

Registration is Online at buchanancountyparks.com

Click on the Events Tab. Under search you may need to refine the filter dates to include July 28 to display this program.

A **\$100 per person deposit**** will hold your reservation. The \$400 balance is due before June 28, 2024. Partial scholarships are available and information will be sent to those who request it.

Transportation may be available from Benton County's Nature Center to Fontana Nature Center for both the Training date and the actual trip. Please contact naturalist Aaron Askleson for more information.

Trip payment includes: Transportation via 15 passenger van from Fontana Nature Center to Rockwood Lodge and Outfitter and back; all meals from Monday morning—Saturday Lunch; canoe, paddle and lifejacket (if you have a personal life jacket, you can bring one), waterproof backpack, cookware and dining utensils and food packs.

Participants will need to provide sturdy shoes that will get wet, water bottles, clothing, personal items and money for meals en route. A complete packing list will be provided upon registration.

For more information contact Buchanan County Conservation Naturalist Sondra Cabell at 319-334-3436 or Benton County Conservation Naturalist Aaron Askleson at 319-560-7017.

**Five youth participants are needed. If this number is not met, all fees will be refunded in full.

Tentative Trip Schedule

Sunday, July 28

- 9:00 am - Meet at Fontana Nature Center to load trip packs and package meals
- 10:30 am - Depart for northern Minnesota
- Break and Lunch at Cabela's—Owatana, MN— Pick up any last minute supplies
- Supper in Grand Marais
- Arrive at Rockwood Lodge; bunkhouse for evening

Monday, July 29

- Final packing, load canoes, leave from Rockwood dock for Entry Point 48 and adventure in the BWCAW.

Monday-Saturday, July 29-Aug 3

- Route will be determined based on skills and abilities of participants. Possible lakes to travel include Poplar, Lizz, Swamp, Meeds, Caribou, Horseshoe, Jump, Jake, Morgan, Vista, Carl, Lux, Gaskin, Winchell, Otto, Henson, Omega, Cliff, Wanihigan, Swallow, and Pillsbery,

Saturday, Aug 3

- Return Canoes to Rockwood Lodge Outfitter
- Hot Showers!!!
- Travel to Grand Marais for meal and shopping
- Depart for Gooseberry Falls campsite

Sunday, Aug 4

- Return to Fontana Nature Center



2024 Youth Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness Trip

July 28-Aug 4

Reservation Deadline

June 28, 2024

Sponsored by the Buchanan and
Benton County Conservation Boards

For youth 14-18 yrs



An adventure of a lifetime in the largest designated wilderness in the lower 48!

Participants will paddle across wilderness lakes, portage canoes and packs over rugged land trails, fish for fun and food, read maps, live in tents, cook meals, and learn about the ecology of this magnificent area.

Mandatory Pre-Trip Training July 18, 2024 4-9 pm

Participants will begin building relationships with their fellow travelers that will be crucial to making the trip a smooth one. Teamwork really does make the dream work in the wilderness.

As we expect varied levels of canoeing experience, we will do some paddling and introduce strokes that some may not have used before. We will also demonstrate packing and unpacking a canoe, portaging a canoe and trail etiquette during portaging.

We will demonstrate our waterproof pack equipment and how to pack for a canoe adventure, practice with cooking equipment and have everyone confident with our tent assembly. Leave No Trace skills will be shared along with proper human waste disposal in the wilderness (BWCAW has open air pit toilets at all campsites).

Finally, we will use this time to plan meals to ensure everyone will have enough to eat and food that all will enjoy.



Gooseberry Falls State Park

Gooseberry Falls is the gateway to the North Shore. It is known for its spectacular waterfalls, river gorge, Lake Superior shoreline, Civilian Conservation Corps log and stone structures, and north woods wildlife. Listen to the thunderous roar of the Upper, Middle and Lower Falls of the Gooseberry River as it plummets through a rocky gorge.



Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness

Established in 1964 as Federally Designated Wilderness, the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness is over one million acres of rugged and remote boreal forest in the northern third of the Superior National Forest in northeastern Minnesota.

The BWCAW extends nearly 150 miles along the International Boundary, adjacent to Canada's Quetico and La Verendrye Provincial Parks. It is bordered on the west by Voyageurs National Park, and by Grand Portage National Monument to the east. The BWCAW contains over 1,200 miles of canoe routes, 12 hiking trails and over 2,000 designated campsites. The BWCAW is composed of lakes, islands, rocky outcrops and forest.

The BWCAW is renowned for its water-based recreational opportunities. The sculpting of the landscape by powerful glaciers over an immense period of time has left behind a variety of landforms and rocks as well as thousands of lakes and streams, interspersed with islands. This network of connecting waterbodies provides unique opportunities for long distance travel by watercraft—a rare experience within the continental United States.