careful parking on the highway shoulder.
  - Please be respectful and do not disturb the eagles.

12. Boundary Waters (Canoe Area Wilderness):

- This vast region of wilderness (over 1 million acres) straddles the US-Canada border between Minnesota and Ontario, west of Lake Superior.
  - Accessible primarily by canoe.
  - Permits are required.
  - For information, please contact: 218-626-4300 or visit: https://www.exploreminnesota.com/iconic-destinations/boundary-waters

13. Partridge Falls:

- As you are exiting our Lodge & Casino, turn left onto Highway 61. In less than a mile, turn right onto County Road 17 (Mineral Center Road).
  - Then turn north on Partridge Falls Road. Drive to the end of Partridge Falls Road (a minimum-maintenance road full of rocks and potholes – 4WD recommended) where you will see a small abandoned cabin. Park near the cabin. Find the trail to the East and follow it to the falls.
  - This is an easy hike to a 50-foot waterfall. There is a lot of history here. It is said that the campsite at the top of the falls and the portage have been used at least since voyageur days. This is one of several waterfalls along the Pigeon River, just upstream from the more famous High Falls along the US and Canadian border.

14. Grand Portage Trading Post:

- Located directly off of Highway 61 near the Grand Portage Lodge & Casino entrance.
  - The Trading Post offers food to-go, groceries and beer, sporting supplies, USPS Post Office, Parcel Pick-Up, Gas and Diesel Fuel, propane tank refills, automotive products, housewares and more.
  - 24/7 pay-at-the-pump fuel and Car Wash

15. Grand Portage RV Park & Marina:

- Our RV Park is located adjacent to the Marina, just outside the Lodge & Casino on Marina Rd.
  - 29 sites with full hook-ups, plus a few tent sites.
  - A comfort station with restrooms, showers and laundry facilities.
  - Open mid-May through mid-October (dates are subject to change).
  - NOTE: The RV Park is frequently sold out. Please call 218-475-2476 to check availability.
- Our 27 slip Marina on Grand Portage Bay is adjacent to Grand Portage Lodge & Casino on Marina Rd.
  - Provides services for fishing and boating.
  - Michigan fishing licenses (required if fishing out of Isle Royale), slip rentals, ramp launching, landing facilities, gas and tackle sales are available.
  - Open mid-May through mid-October (dates are subject to change).
  - Please call 218-475-2476 for more information, or visit grandportage.com

16. Bizhikiwag- Grand Portage's Bison Herd:

- **Grand Portage's Bison herd is a part of the band's food sovereignty program; creating food systems that continue to feed the community. The small herd was introduced in April of 2023 and has continued to grow. The bison meat is distributed to the community and used for community events.**

17. Old Outlaw Bridge:

- As you are exiting our Lodge & Casino, turn left onto Highway 61. In less than a mile, turn right onto County Road 17 (Mineral Center Road).
  - Follow 17 for approximately 5 miles.
  - At Mineral Center, the road turns north and becomes County Road 89 (Old Hwy 61).
  - Take this road until it ends at the Pigeon River/Canadian Border.
  - The bridge was built by average citizens without government oversight or assistance.
  - Colorful lore involves attempts to smuggle dutiable or forbidden goods, particularly in the wake of Prohibition.
  - Today, there are remnants of ghost towns on both sides of the river/border.

18. Grand Portage Trail:

- The trail begins across from the Grand Portage National Monument and goes 8.5 miles to the old Fort Charlotte site (a nice full day hike – about 7 hours).
  - This is the actual portage that the fur traders used to transport their canoes and goods between Lake Superior and the old Fort Charlotte on the Pigeon River/Canadian border.
  - The park service keeps this trail in excellent shape.
  - There are picnic tables, tent platforms and a canoe landing at the Old Fort Charlotte site on the Pigeon River.

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