

The Isle Royale & Keweenaw Parks Association (IRKPA) is sponsoring a FALL botany workshop in 2015!



Prickly roses (*Rosa acicularis*) begin blooming in June on Isle Royale and by September are displaying bright red fruits (rose hips).



ISLE ROYALE FALL BOTANY WORKSHOP! 8-13 September



Experience four days in Lake Superior's Isle Royale National Park in September and learn to identify the diverse native plants of this incredible island!

- This special botany workshop is open to anyone with beginning/intermediate knowledge of plant identification who would like to learn to identify plants of Isle Royale. You'll learn to use such tools as a dichotomous key and hand lens to identify plants. Plant communities, rare species, ecology, and invasive species will be discussed.
- The instructor, botanist Janet Marr, has had many years of experience studying plants across Michigan's Upper Peninsula & Isle Royale. She is co-author of *Island Life, an Isle Royale Nature Guide* published by IRKPA. Janet has taught eight Isle Royale botany workshops as well as many botany, aquatic, & wetland plant workshops in MI's Keweenaw Peninsula.
- Workshop activities will take place primarily outdoors. Field trips in the 8-13 September workshop will be in the Windigo area (SW end of the Island; red star on above map). You should be able to walk up to seven miles (~11 kms) a day with a daypack sometimes on steep, rocky trails and slippery bedrock shore.
- Participants in the September workshop may camp for free at a Windigo group site or possibly stay in an Adirondack-type shelter.
- Michigan K-12 teachers: State Continuing Education Clock Hours (SCECHs) may be available to workshop participants.

Fee for the 8-13 September workshop covers instruction, camping, meals on Isle Royale and transportation to/from Grand Portage, MN, on the *Voyageur II*. If participants make their own travel arrangements to the island, they should contact Kristine Bradof at 906-482-7860 or kbradof@irkpa.org regarding an adjustment to the cost of the workshop.

- Total cost of the botany workshop is US\$699 per person if registered by May 30, 2015 (US\$25 discount for IRKPA members; see <http://irkpa.org/> for information on becoming an IRKPA member).
- After May 30 the cost for the workshop is US\$725 (US\$25 discount for IRKPA members).
- A US\$200 deposit is required in reserve your place in the workshop. Mail your check, payable to "IRKPA," to the Isle Royale & Keweenaw Parks Assoc., 800 East Lakeshore Dr., Houghton, MI 49931. The balance is due by June 30.
- Cancellation policy: A cancellation fee of US\$75 will be charged for cancellations between July 15 and August 15. There will be no refund for cancellations made on or after August 16 (although partial refunds after August 16 will be issued if a replacement participant is available).

Enrollment is limited to 12 participants in the 8-13 September botany workshop so be sure to register soon to guarantee a spot in the workshop. Contact Kristine Bradof at 906-482-7860 or kbradof@irkpa.org for more information.