



Split Rock Lighthouse Sea Kayak Tours

Please read through the information and policy details below. If you have questions, feel free to contact David Butcher at Wolf Ridge: david.butcher@wolf-ridge.org

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Cost:

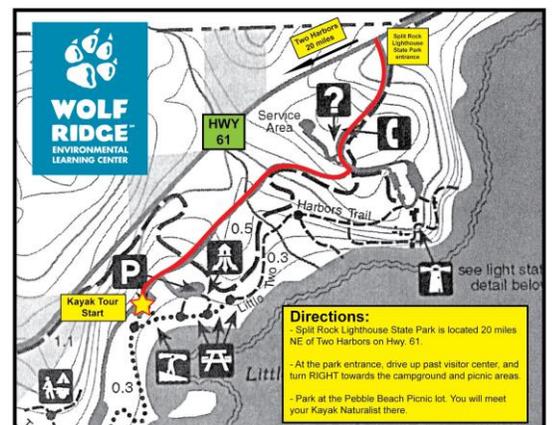
- \$75 for adults, \$59 for youth 12-17 years old (must be accompanied by an adult); credit card only by website or phone registration.
- Cost includes all kayak equipment.
- \$20 per person non-refundable deposit required at registration. Full cost of tour due 1 week prior to tour date.
- Minimum of either 2 participants or cost equivalent (\$150/ tour= 2 x \$75/person) required to conduct a tour. Tours not meeting the minimum of 2 participants will be cancelled unless the existing 1 participant chooses to pay the minimum tour cost of \$150.

Tour Description

Wolf Ridge Naturalist guides combine storytelling and interpretation to bring the history of Lake Superior alive. The shores and waters around Split Rock Lighthouse State Park are an ideal place for paddlers to learn about sea kayaking and explore the natural and cultural wonders of this great lake. After an orientation session on the pebble beach in Little Two Harbors Bay, paddlers will make a circuit of this old fishing harbor to develop a feel for their kayaks and paddling. Where the bay meets the open lake, tours can either head towards the Split Rock Lighthouse, which is perched upon magnificent cliffs of anorthosite, and continue on to the site of the Madeira shipwreck below Gold Rock Point, or down shore past ancient lava flows toward Corundum Point, a traditional peregrine falcon nesting site. Both options afford inspiring views of the rugged shoreline, and possibilities for wildlife sightings. All tours finish back in Little Two Harbors Bay.

“What to Bring” List

- Paddling footwear to fit in kayak cockpits; lightweight, quick drying, water shoes. Sandals are acceptable; flip-flops and bare feet are prohibited.
- Windbreaker/ rain jacket
- Warm clothing layers for paddling
- Water bottle
- Sunscreen
- Hat with brim to block sun
- Sunglasses and strap
- Camera and waterproof bag/case; zip locs work well
- Warm change of clothes (Wolf Ridge will provide a dry bag for this (Think, “If I fell in and wanted something to put on right away, what would I bring?”))
- Swimming suit/ long underwear to wear under wetsuits



Logistics

- **COVID-19 Protocols:** Wolf Ridge requires that all participants and staff wear protective face coverings while on land. Face coverings are not required while on the water. Please strive to maintain a distance of 6 feet from other tour participants outside of your own group. All kayaking equipment will be properly cleaned and sanitized by Wolf Ridge staff before use. Once you have selected your paddling equipment for the day, please do not share it with other participants outside of your own group. If you do not feel well, please do not attend the tour!
- Tours start and end at the Pebble Beach Picnic parking lot in Split Rock Lighthouse State Park.
- Morning tours begin at 10:00 a.m. Afternoon tours begin at 1 p.m. Custom tours are negotiable. Please arrive 15 minutes early for equipment selection and fitting.
- No shows will be charged for the full cost of the tour.
- Participant cancellations made less than 24 hours before tour will be charged full price.
- Participant cancellations made more than 24 hours prior to tour forfeit deposit.
- Limit 6 participants per tour.
- Wolf Ridge will provide all kayaking equipment, including mandatory PFD's and wetsuits.
- Participants must be at least 12 years of age.
- No previous kayaking experience is necessary; participants should be able to swim 25 yards with a lifejacket on. Non-swimmers should not participate.
- Wolf Ridge primarily uses double kayaks. Guides will make kayak seat assignments based on ability, conditions, and if appropriate, participant's preferences.
- All adults (over 18 yrs.) must sign a release form. Parents/guardians must sign release forms for children 12 -18 years of age.
- Split Rock State Park requires parking permits for all vehicles in the park. Permit purchases can be made at the park office, which is located at the top of the drive as you enter the park. Daily permits are \$7.00 and annual permits are \$35.00.

Tour Details

- Participants should arrive wearing what they plan to wear under a wetsuit. (i.g. swimsuit/shorts and/or long underwear) However, there is a picnic shelter nearby for changing clothing.
- The tour begins with a 20-minute orientation session that covers basic kayaking skills; paddling strokes, terms, equipment, kayak entry/exits, and group management while on the water.
- In the event of a capsized kayak, the Wolf Ridge guide may ask for assistance to perform a rescue. The Wolf Ridge guide will lead and direct any necessary rescues.

Cancellation Policy

- Tours are subject to cancellation due to weather and lake conditions. If Wolf Ridge cancels the tour due to weather and/or lake conditions, and prior to the start of the tour, participants will receive full refunds. (yes, this includes the "non-refundable deposits").
- There are no refunds for tours that are cancelled during the tour due to changing weather and water conditions.
- In the event of poor paddling conditions, there is no alternative inland tour site.
- In the event of a Wolf Ridge cancellation, participants are free to apply their registrations to any open slots on upcoming tours. Or, they may choose a full refund.
- Examples of reasons to cancel tours include: lightning, strong or building winds with large or building waves, and fog. Wolf Ridge monitors the National Weather Service Near Shore Marine forecast for Lake Superior as one tool for determining paddling conditions.
- All final judgments about paddling conditions will be made on site prior to the tour start. Exceptions include NOAA issued small craft advisories in effect for the paddling zone. Wolf Ridge automatically cancels tours during small craft advisories.
- If Wolf Ridge cancels the tour prior to its start, Wolf Ridge will make repeated attempts to contact participants using the contact numbers provided by participants at the time of registration.
- If Wolf Ridge cancels the tour, but is unable to reach the participants, Wolf Ridge will not drive to the site. Participants can assume that if Wolf Ridge has not shown up it is because of poor conditions and an inability to reach participants to confirm cancellation. Full refunds apply to such situations.