

SUPERIOR NATIONAL FOREST CENTENNIAL YEAR EVENTS



FEBRUARY

Feb 12 Public Open House, LaCroix Ranger District, Cook
Historical photos, video programs, artifacts, displays.

Feb 12 Presentation - Great Lakes Aquarium, Duluth
Audio-visual presentation about the Superior National Forest history

Feb 13 100th Anniversary of establishment of Superior National Forest

Feb 16 Presentation - Superior Public Library
Audio-visual presentation about the Superior National Forest history

Feb 18 Future of Wind and Fire in Northern Minnesota Forests
Symposium presents research and monitoring regarding the 1999 blowdown and highlights lessons learned for responsive and adaptive management within fire/timber/recreation (including wilderness) programs.

Feb 28- March 4, Commemorative Cross-border Ski/Dog sled Expedition
A 9-person crew composed of staff from the Superior National Forest and Quetico Provincial Park, along with volunteers, travel by x-c ski and dog sled from Ely, Minnesota to Atikokan, Ontario, covering approximately 75 miles following approximately the same route taken by a similar group 25 years ago.

APRIL

April 1 100th birthday of our neighbor to the north: Quetico Provincial Park

April 23 Public Open House, Headquarters, Duluth
Historical artifacts, informational displays, video programs, and tour the office. Throughout the afternoon there will be hourly presentations, demonstrations, and kid's activities

April 23 "Soil-a-bration", Headquarters, Duluth
Recognition of the interagency efforts leading to soil surveys across more than 2 million acres in the Arrowhead Region.

April 24 to 26 Centennial Display, Midwest Mountaineering, Minneapolis
Educational outreach and interactive display highlighting history and +100 ways to enjoy the Superior National Forest.

MAY

May 2 - Planting for the Future - Gunflint Green Up, Gunflint Trail
Among other public tree planting events across the Forest, the second annual Gunflint Green Up to involve hundreds of volunteers planting trees on national forest lands affected by the Ham Lake Fire of May 2007. Green Up includes Forest Service interpretive program focusing on historic perspective.

May 12-14 – River Quest, Duluth Harbor
Forest partnering with other agencies on annual environmental education event for local 6th grade students includes boat tour of harbor and St. Louis River estuary. Learning station will focus on forest management within the watershed and historic perspective.

May 15 – Animal Tracks, Great Lakes Zoo, Duluth
Forest participate in educational event focused on endangered species.

May 15 – Lake Superior Youth Symposium, Duluth
Forest participating in regional educational outreach to middle school and high school teachers and students. Presentation and display themed to centennial, leave no trace, and natural resource careers.

May 27 – Centennial Public Open House, Tofte Ranger District Office, Tofte
Historic displays, presentations, demonstrations

JUNE

June 4 – 7 Grand Marais Boreal Birding & Northern Landscapes Festival

Centennial themed – educational outreach, informational and interpretive programs.

June 6 – Duluth Trails Day, Enger Park, Duluth

Forest partnering with the Superior Hiking Trail Association and City of Duluth to present event featuring the numerous trail opportunities in and around the Duluth area. Include informational outreach highlighting +100 ways to enjoy the Superior National Forest.

June 6 - Take a Kid Fishing Event – Great Lakes Aquarium, Duluth

Inviting the public to get out and enjoy the Forest, in conjunction with National Get Outdoors Day, National Trails Day, Take a Kid Fishing.

June 6 - Centennial booth at Timber Days – Cook

Centennial themed – educational outreach, informational and interpretive display and presentation.

June 6 – Centennial Public Open House, Laurentian Ranger District Office, Aurora

Historic displays, presentations, demonstrations

June 19 – Centennial Public Open House, Gunflint Ranger District Office, Grand Marais

Historic displays, presentations, demonstrations

June 19 – Centennial Public Open House, Kawishiwi Ranger District Office, Ely

Historic displays, presentations, demonstrations

JULY

July 6 – 10 Kawishiwi Pavilion Passport in Time Project - Ely

Volunteers work with Forest Heritage Program staff on rehabilitation of this historic structure which was built by the CCCs in the 1930's. Public invited to visit.

July 1 – 16 Canoe the Heart Expedition

In celebration of our shared heritage, the Superior National Forest, Quetico Provincial Park, and other members of the Heart of the Continent Partnership are sponsoring a canoe expedition along the international border. A series of public events will be held along the route.

July 24 – 26 Centennial booth at Blueberry Fest – Ely

Informational and interpretive display and demonstrations.

July 29 – Aug 1 Parade and Centennial booth at Spirit Valley - Duluth

Informational and interpretive display and presentation.

July 30 – Aug 1 Centennial booth at Fisherman's Picnic – Grand Marais

Informational and interpretive display and demonstrations.

August to January Events -- TBA