

**TO: UP NORTH PARTICIPANTS**  
**FR: COACH GUNN**  
**RE: TRIP ITINERARY**  
**DT: August 2, 2018**

**2018**



**Wilderness State Park ~ Munising ~ Pictured Rocks ~Grand Portal~ Mackinac Is.**

## **ITINERARY**

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

- 6:45AM Bus available for loading at parking lot near the Amtrak Station in downtown Dowagiac (200 Depot Drive). I will alert the DPD to watch our cars. Dress in your hiking clothes and shoes.
- 7:00AM Bus leaves.
- 9:00AM Rest stop at McDonald's in Rockford.
- 11:15AM Short potty break in Mancelona.
- 12:45PM Arrive at Wilderness State Park for hike and picnic on the Straights of Mackinac.
- 3:15PM Cross the Mackinac Bridge.
- 6:30PM Arrive at Lodging: Boarders Inn & Suites, Munising, MI 906-387-5292
- 7:30PM Bus leaves for downtown Munising for dinner.

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

- 7:00AM Deluxe breakfast buffet starts.
- 8:30AM Meet to pack trail lunch on the deck by the hotel indoor pool.
- 9:00AM Board bus for the 30 minute ride to the Chapel Falls trailhead.
- 9:45AM Start hikes ranging from 3.2 to 10.7 miles. The 10.7 mile hikers will enjoy their trail lunch at the spectacular Grand Portal, voted by Backpacker Magazine the number 1 best view in the USA. Following the hikes we will journey to Matson's Fishery dock for optional purchase of fresh smoked fish and go up to *Gunn's Patio* high over Munising Bay for rehydration..
- 7:00PM Meet in lobby to board bus for dinner.

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

- 7:00AM Deluxe buffet breakfast starts.
- 9:15AM Checkout, load bus and head for Mackinac Island. Make sure you ID your luggage for the luggage transfer on Mackinac Island. Check in isn't until 3:00PM and your luggage will be taken to our hotel – The Lilac Tree – by horse drawn wagon and will be put into your room. Also, dress in hiking clothes for the trip. We will have a short team meeting on the ferry dock.
- 11:45AM Board Starline Ferry in Mackinac City for Mackinac Island.
- 1:00PM Lunch on Mackinac Island and optional hiking, biking, kayaking and/or shopping. Later after all the *Fudgies* leave enjoy a wonderful and magical evening on Mackinac Island.

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**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

- 7:00AM Breakfast starts at the Chippewa Hotel, home of the Pink Pony.
- 9:00AM The optional *RON'S INNER MACKINAC* hike starts from our hotel or enjoy the many other wonderful things that this magical island has to offer. **(OVER)**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

- 7:00AM Breakfast starts at the Chippewa Hotel.
- 9:00AM ID luggage and place outside your door.
- 9:45AM We will leave from the front of the hotel and walk to ferry dock.
- 10:00AM Starline Ferry leaves for Mackinac City.
- NOON Lunch stop in Petosky Gas Light district.
- 2:00PM Load bus and head for home.
- 7:30PM ETA in Dowagiac.

**NOTES: 1) This itinerary is tentative 2) Final payments are due – *Gracias!***

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