

8-day Hiking and Backcountry Camping Adventure on the Wild North Shore of Lake Superior

August 6 to 13, 2026

Boreal Dreams Outdoor Adventure Company

Join us for an 8-day hiking adventure along the north shore of Lake Superior from August 6th to 13th 2026.

Over 6 days of hiking, we will follow the Casques Iles Trail along the north shore of Lake Superior – the largest freshwater lake in the world by surface area – between Terrace Bay (eastern terminus) and Rosspoint, Ontario (western terminus). This a rugged, challenging, and lightly travelled trail offers a varied mix of terrain along its 53 km (33 mile) course from barren and rocky coasts to forested interiors and uplands.

Highlights

- Pick-up (Day 1) and drop off (Day 8) in Thunder Bay and upland scenery

- Several lookouts with panoramic views of Lake Superior, including Mount Gwynne which offers 360 degrees of panoramic views.

- Raised boulder beaches, tomolos, cobble and sandy beaches, glacial erratics, waterfalls, isolated lakes, pictographs, and beautiful inland forests.

- Abundant wildlife. Signs of wolf, bear, moose and smaller animals are quite common.

- Backcountry camping

- Fully-guided by an experienced trip leader.

Is This Adventure Right for You?

This adventure is designed for people over 18 (16 if accompanied by an adult) that may be new to multi-day hiking and backcountry camping, want to learn new skills, and are looking for an active summer adventure. If you already have some backcountry camping experience, don't let that discourage you. You will still have a great time!

To get the most enjoyment from your time with us you should come prepared with a moderate level of fitness and some hiking experience. This means you should be able to hike at a relaxed pace in mixed terrain, with frequent breaks, for up to 6 hours. You should come prepared to carry a pack in the 10 to 14 kg/ 22 to 30 lb range for the duration of the trip. You should also be ready to share a tent with another fellow adventurer, have an abundance of curiosity, and a willingness to try and experience new things. Is that not what adventure is all about?

2026 Itinerary

Your adventure begins when we pick you up in Thunder Bay on day one of your adventure. We have a 2 ½ drive to our first night's campsite so you should plan to arrive in Thunder Bay no later than mid-afternoon on August 6th.

We recommend strongly that you arrive in Thunder Bay the day before your adventure begins so we can meet you rested, relaxed and ready to enjoy your week. Arriving a day early will also help you avoid a missed pick-up as a result of any flight delays.

Contact us if you need help figuring out your travel schedule and accommodations in Thunder Bay.

August 6 (Day 1)

Pick-up in Thunder Bay and drive to Rossport.

After we arrive at Rossport Campground (Rainbow Falls Provincial Park) we can set up camp, relax and make preparations for the week. This will include distribution of supplied equipment, review of safety information and discussion about what we can expect over the next 6 days.

August 7 (Day 2)

After breakfast on Day 2, we will shuttle to the trailhead near Terrace Bay and hike to the first campsite on Lyda Bay. This day will be relatively short and will give us a chance to get used to the terrain, our packs and make any adjustments needed. The shorter day will also give us more time to get used to setting up camp on the trail for the first time.

August 8 (Day 3)

Day 3 will be a longer day and we aim to camp at Les Petits Ecris in the western section of the Lake Superior North Shore Conservation Reserve. This will bring us into the "Death Valley", one of the most rugged and beautiful sections of the trail.

August 9 (Day 4)

On **Day 4** we will tackle Mount Gwynne, 260 m/900 feet above the lake, looking forward to the 360° views and a beautiful inland campsite on Fourth Lake.

August 10 (Day 5)

Day 5 will take us into the western section of the Lake Superior North Shore Conservation Area and to Twin Harbours where we will camp for the night.

August 11 (Day 6)

Day 6 will begin with coastline travel then more inland terrain, finishing at Whitesand Lake Campground (Rainbow Falls Provincial Park). This is a full-service park operated by the province of Ontario, features a stunning waterfall, a maintained beach, and hot showers.

August 12 (Day 7)

Day 7 will be a long day of mostly inland hiking, but with frequent panoramic views of Lake Superior. We will end the day back at Rossport Campground and enjoy one last night on the shore of “the Big Lake.”

August 13 (Day 8)

On **Day 8** we will leave for Thunder Bay early/mid-morning and arrive in Thunder Bay no later than around noon.

Some flights depart from Thunder Bay in the morning so you should plan to stay in the city that night, unless you have a late afternoon flight. For those staying another night, we offer an afternoon excursion to Kakabeka Falls, the famous “Niagara of the North” and an opportunity to shop for some local crafts and souvenirs.

What's Included

Complimentary transportation from Thunder Bay Rossport, and back to the city after your adventure. Let us know if you plan to drive up and we can send you exact directions.

Your meals and snacks beginning with supper on Day 1 and including breakfast on Day 8.

Tents, sleeping bags, mats and all shared camping equipment needed such as cooking equipment (pots, stove etc.)

An experienced guide that will not only make your safety and well-being a priority but will share with you their extensive skills and knowledge.

What's Not Included

Transportation from your home to Thunder Bay and the cost of any accommodation you may need before we pick you up on Day 1 or after we drop you off on Day 7. If you to forgo a complimentary Thunder Bay pick-up and choose to take another mode of transportation to Rossport, this will be at your expense. We will ensure you know where to meet us!

The cost of any meals before we arrive at Rossport on Day 1 or after departure on Day 8.

Travel insurance, including medical insurance.

Your personal equipment, including your backpack, clothes, boots, toiletries, and personal eating equipment. Don't worry, we will send you a full list of what you need well in advance of your adventure.

We are happy to advise on any items you need and can purchase something for you if you let us know in advance. We understand that some items on our packing list may be difficult to find where you live.

Group Size

Our maximum group size is 4 people. This mitigates our environmental footprint and ensure everyone benefits from the full attention of the guide.