

CROSS-COUNTRY CAMPING PERMIT
Isle Royale National Park
US Department of Interior, National Park Service

Cross-country campers are required to follow special regulations designed to protect the park's wilderness resources and visitor experiences. All trip participants should practice Leave No Trace ethics and must understand and observe the following cross-country camping regulations:

1. Individual parties of 1-6 only are permitted to camp in cross-country areas.
2. Camping is permitted only in zones identified on your camping permit and the attached cross-country zone map.
3. All islands on inland lakes and islands in Lake Superior (excluding the main island of Isle Royale) are closed to cross-country camping.
4. Your campsite must be at least ¼ mile away from any trail and at least ½ mile away from all developed areas, designated campgrounds and fire towers.
5. Your campsite must be at least 200 feet (or 75 paces) away from all bodies of water, and out of sight of the water. You must also camp out of sight and sound of other cross-country campers.
6. Maximum stay at any one location is one night. Tents and camping gear must be moved at least ½ mile from the previous night's stay.
7. No fires are permitted.
8. Carry out all of your trash.

Special fishing regulations:

- Artificial lures and barbless hooks only on all inland lakes and streams.
- Brook Trout/Coaster Brook Trout – Catch and release only. No possession allowed.

Complete fishing regulations listed in park newspaper.

My signature below signifies that I understand and agree that my party will abide by these regulations. Trip leaders and/or participants can be cited for violating these regulations and conditions:

Signature of Trip Leader _____

Cross-country camping is intended for those seeking a higher level of solitude, adventure, self-sufficiency, and low impact camping in a wilderness setting. Cross country camping is not intended for overflow camping or to shorten travel between campsites, and is recommended for experienced backpackers or paddlers who are familiar with Isle Royale. The terrain is rough, there are many swamps and the vegetation is thick. Day hiking off trail may be a preferred alternative for those who haven't cross-country camped before.