

OUTDOORS

VNP offering guided snowshoe hikes

Learn the basics of snowshoeing, the history of the first snowshoes, and explore a variety of snowshoeing opportunities within Voyageurs National Park.

VNP staff encourage people to gather family and friends to joint a park ranger for guided snowshoe hikes in Voyageurs National Park.

- Walk the grounds of historic Rainy Lake City from 1-3 p.m. on the following Saturdays: Feb. 7, Feb. 28, and March 21.
- Trek along the Oberholtzer Trail from 1-3 p.m. on the following Saturdays: Feb. 14, March 7, and March 28.
- Visit the Black Bay Beaver Pond from 1-3 p.m.

on the following Saturdays: Feb. 21 and March 14.

Participants may bring their own snowshoes or borrow a pair free-of-charge from the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. To join the hikes, meet inside the visitor center prior to the start. No fee or registration is required to attend. Afterwards, park staff invite visitors to warm up with a cup of cocoa, view exhibits, watch the park film, and look through the Jefferson National Parks Association bookstore.

Snowshoes are always available to borrow during visitor center hours, thanks to funding from the Friends of Voyageurs National Park.

VNP TRAIL REPORT

A pair of snowshoes will offer a winter experience on the two-mile round-trip Oberholtzer Trail.

Visitors to the park often hike this trail in summer due to its convenient location near the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. In winter, the ice and snow cover creates a completely different trail experience.

The Oberholtzer Trail was named after conservationist Ernest Oberholtzer, who lived not far from the doors of the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. Ober, as he was known, built his home on Mallard Island in 1915. Years earlier, Ober met Ojibwe Indian guide Billy Magee and they became fast friends. They traveled by canoe thousands of miles throughout the area and into Ontario.

After years of travel with his Ojibwe companion, Ober realized the area should be set aside for all to enjoy and spearheaded a movement to stop dam development in the region. Oberholtzer's persistence led to the passage of the Shipstead-Newton-Nolan Act in 1930. This legislation, based largely on Ober's alternative plan for the region, prohibited the changing of water levels in the Superior National Forest. It was the first legislation ever passed by the U.S. Congress that mandated wilderness values on federal lands.

Ober and the many other conservationists with whom he worked were successful in setting aside nearly three million acres of wilderness known today as the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. Many of his fellow conservationists would later help establish Voyageurs National Park.

After experiencing the Oberholtzer Trail, a little more adventure can be found by snowshoeing across landscapes that are under water spring, summer, and fall. Trek across frozen wetlands, across lake ice, and around the nearby islands for a unique winter view. On Saturdays, join a ranger to explore these dif-



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Experience VNP in the winter by visiting the Oberholtzer Trail by snowshoe.

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NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Case Type: Contract
Court File No. 36-CV-14-826

SUMMONS

First American Title Insurance Company as Successor in interest to U.S. Bank National Association,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Lenard Bobst,

Defendant.

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1. **YOU ARE BEING SUED.** The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you. The Plaintiff's Complaint against you is on file in the office of the court administrator of the above-named court. This Summons and the Complaint are official papers that affect your rights.

2. **YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 20 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.** You must give or mail to the person who signed this summons a written response called an Answer within 20 days of the date on which you received this Summons. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this summons at:

Bernick Lifson, P.A.
The Colonnade, Suite 1200
5500 Wayzata Boulevard
Minneapolis, MN 55416

3. **YOU MUST RESPOND TO EACH CLAIM.** The Answer is your written response to the Plaintiff's Complaint. In your Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Complaint. If you believe the Plaintiff should not be given everything asked for in the Complaint, you must say so in your Answer.

4. **YOU WILL LOSE YOUR CASE IF YOU DO NOT SEND A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE COMPLAINT TO THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS SUMMONS.** If you do not Answer within 20 days, you will lose this case. You will not get to tell your side of the story, and the Court may decide against you and award the Plaintiff everything asked for in the complaint. If you do not want to contest the claims stated in the complaint, you do not need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the complaint.

5. **LEGAL ASSISTANCE.** You may wish to get legal help from a lawyer. If you do not have a lawyer, the Court Administrator may have information about places where you can get legal assistance. **Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still provide a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.**

6. **ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION.** The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice. You must still send your written response to the Complaint even if you expect to use alternative means of resolving this dispute.

BERNICK LIFSON, P.A.

Dated February 3, 2015.

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Public Notice

MINUTE SUMMARY

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Held on Tuesday, January 27, 2015; 10:05 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Pavleck, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Adee
MEMBERS ABSENT: None

The County Board approved the January 27th meeting agenda; approved the minutes from the January 20, 2015 regular meeting and amended the January 13, 2015 minutes for Board Motion 2015/01-15; approved payment of the Courthouse claims in the amount of \$61,892.96, Health claims in the amount of \$23,361.32 and Human Services claims as presented.

2015/01-35 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to approve the City of International Falls appointment of Paul Nevanen to the At-Large Position on the International Falls/Koochiching County Airport Commission. Voting yes: Pavleck, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Adee. Motion carried.

2015/01-36 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to authorize Board members attendance to the annual International Rainy-Lake of the Woods Watershed Forum scheduled for March 11 and 12, 2015 and to the Snowmobile Radar Run Event on January 31, 2015 which was organized to help raise funds for Cancer Treatment gas cards. Voting yes: Pavleck, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Adee. Motion carried.

000 The Administration Director recommended that the County Board update its Strategic Action Plan which has been used over the last several years to guide the establishment of specific structuring and development goals for the betterment of the County. Board members agreed that the planning tool was very useful and that a new strategic goal setting plan was needed and requested the Administration Director will bring back more information for a County Board planning session.

2015/01-37 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Adee accepting the recommendation of the County Engineer to award low bid to Hammerlund Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$5,840,000 for the CSAH 332 Grading, Base and Bituminous Road Project (SAP 036-332-001). Voting yes: Pavleck, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Adee. Motion carried.

000 A Representative from the International Voyageur Snowmobile Club (IVSC) informed the Board of the 2015 MN United Snowmobile Associations' 2015 Winter Rendezvous and Convention being held in International Falls from February 12 through 15, 2015. The Representative stated he would provide the County with the itinerary when it is completed and would appreciate County Board representation to welcome MNUSA members and visitors to our community.

2015/01-38 Motion by McBride, seconded by Adee to close session at 11:00 a.m. under Attorney-Client Privilege to review the Blandin Corporation Real Estate Tax Litigation against Koochiching County with the County's legal counsel. Voting yes: Pavleck, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Adee. Motion carried. Session opened at 11:35 a.m. and the meeting was adjourned.

A full copy of the minutes is available on the County website at www.co.koochiching.mn.us and for public inspection at the County Administration Office during regular business hours.

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