

BWX - SCENIC DIRECTIONS



Northern Minnesota is a beautiful place! If you opt to take the scenic route to the Boundary Waters Experience (BWX), the travel will take about forty-five minutes longer, plus any stops that you may choose to take part in. It is well worth it to experience the North Shore of Lake Superior, and its offerings.

From the Twin Cities: 281 miles (5 hours)

- 1) I-35 North to Duluth.
- 2) When I-35 ends, there is a stoplight. Take a right turn at the light onto MN-61 "North Shore Drive".
- 3) Stay on MN-61 for 57 miles.
- 4) Turn Left onto MN-1 and drive 60 miles into Ely. Stop in Ely and make your call-in to the camp (612-743-7700).

From Ely to the Kawishiwi Ranger Station: 1 mile (3 minutes)

- 1) Go East out of Ely on Sheridan Street (Hwy-169)
- 2) Turn left into Kawishiwi Ranger Station at when you see this sign – your BWX guide will meet you under the flagpole!



Fun things to stop and play at on the way"

- In Duluth, stopping by Canal Park (exit off of I-35) is a great place to see the Arial Lift Bridge, and the port. It is also a good place to stop and have an early lunch at the original Grandma's Restaurant.
- Just past Two Harbors (on the MN-61) is Gooseberry Falls State Park. There are three tiers of waterfalls that empty into Lake Superior. Great place to let the campers out to stretch and see some fantastic sights.
- Two miles past Silver Bay there is a right turn (that is hard to see look for a little sign) called Palisade Head. You will find yourself on top of a 300-foot cliff that drops straight down into Lake Superior. It is a wonderful view of the lake and of Shovel Point. It is a quick stop, and well worth it!
- In Finland, Minnesota (MN-1), if you are low on gas get it
 here. There are no other gas stations until you get to Ely (60 miles away).