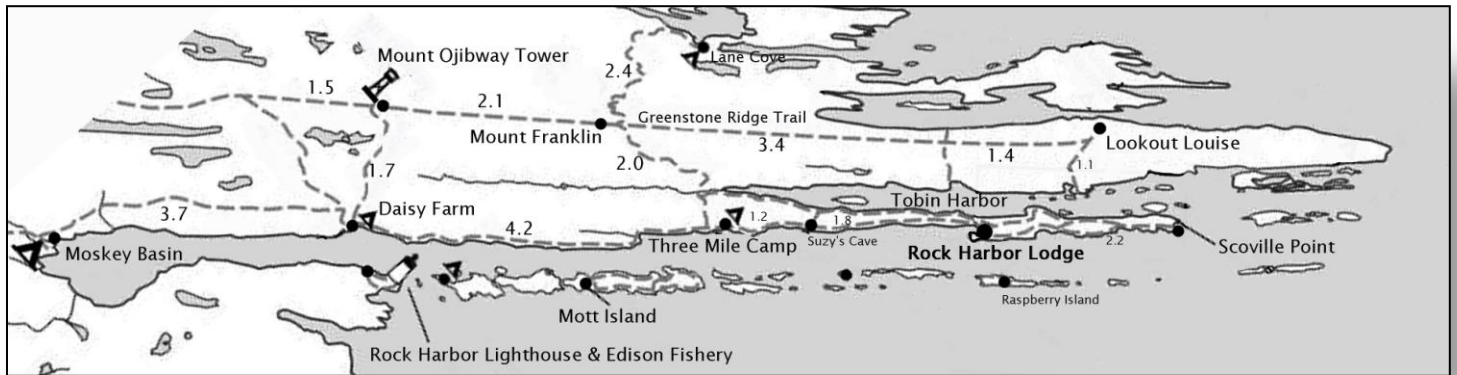


ISLE ROYALE National Park
ACTIVITIES for ROCK HARBOR LODGE GUESTS
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Bring a map and binoculars to identify geographical features, especially at scenic lookouts.
 Follow all National Park advice, rules, and regulations.

HIKING

Practice no-impact hiking and boating. Leave no trace. Leave only footprints, take only pictures.

Difficulty scale: 1 = easy in seasonal weather for a moderately fit person carrying 15 pounds; 5 = difficult for same

To Scoville Point	4.4 mile loop	difficulty 2
	superb trail - wildlife seen - great harbor views - sensational rocky point	
Raspberry Island	1.0 loop (accessible only by boat)	difficulty 1
	interesting terrain - boardwalk across a bog - great shoreline views	
To Lookout Louise from Hidden Lake	2.2 miles out & back	difficulty 2
	wildlife seen - great view at lookout - basic tour of ecosystems of Isle Royale	
Mott Island	2.3 mile loop (accessible only by boat)	difficulty 2
	peaceful trail - many kinds of terrain - small ups and downs - stone beaches and rocky cliffs	
To Suzy's Cave or Three Mile Campground	3.6 mile loop to cave - 6.0 mile loop to camp	difficulty 3
	loop via Tobin Harbor Trail - roots and rocks - small ups and downs - wildlife seen - many coves and cobblestone beaches	
To Mount Franklin	10.0 mile loop	difficulty 3
	loop via Tobin Harbor Trail - changing terrain and ecosystems - great views at top - wildlife seen	
To Mount Ojibway	16.1 mile loop or 14.4 miles out & back	difficulty 4
	loop via Rock Harbor Trail - rocky along ridge - many ups and downs - great views	
To Daisy Farm	14.4 miles out & back	difficulty 3
	superb trail along Rock Harbor - wildlife - great views - coves and cobblestone beaches	
To Moskey Basin	21.8 miles out & back	difficulty 4
	after Daisy Farm more rocks and roots - many ups and downs - wildlife - peaceful trail with varying terrain	
To Lane Cove	14.8 miles out & back	difficulty 5
	gentle up to Mt. Franklin, steep down to north shore - wide, dense swamps - wildlife seen - great views on ridge and at shore	
To Lookout Louise from Lodge	20.0 miles out & back	difficulty 4
	challenging and remote - changing terrain, from forests to swamps to ridge-tops - roots and rocks - great views - wildlife seen	

