

Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) Permits

Permits are required year-round for all day and overnight visitors to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. Reservations can only be made for quota permits. Quota permits are required by groups taking an overnight paddle, motor, or hiking trip, or a motorized day-use trip into the BWCAW from May 1 through September 30.

The quota system regulates how many groups can begin a trip at each entry point each day. In addition

to the daily quotas, motorized boats are also limited by a weekly motor quota. Groups may only enter the BWCAW on the entry date and through the entry point specified on the permit. Permits may only be picked up the day before or the day of entry. Permits are not transferable. Reservations are recommended since there are a limited number of quota permits available for each entry point. Quota permits can only be issued by Forest Service permit issuing stations or by designated Cooperator permit issuing stations.

BWCAW Permit Reservations

THE LOTTERY The permit reservation process starts each year when lottery applications for permit reservations may be submitted to Reserve America by website, mail, or fax beginning on November 1. Applications submitted by mail or fax will be accepted through the close of business (5:00 p.m. CST) on January 10. Applications submitted via website will be accepted through close of business (5:00 p.m. CST) on January 15. All applications submitted during this period will be processed by lottery (regardless of the order received). Please use this application. You may request additional applications from any Superior National Forest Office or download one from the Web Site.

FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED On January 20, following the lottery, first-come, first-served reservation processing will begin via interactive website (reservations processed and confirmed immediately), mail, or fax. Please note that if January 20 falls on a Sunday or a holiday, mail and fax reservations will not be processed until the next business day. Phone reservations will be accepted beginning February 1.

RESERVATION FEE A \$12.00 non-refundable reservation fee is required for each day or overnight permit reserved.

OVERNIGHT USER FEE DEPOSIT If reserving an overnight permit, a \$20.00 deposit will be collected regardless of group size. The deposit may be refunded if a reservation is cancelled two or more days prior to the entry date. If the reservation is not cancelled in time, or the permit is not used, the \$20.00 deposit is not refunded.

Picking Up A Permit for the BWCAW

Permits can only be picked up the day before or the day of entry. Please check with your desired permit pick-up location to confirm their office hours. Remember to bring a photo ID when you pick up your permit.

RESERVED PERMITS All reserved permits must be picked up at the location specified by the trip leader when the reservation was made, or at a Forest Service office. Any remaining overnight user fees (not covered by the \$20.00 deposit), will be calculated when the permit is issued based on the group size upon arrival.

NON-RESERVED PERMITS Non-reserved quota permits can be picked up at any issuing station if the quota has not yet been met for the entry point you have selected.

PAYMENT Only Forest Service Offices can accept cash and checks, in addition to credit card payments. All discount cards (Golden Age, Golden Access, and BWCAW Seasonal Fee cards) must be presented at the time of permit pickup to receive a discount, otherwise a full user fee will be charged. Non-Forest Service permit pick-up locations only accept credit card payments and may charge up to a \$2.00 fee to issue an overnight permit.

BWCAW User Fees

User fees are required for all overnight visitors to the BWCAW between May 1 and September 30.

USER FEES PER PERSON PER TRIP

Adult	\$10.00
Youth 0-17	\$5.00
Golden Age/Access Card Holders	\$5.00

BWCAW SEASONAL FEE CARD The purchase of a BWCAW Seasonal Fee Card fulfills the user fee requirements for the season, but does not eliminate the need for obtaining a BWCAW wilderness permit. For reserved permits, it does not eliminate the need to pay the \$12.00 reservation fee and \$20.00 deposit. Seasonal Fee Cards may be purchased by mail after November 15 or by phone after February 1 from the BWCAW Reservation Center at Reserve America. They may also be purchased in person after May 1 at any Forest Service Permit Issuing Station. Seasonal Fee Card applications can be obtained at Superior National Forest Offices or from the BWCAW Reservation Center.

SEASONAL FEE CARD COSTS PER PERSON

Adult	\$40.00
Youth 0-17	\$20.00
Golden Age/Access Card Holders	\$20.00

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