

Touring the Lakeshore by Motorcoach

Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore
National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior



We appreciate the opportunity to work with tour bus operators as their clients enjoy the many facets of Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. Guidelines for your visit include:

Permits
No permits are required at this time for operating within the Lakeshore. For further information, contact Chief Ranger Tim Colyer at 906-387-2607 x203.

Where To Visit?
Areas within the Lakeshore that accommodate tour coaches are limited. The best areas for viewing portions of the park by motor coach include:

Sable Falls

- Paved parking
- Flush restroom
- Trail to waterfall 75 yards
- 100+ steps to lower waterfall platform

Log Slide

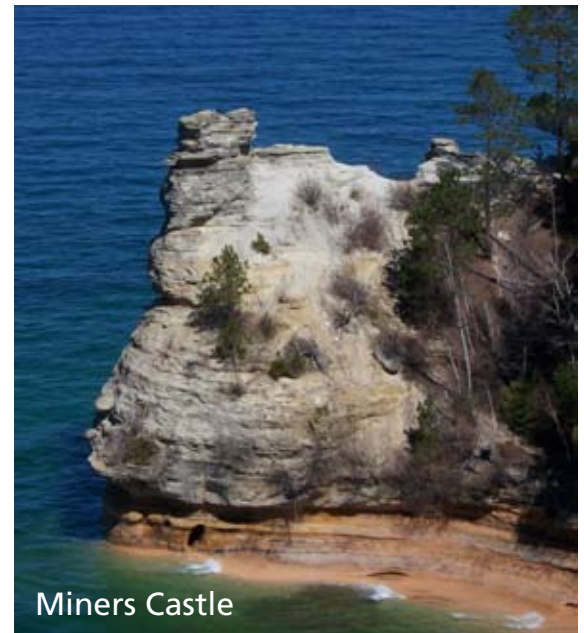
- Paved parking (coach parking on backside of loop)
- Pit toilet
- Trail to overlook 150 yards
- Interpretive signage on forests and logging

Miners Castle

- Paved parking (use back loop beyond automobile parking)
- Flush restroom
- Trail to three overlooks, 75 yards, 150 yards, 250 yards lower overlook
- Information center and bookstore
- Interpretive signage on geology, human history, Grand Island

Munising Falls

- Paved parking (use farthest RV parking)
- Flush restroom
- Trail to waterfall viewing platform - 250 yards
- Interpretive center and bookstore with exhibits on blast furnace history, logging, geology
- Interpretive signs on blast furnace history, cliff fall

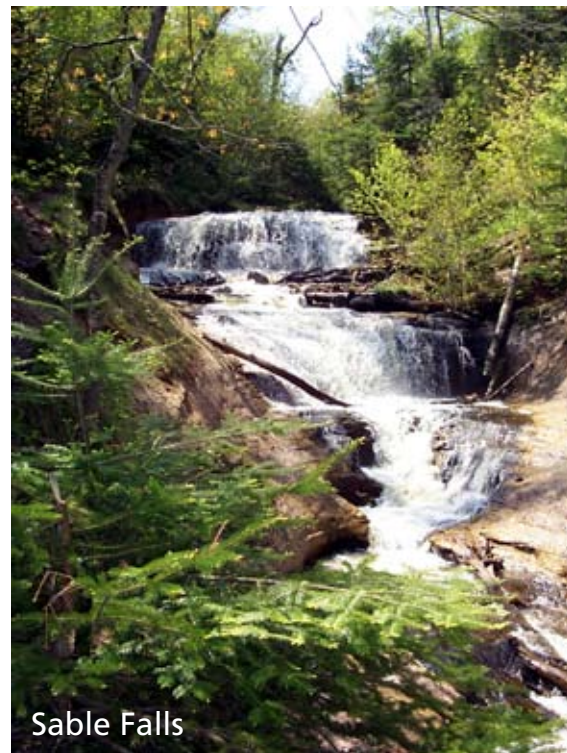


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Lakeshore Facilities Not Suited to Motor Coaches

Lakeshore locations unsuitable for motor coaches due to very limited parking and facilities:

- Miners Beach
- Miners Falls
- Hurricane River
- Twelvemile Beach
- Chapel Area
- Little Beaver Lake
- Interagency Visitor Center in Munising
- Grand Sable Visitor Center



Sable Falls

Pre-Trip Information

The Lakeshore can provide your clients with the following:

- Park map and guide
- Interagency newspaper
- DVD of Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore / Hiawatha National Forest orientation film

On-site, step-on interpretation - The Lakeshore is considering offering step-on interpretive services for tour operators. For more information on either of these interpretive services, contact:

- Gregg Bruff
- Chief of Heritage Education
- 906-387-2607 x208
- gregg_bruff@nps.gov
- www.nps.gov/piro

Sustainability

The Lakeshore recognizes that tour operations are an efficient means for visitors to enjoy the Lakeshore. To further the park's "Do Your Part" sustainability program, we encourage tour operators to:

- No bus idling while parked
- Burn bio-diesel fuel when available
- Encourage visitors to stay on trails and overlook structures
- Discourage use of disposable water bottles and other supplies
- Encourage use of personal drink containers (coffee go-mugs)
- Encourage your clients to view the following websites:
 - <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/travel/sustainable/>
 - <http://www.sustainabletourism.net/>
 - <http://www.rainforest-alliance.org/tourism.cfm?id=main>