

Ecology of Lake Superior

Given below are some details about the ships that will be available for you to tour on Tuesday, May 4th from 6-8 pm. Further below is a blurb about the IMAX movie we will be viewing after dinner on Monday.

R/V Kiyi-USGS, Great Lakes Science Center, Lake Superior Biological Station, Ashland, Wisconsin

The R/V Kiyi is a 107 foot long fisheries research vessel. It conducts fish stock assessment, fisheries research and habitat monitoring in cooperation with state, federal, tribal and university partners. The Kiyi has three crew members: a captain, mate, and engineer. In addition to the crew, the Kiyi sleeps six scientific personnel and can be at sea without replenishment for two weeks.



R/V L.L. Smith, Jr., University of Wisconsin-Superior

The L.L. SMITH, Jr. is a 58 foot long steel tug that was built in Superior. It is used for both research and education; hosting dozens of groups each year, from pure researchers to school kids learning rudimentary lessons in environmental issues. In addition to research and science tours, the boat is used to host tours for civic clubs, special interest groups and other groups interested in ecology, local water science and other topics lending themselves to being on the water.



R/V Blue Heron, University of Minnesota-Duluth

The R/V Blue Heron was a north Atlantic fishing boat that has been converted into a limnological research vessel. The Blue Heron has berthing for 11 crew and scientists, and can operate 24 hours per day for up to 21 days in between port calls. The Blue Heron is part of the University National Oceanographic Laboratory System (UNOLS), and is available for charter by research scientists on any of the Great Lakes.



R/V Lake Explorer II, Environmental Protection Agency, Duluth

The R/V Lake Explorer II is a 90 foot long vessel. The vessel specializes in environmental assessment of coastal conditions in the Great Lakes. There are 11 bunks aboard the R/V Lake Explorer II. The vessel accommodates four crew (boat captain, first mate, chief and first engineers) and up to seven scientists.



Duluth - Omnimax Theatre



It takes a drop of water nearly 400 years to travel from the headwaters of Lake Superior to the edge of Lake Ontario. Along the way, the water passes by towering cliffs dotted with early Native American pictographs, caribou and moose grazing on the shores, over giant prehistoric sturgeon lurking among thousands of shipwrecks and past nearly 40 million people who live along the more than 10,000 miles of coastline. It is a dramatic journey through some of the most spectacular scenery in the world. Now, you can witness the Mysteries of the Great Lakes on the only screen large enough to reveal them - IMAX!