

Wilderness Wind 2945 Highway 169 Ely, MN 55731 218-365-5873
www.wildernesswind.org Wilderness Wind nurtures relationships with Nature through wilderness living which promotes cooperation and environmental sustainability.

FACILITY

Wilderness Wind owns a 25 acre base camp located 6 miles west of Ely, MN. There are modern bathroom and shower facilities, three group campsites, a bunkhouse, staff housing, an equipment shed/work shop and a food preparation building. Prior to your trip, you will sleep in platform tents or in the bunkhouse, prepare some of your meals over a campfire, and eat at picnic tables at the campsites.

Most of our trips are canoe trips into the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness of Minnesota or the Quetico Provincial Park of Ontario, Canada. Most groups spend one day at Pine Ridge for orientation before they begin their trip.

Wilderness Wind also has four acres on Armstrong Lake. The Lakeside property has four cabins and a yurt available for retreats and gatherings. Family members of those who are canoeing in the Boundary Waters have also stayed in the Lakeside cabins.

FEES FOR 2017

Part of Wilderness Wind's philosophy is to make wilderness travel available to everyone. Fees are set to cover basic program expenses. A large portion of staff time is donated on a voluntary service basis. Work for Wilderness Wind is done out of a love for the outdoors and a belief in service. Another way of keeping our fees low is that we ask each group to help clean their gear at the end of their trip.

Each trip starts with a day of orientation prior to the canoe trip. Orientation is usually a full day that includes canoeing instruction, reading map and compass, food packing, route planning, packing, a time for reflection, wilderness ethics and wilderness experiences. The fees below are listed according to the number of days of the actual canoe trip. Orientation is included in these fees.

| GROUP SIZE | 7-8 people | 5-6 people | 3-4 people |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Four-day canoe trip, per person | \$500 | \$560 | \$650 |
| Five-day canoe trip, per person | \$530 | \$590 | \$680 |
| Six-day canoe trip, per person | \$560 | \$620 | \$710 |
| Seven-day canoe trip, per person | \$590 | \$650 | \$740 |

(The above are prices for the most frequently taken trips. We offer shorter and longer trips as well.)

DISCOUNTS FOR 2017

- Youth Group Discount: 10% OFF school and church youth groups

Note: Trips into the Quetico cost approximately an additional \$12 per person/night on the water. It is important that wilderness trips are available to everyone. Partial scholarships are available. It is helpful though not required to know in early May of your interest in using scholarship funds.

Payment Policy: At time of reservation: a \$500 deposit is due. \$250 is refundable until April 15th. On May 15th, full payment is due, via check or credit card. If group size is still

fluctuating or group is still being formed at this date, \$2,000 is due. Final payment is due once the group size is determined. (A note about credit cards: a 3% fee will be added to trip deposits and payments made with a credit card.)

Wilderness Wind fees cover the following:

- A Wilderness Wind trip facilitator/leader
- Orientation/Instruction
- Lodging at Wilderness Wind
- All food and eating utensils
- Packs (Duluth and Kondo's) and dry bags
- Tents (Sierra designs, OR and North Face)
- Sleeping pads (Therm-a-rest)
- Liability and Limited Accident Insurance
- Equipment shuttle
- Route planning
- Forest Service permits and fees
- Leadership and wilderness ethics
- Canoes, paddles, life jackets and rain tarp
- Cooking gear, cook stoves, fuel, camp saw
- Shower bags, food bags and bear ropes
- Compasses, whistles, and maps
- First Aid Kit
- Water bottles and water purification