



## Wilderness Wind

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## Completing the Reservation Form

The suggestions and information below will make the permit reservation process easier and the trip more fitting and pleasurable for your group. The earlier we receive the reservation form, the more likely your desired trip date and entry point will be available. **If you have questions, contact Wilderness Wind; 2945 Hwy 169 Ely, MN 55731 (316) 217-1129 or [Kathy@wildernesswind.org](mailto:Kathy@wildernesswind.org)**

### 1. Group Information section of reservation form:

- a) **If a majority of your group represents a specific non-profit** (i.e.: a church, school or place of business), please put the non-profit's name as the *Name of the Group*. This will allow **anyone** in your group to sign the permit. Include the name of a person from the non-profit as the *Trip organizer*. This person will receive the Forest Service permit reservation confirmation.
- b) **If your group does not represent a non-profit**, include three names of people who will likely be on the trip as the *Trip Organizer*, and *Alternate Leaders*. The Trip Organizer will receive the permit reservation confirmation via mail or email. The individuals listed don't have to be adults. In order to sign for your permit, one of these people **must** be on the trip. If at some point you realize all three people can't join the trip, inform us as soon as possible and we will try and reserve a different permit. Each permit reservation is a non-refundable \$30 charge/ permit. Permits are subject to availability.
- c) **The group description** and additional information you provide helps us to better serve your group. It is helpful to our trip facilitators to have as much information as possible for their preparation. Thank you.

### 2. Trip date information section:

Most groups schedule a one-week trip. They arrive after dinner on Saturday evening, spend Sunday in orientation, and canoe Monday through Friday or Saturday afternoon. **Please note** that each group spends one day in orientation prior to the canoe trip. Depending on your schedule we can accommodate schedules quite different from this. We are very open to longer trips in the wilderness. At the end of the trip we ask each group to assist in cleaning the equipment used for the trip. Cleaning gear and taking showers takes about two hours. Many groups find it helpful to make a slow re-entry after a wilderness trip. Your group is welcome to stay at Wilderness Wind an additional night to aid in this process. Let us know what works for you.

### 3. Route information section:

Talk with your group about what type of experience they are interested in and respond to the difficulty level section of the reservation form accordingly. Discuss some of the following questions: Does the group want to move camp every day or would they prefer a layover day? How many hours would they like to paddle in a day? How long of a portage feels manageable? Does the group mind seeing others in the Wilderness or would they rather explore a more remote area and see less people?

Also talk about people's interests. Are a majority of the people wanting to rest and reflect in a wilderness setting, be with family and friends, travel and get to know the Boundary Waters, or fish? (not an exhaustive list) We work hard to tailor the trip to your group's interest as we work out of our mission statement.

Though there is no typical route, our routes usually range from 15 to 50 miles per week. Generally groups paddle from 6-8 miles in a day. Portages range in lengths of 20 feet to one mile. An "easy" trip usually covers 15-30 miles, allows for at least one layover day and most portages are well under ¼ mile. A moderate t

rip would involve about 35 miles with some portages closer to a ½ mile in length. A difficult route would involve 45 miles with the occasional portage close to a mile. There are many options. We look forward to working with you as you prepare to take this wilderness journey.