

HIGH ADVENTURE TREKS

OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE OF CAMP

The programs listed below are for units (not individuals). Units are encouraged to take "Leave No Trace" training before embarking on any back-country trek. We strongly recommended you register as soon as possible. Participant transportation is the unit's responsibility (we will gladly transport gear). We may be able to make local arrangements for participant transportation – but it is subject to availability (there is additional fee of \$30-\$75 per person, depending on Trek destination: \$150 minimum).

Our **experienced High Adventure Staff** can assist you with trip planning, skill development, what to bring, and how to get your unit ready for this next step in outdoor adventure. Please do not hesitate to call or email us with questions or concerns. Take advantage of these incredible opportunities! Go to www.neic.org/highadventure for more details.

Option: Guide service – limited: first come, first served. Do not request one just to have a "2nd Adult", if at all possible.

Requirement: Each unit must have **at least 2 adult** leaders (especially if going unguided). See treks for more details.

Provided: Equipment and food

Fees: **Separate** from Traditional Camping at Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation. **Each Trek's cost is still TBD.**

Registration: Online registration is required for **Scouts and Leaders (same fee)**. Troops must register and pay **deposits by March 17th**, then pay the **balance by May 19th**. After that, "add-ons" must pay in full.

NOTE: A large portion of our Trek gear was recently updated to better serve your group's equipment needs.

TREK OPTIONS

Apostle Island Kayaking Trek: The Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, near Bayfield, Wisconsin, is a sea kayaker's dream. Rich in sea caves, lighthouses, and spectacular shores, you'll be led by an experienced guide into a pristine collection of islands and shorelines, featuring stunning geological formations - caverns, arches, and pillars - all uniquely accessible by kayakers. Carry your gear in your kayaks while you explore the deep blue waters of Lake Superior, then bed down under the big night sky on the sandy beaches of Gitche Gumee (Ojibwe for Lake Superior). This program is available to Scout troops and Venture crews (**minimum age is 14 years**). **Trips offered:** 5 day only

Flambeau River Canoe Trek: Canoe through the pristine wetland areas on your trip into the Flambeau River Flowage. Your trip begins on the Bear River just north of the flowage. As you paddle downstream, watch for nesting osprey and eagles while experiencing a plethora of wild flowers and fauna. You will have an exciting last day while maneuvering a dozen sets of rapids down the North fork of the Flambeau River. This is a strenuous trip with at least 5-6 hours of paddling per day. **Units will need to provide one adult for every 5 Scouts.** **Trips offered:** 3 or 4 day

Lake Superior Sailing Trek: Crew a skippered sailing yacht through the protected waters around the Apostle Islands. Crystal clear water as much as 100 feet deep carries you between the 22 islands that make up this National Lakeshore often called the "Caribbean of the North". Your route can take you to remote sandy beaches or along rugged shorelines littered with caves & sandstone bluffs. Accommodations provided on board are overnight cabins, heads, and cooking facilities. You're never more than two miles from shore, and each craft is motorized so you can seek a safe harbor in case of inclement weather. **Trips offered:** 3 or 4 day

Pictured Rocks Backpacking Trek: You will have the opportunity each day to discover the rich history of the area while enjoying a trek along the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Hike the North Country National Scenic Trail as it winds through tall forests, massive sand dunes, full meadows, and 200-foot gleaming sandstone bluffs overlooking pristine Lake Superior and its neighboring glacial lakes. You will have a blast on the 500-ft "Log Run Dune" (formerly used for logging) that ends at the shore of Lake Superior. More importantly, experience a great sense of accomplishment as you complete your hike. **Group sizes should be limited to 12 persons** (minimum of 2 adults per group, and up to 10 scouts). **Total Mileage is** approximately 35-40 miles. **Trips offered:** 4 or 5 day

Porcupine Mountain Wilderness Area Trek: Enjoy a backpacking trip in the famous Porkies Wilderness Area of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Hike in one of the few remaining large wilderness areas of the Midwest. Towering virgin timbers along the shores of Lake Superior provide the setting for the trail leading to secluded lakes, wild rivers, waterfalls, and across and escarpment offering breathtaking vistas. **Group sizes should be limited to 12 persons** (minimum of 2 adults per group, and up to 10 scouts). **Trips offered:** 4 day trip only

Sylvania Wilderness Fishing Trip: This trek is designed to offer more of an opportunity for fishing than most others can allow. You'll canoe into a protected wilderness area that not only provides excellent fishing, but also has beautiful places to swim: including clear, sandy-bottomed lakes that make a swimming pool look dirty. This is the perfect choice for anyone looking for a more relaxed trek with plenty of free time. Please note that this trip **does** include some portaging. **Trips offered:** 4 day trip only. (There are strict regulations on equipment, bait, and bag limits.)

For units with specific high adventure plans or goals, Sylvania does allow campsite reservations through March—units are encouraged to make these arrangements if desired (but please let us know if you do!).

☆ **ONE MORE HIGH ADVENTURE TREK: Isle Royale Hiking (5-Day): MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE SOON!**