BOATING

Rental boats and motors available through the Lodge

NE Rock Harbor	many beautiful islands - great views - use care because of greater exposure to open lake
SW Rock Harbor	access to Raspberry and Mott Islands - access to RH Light - stone or gravel beaches - coves and inlets
NE Tobin Harbor	many splendid islands (some with private cabins) - peaceful - great views - use care because of greater exposure to open lake
SW Tobin Harbor	many islands - very peaceful - great views - wildlife seen

CANOEING - KAYAKING

Rental canoes and kayaks available through the Lodge

NE Rock Harbor	many small islands - many coves and channels - cobblestone beaches - great views - use care because of greater exposure to open lake
SW Rock Harbor	access to Raspberry and Mott Islands - access to RH Light - many stone or gravel beaches - many coves and inlets - near Rock Harbor Trail - near campgrounds to hike out from
NE Tobin Harbor	many beautiful islands (some with private homes) - peaceful - cobblestone beaches - great views - use care because of greater exposure to open lake
SW Tobin Harbor	many islands - very peaceful - great views - near Tobin Harbor Trail - wildlife

FISHING

Charter Fishing	a Lodge service – speak to the captains – lots of success – Lodge will cook your catch
Lake Superior (open lake off Rock Harbor)	use great care - great depths - many shoals - underwater ridges – troll for trout & salmon
Rock Harbor (inside harbor)	deep waters - many shoals and shallow ridges - trolling for trout and salmon
Tobin Harbor	deep waters - many shoals and shallow ridges - shallow coves - trout and other fish

Shore casting is good anywhere along Rock and Tobin Harbors.

SIGHTS to SEE

Scenic Cruises aboard the <i>Sandy</i>	variety of superb boat tours – a Lodge service – captain’s narration – weekly schedule
Hidden Lake - Lookout Louise	small lake is a moose haunt - great views at lookout - fine, easy trail up and over Greenstone Ridge
Siskiwit Mine	history - forests – long but fine hike
Rock Harbor Lighthouse	fine museum – superb setting with great views
Edison Fishery	history - interpretive activities – pleasant harborside setting
Passage Island Lighthouse	rugged, magnificent island - history – great views all around – short trail is difficult at points

PHOTOGRAPHY

Plan ahead. Scout locations while hiking or boating. Best shooting from 30 minutes before to 2 hours after sunrise and 2 hours before to 30 minutes after sunset. All times EDT.

Early morning	look east over Rock Harbor and its outer islands - many coves and inlets east and west of Lodge		
Late evening	look west over Tobin Harbor, its islands, and high ridges - many coves and inlets east and west of Lodge		
June 21	Sunrise 5:51 Sunset 10:00 (longest day)	August 1	Sunrise 6:28 Sunset 9:31
July 1	Sunrise 5:55 Sunset 9:59	August 15	Sunrise 6:48 Sunset 9:08
July 15	Sunrise 6:08 Sunset 9:51	September 1	Sunrise 7:11 Sunset 8:35

WILDFLOWERS

Wildflowers seen on all trails near the Lodge. Never pick flowers in national parks. Spring flower season runs roughly from June 1 to late July. Autumn flowers in late summer.

BERRY PICKING

Wild berries found along all trails near the Lodge.

Strawberry Season: Late June to mid-July	Blueberry Season: August 1 to late summer
Raspberry Season: August 1 to late summer	Thimbleberry Season: mid-August to mid-September

WILDLIFE

Moose	found on all trails and harbors near Lodge - active most early mornings and late evenings
Wolves	unlikely to be seen - some recent sightings along Rock Harbor
Birds	along all trails - eagles - ospreys - hawks - woodpeckers - more
Water-birds	along all shorelines - loons - ducks - diving birds
Other	squirrels - foxes - more

Never feed or disturb wild animals.

ROCK HOUNDING

Search for rocks at the many cobblestone beaches along all trails and harbors near the Lodge. Look, but do not take -- it's the law in national parks.