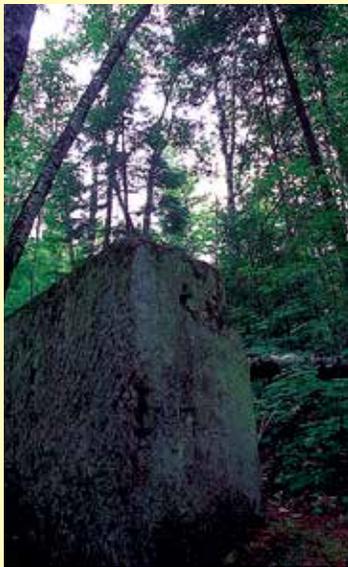


A Little Basswood History



Basswood Island, the nearest to Bayfield of the Apostle Islands, is said to be the most lovely shaped of the archipelago due to its oval configuration. The island was once inhabited. Hiking trails lead through the old remains of a dairy farm which once supplied the Red Cliff community with butter, milk, and cheese. Old orchards, remnants of the island's farming era, will frame our trail as we make our way through the island's interior. Stands of virgin hemlock, oak, maple, and pine surround these trails that lead us to remains of one of the brownstone quarries for which the island is known. These quarries, found mainly on the south side of the island where the Lake Superior waters are rather deep, provided fireproof materials used to build the Milwaukee courthouse, the

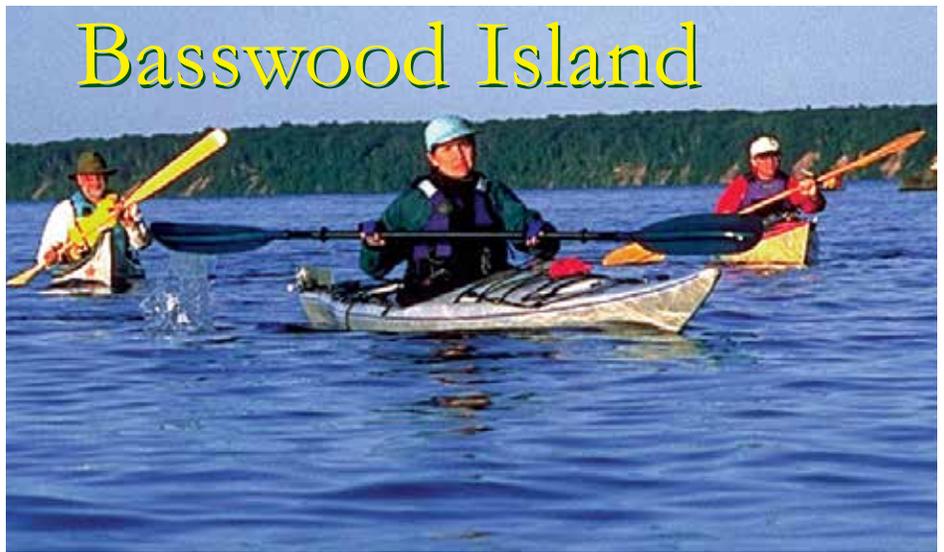
Bayfield County courthouse (now the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore Headquarters building), the St. Paul Dispatch Building, and helped to rebuild Chicago after the "Great Chicago Fire." Once less expensive building materials, such as steel, began to be used in the developing construction industry, the Basswood Island sandstone fell into disuse. Basswood Island was abandoned.



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We are glad that you have chosen to join us for a day trip on beautiful Lake Superior. This full day excursion will introduce you to the cultural, geological, and natural history of the area. Your trip itinerary includes a 2 mile crossing, paddling, instruction, lunch, and transportation.

Where To Meet: All trip participants should meet at Trek & Trail in Bayfield at 8:45 am on the day of your trip.

Accommodations: To find lodging we recommend contacting the Bayfield Chamber of Commerce for accomodation information: 800.447.4094.

Weather: Weather is always a factor that demands attention when going out on Lake Superior. Sea kayaking is a very versatile activity, and if you're prepared it's easy to enjoy the mystical lake atmosphere provided by light rain or cloud cover.

Food: Trek & Trail provides its participants with a beach lunch and snacks during full-day programs. Lunches normally include: sandwiches, vegetables, chips or crackers, cookies, and a beverage.

Prior Conditioning: Trek & Trail strives to provide you with an enjoyable experience. Pre-trip conditioning and physical activities will help prepare you for your trip. Suggestions for conditioning include: sit-ups, push-ups, cycling, rowing, canoeing, swimming, and calisthenics that strengthen your shoulders, arms, and abdominal muscles. Persons with health problems, particularly heart problems, are required to consult their physician prior to participating.

