



2025 MSR Trek Quick Information Guide



Unit High Adventure Treks

REGISTRATION STEPS

Step 1: Complete and return the 2025 MSR (Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation) High Adventure Request Form to the council office with the \$75 reservation fee. Please make sure include your SM/Advisor's address so we can mail you trek-specific flyers, etc.

The \$75 reservation fee per trek is required to secure your trek. It helps cover the cost of initiating the permitting process and postage for mailing trek specific information to your Trek Leader. It will **not** be applied toward your per-person registration fees and is non-refundable and non-transferable to other events and activities. Dual Unit treks only require one \$75 fee. Units that want to take two or more treks need to complete and return a form with \$75 for each trek.

Step 2: Once we receive your completed form and payment, we will confirm your trek and email you registration information.

Step 3: Ongoing conversation between your Trek Contact and our High Adventure staff to plan and coordinate your trek! As your date approaches, the trek staff will customize your Itinerary with your trek leader(s).

CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS, AS PER NATIONAL POLICY: ALL high adventure treks must have at least one adult with **current** Wilderness First Aid (WFA) and CPR certifications. The troop or crew must fulfill this requirement for sailing and kayaking treks. For **all other** treks, Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation provides guides with these certifications.

ANNUAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RECORD – All trek participants must bring at least 2 copies of the completed Health Form (A, B, and C) that is current throughout the trek. **IMPORTANT:** The State of WI requires we retain all health forms so you will be charged a "per copy" fee if we need to make copies of any form for you (the price could be \$2-\$5 per copy).

REGISTERED MEMBER OF SCOUTING AMERICA – All participants must be registered with Scouting America. All adults must be current in Youth Protection Training (YPT).

TREK AGE REQUIREMENTS: All youth must be at least 13 years old, or at least 12 years old AND completed grade 7. **See below (*)** for important exceptions. Anyone 18 years old before the trek's conclusion must register as an adult.

MINIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS – All high adventure treks must have at least 6 participants, with at least 2 of them being adults. Contact our Trek Staff if you have any questions.

EARLIER MSR Arrival Dates and Limited Availability – Boundary Waters Canoeing and Isle Royale Backpacking Treks are ONLY offered during **Weeks 2, 4, and 6** of our Summer Camp Programs. To prepare for your trek, arrive at Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan on **Saturday:** June 28, July 12, or July 26 for the 2025 season.

MSR Arrival Dates for the rest of the Treks – The arrival date for the rest of the treks is on a **Sunday:** June 22, June 29, July 6, July 13, July 20, or July 27 for the 2025 season.

2025 HIGH ADVENTURE TREK FEES AND DEADLINES-Same as 2024 (11:59 PM-Online; 4:00 PM at the Council Office)

High Adventure Trek Name	Number of Days on Trek***	Trek Fees per Person	Maximum # of Participants	First Payment Due Date	Second Payment Due	Final Payment Due
Isle Royale Backpacking	6	\$650	9	February 6	April 2	June 2
Apostle Island Kayaking*, **	5	\$750	12	March 19	April 11	May 9
Boundary Waters Canoeing	6	\$700	8	April 2	May 2	June 2
Flambeau Flowage Canoeing	5	\$450	11	May 2	n/a	June 2
Ice Age Trail Backpacking **	5	\$375	11	May 2	n/a	June 2
Porcupine Mountain Backpacking	5	\$450	11	May 2	n/a	June 2
Wisconsin Headwaters Canoeing **	5	\$475	12	May 2	n/a	June 2

*Apostle Island participants must be at least 14 years old, or at least 13 years AND completed 8th grade. No exceptions. Anyone 18 years old before the conclusion of the trek must register as an adult.

** Larger groups may be accommodated, depending on the trek, if reservations are made in January. Talk to the High Adventure Staff immediately upon reservation if larger groups are wanted for the Apostle Island, Ice Age Trail, or Wisconsin Headwaters Treks.

*** Add two more days for traveling to and from Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan.

IMPORTANT! If you missed these deadlines but are still interested in one of the treks, contact us immediately! Please provide your Unit type and number, the Name of Trek, Week # you want to go, and how many scouts, and how many adults want to register. We will do our best to accommodate your trek and get you out on the trail!