



Wild North Travel EdVenture

September 25-27, 2026

Tentative Itinerary

FRIDAY

- 8:00 am Meet at the Zoo – Intros and Breakfast Refreshments
- 8:15 am Conservation Talk
- 8:45 am Meet the Moose
- 9:45 am Depart for Duluth
- 12:15 pm Lunch at Pickwick (508 East Superior Street, Duluth, MN)
- 1:45 pm Drive to Great Lakes Aquarium (353 Harbor Dr, Duluth, MN)
 - Parking is free/validated at the front desk
- 2:00 pm Guided Behind the Scenes Tour
- 3:00 pm Explore the aquarium
- 4:00 pm Check into The Suites on the Waterfront (325 S Lake Ave, Duluth, MN)
 - Parking is complimentary. They have a lot across the street
- 4:15 pm Free time in Duluth
- 5:30 pm Dinner at Grandma's (522 S Lake Ave, Duluth, MN)
- 7:00 pm Drive to Hawk Ridge
 - On East Skyline Parkway, park on the north side of the road by the port-a-potty about ¼ mile from where the paved road changes to gravel
- 7:30 pm Hawk Ridge evening owl program
 - Dress in layers
 - Bring a headlamp/flashlight/cell phone to walk to the station
 - Bring a portable chair unless you find comfort on stumps and logs.
- 9:00 pm Return to The Suites

SATURDAY

- 7:00 am Breakfast at The Suites and Check out
- 7:30 am Hawk Ridge Songbird Banding
 - On East Skyline Parkway, park on the north side of the road by the port-a-potty about ¼ mile from where the paved road changes to gravel.
- 9:00 am Drive through moose and bear territory towards Ely while making a few stops
 - Public water access on Greenwood Lake and Dunnigan Lake
- 11:30 am Lunch at Insula (145 East Sheridan Street, Ely, MN)
- 1:00 pm Drive to Dry Lake Falls
- 1:15 pm Hike to Dry Lake Falls Hike (~3 miles)
 - HWY 1 through Ely, North on Hwy 88/Grant McMahan BLVD, North on HWY 116/Echo Trail, park at Bass Lake Trailhead

3:30 pm	Check into the Grand Ely Lodge (400 North Pioneer Road, Ely, MN)
4:00 pm	Free time in Ely
6:00 pm	Dinner at the GEL
7:30 pm	Night program at the North American Bear Center (1926 MN-169, Ely, MN)
9:00 pm	Return to the GEL

SUNDAY

7:30 am	Breakfast at Grand Ely Lodge and Check-out
9:00 am	Programs at the North American Bear Center (1926 MN-169, Ely, MN) • Behind-the-scenes tour and explore the museum
12:15 pm	Lunch at The Wilderness Grill (1450 Bois Forte Rd, Tower, MN)
2:00 pm	Pending: Tour of the Bois Forte Heritage Center (1500 Bois Forte Road, Tower, MN) • Or drive to Sax Zim Bog for a one-hour hike (8793 Owl Ave, Meadowlands, MN)
5:00 pm	Optional: Dinner at Gordy's Hi-Hat (415 Sunnyside Dr, Cloquet, MN)

The itinerary may be altered due to weather, and suitable replacements will try to be scheduled. Refunds will only be made under extenuating circumstances. In case of severe weather, the EdVenture will be cancelled, and a refund will be issued.

Suggested Packing List:

- Clothes for 3 days
- Personal toiletries
- Raincoat or warm coat
- Hat
- If cold, gloves and/or a scarf
- Hiking boots or shoes
- Swimming suit (for pool or sauna at the resort- optional free time activity)
- Refillable water bottle
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Camera
- Cell phone & charger
- Books & things to do during down times
- Binoculars
- Snacks
- Mosquito/tick repellant
- Flashlight/head lamp
- Portable stool/chair
- Money for souvenirs, extra food, or alcohol

Questions?

If you have additional questions regarding this Travel EdVenture or want to be placed on the interested list for future trips, please email educate@mnzoo.org.