Your Account: Any remaining balance on your account is due within 45 days of your trip. Please be sure you have an accurate understanding of our cancellation policy.

A Little About Bayfield: Bayfield is a comfortable town with the look of a New England fishing village. While here, take time to visit Bayfield's museum and some of the local shops. The ferry ride to Madeline Island is an excellent day excursion. Ask the Bayfield Chamber of Commerce (800.447.4094) for information about potential evening activity opportunities. Great views and magnificent sunsets, vast orchards and exciting charters make up part of the beauty and special allure this area offers -- while you're here take time to enjoy it!

Questions? Please Call: 800.354.8735

Basswood Island Itinerary

The morning of your trip you should be at Trek & Trail's outfitting center, located in the Old Cooperage building across from the Madeline Island Ferry Landing in Bayfield, at 8:45 a.m. Your trip will begin with an orientation to equipment, safety, and basic paddling skills. Double kayaks will be used to ensure safety and enjoyment for everyone. Trek & Trail may provide wetsuits for your outing, depending on the weather conditions.

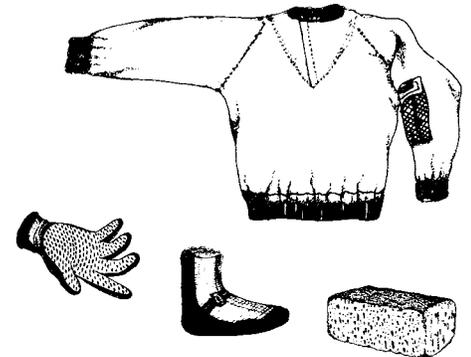
Once you are acquainted with your kayak and gear, you'll paddle north along the shoreline, about 2 miles, to the Red Cliff Chippewa Reservation marina. From the marina we'll then make the 1 1/2 mile crossing to Basswood Island.

Arriving on Basswood, we'll beach the kayaks. After learning about some of the geology and history of the area, and Basswood Island, we'll eat lunch under the shade of a nice oak tree, or on a warm sandstone rock. We'll have plenty of time for exploring the island's extensive trails, its quarry, and farm ruins. Afterwards, we'll begin loading up the boats and paddle back to Bayfield, finishing our full-day trip at around 3:30 or 4 p.m..

Equipment & Clothing List

Chances are you'll be paddling through one of the splendid, sunny days which Lake Superior boasts. From experience, though, we know the weather conditions can vary greatly on any given day of a tour. For your safety and comfort you should come prepared by bringing the following:

- ___ Long underwear top (Synthetic works best)
- ___ Wind/Rain Jacket or paddling top
- ___ Shorts or pants ideally of the "quick-dry" variety
- ___ Footwear that you can get wet
- ___ Light Stocking Cap (if cold)
- ___ T-Shirt
- ___ Swimsuit
- ___ Sun Hat
- ___ Sunglasses
- ___ Water Bottle
- ___ Sunscreen



Trek & Trail Provides: Kayak, sprayskirt, paddle, PFD, paddle float, bilge pump, and farmer bill wetsuits (if needed).

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How To Get Here

Trek & Trail's main store and reservation center is located in the Old Cooperage building at 7 Washington Ave. From the junction of Hwy 2 and 13 on the outskirts of Ashland, WI, go North 12 miles on 13 to Bayfield. Once you are in Bayfield, Hwy 13 becomes Rittenhouse Avenue, the "main street" of Bayfield. Go through town at the bottom of the hill 13 will curve to the left. Washington Ave is on the next crossing. Turn right on Washington Ave, and go all the way to the lake. Trek & Trail has limited short term parking at the Cooperage. Ask the reservation office about nearby long term parking.

Other Considerations

*Please make your guide aware of any pertinent medical conditions you may have -- i.e. allergies, medications you're taking, etc. If you have any questions concerning your personal fitness or your ability to participate, please be sure to consult your physician.

*We ask that all minors are accompanied by an adult on all of our tours and expeditions.

*Please remember that if you are late for a trip you are not the only one affected. Our trips are normally fully booked. Your promptness affects everyone's allotted time on the water. Please plan accordingly.

*We cannot control the weather. Occasionally we are forced to alter our trip routes. Please be understanding.

*We recommend that all participants acquire travel insurance to cover emergency medical situations, evacuations and unforeseen last minute cancellations. Please refer to enclosed brochure.



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