

Forest Service Centennial



In 1905, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Forestry became known as the Forest Service.

In 2005, the Forest Service will celebrate its 100-year anniversary. The anniversary gives us the opportunity to focus both on our rich history in land stewardship and on our next century of public service. In this spirit, we would like to introduce you to a 5-year effort called New Century of Service. Through New Century of Service activities, we will honor our past, share excellence in our work programs and ideas; and celebrate 100 years of caring for the land and serving people.

100 Years of Conservation For the Greatest Good

The Forest Service was created as an agency with a unique mission: to sustain healthy, diverse, and productive forests and grasslands for present and future generations. President Theodore Roosevelt entrusted the care of the Forest Reserves, later known as the National Forests and Grasslands, to the US Department of Agriculture.

When the Forest Service was created the Nation had about 760 million acres of forest land. Today, there are still nearly 750 million acres of forest land. Sustaining our forest land area during the last century, while the US population grew by nearly 300 percent, is a remarkable conservation success story. However, some serious

threats to the health of the National Forests exist today:

1. too many forests have too much fuel that feeds big destructive fires;
2. insect infestations and plant diseases;
3. human settlement expanding into formerly wild areas;
4. invasive species that disrupt natural ecosystems; and
5. the growing impact of unmanaged recreation on forests and grasslands.

To address these threats in the 21st century, the Forest Service is working with many partners to develop solutions that meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

Hiawatha History

The modern-day Hiawatha National Forest was created in 1962 when Congress joined the Marquette National Forest (the East Unit of the modern-day Hiawatha) with the original Hiawatha National Forest (today's West Unit). The Marquette National Forest was originally designated by President Roosevelt in 1909, encompassing the St. Ignace and Sault Ste. Marie Ranger Districts. The land of the original Hiawatha National Forest, which includes the Munising, Rapid River and Manistique Ranger Districts, was largely purchased between 1924 and 1931, and during the latter year it was designated a National Forest by President Hoover.



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in Celebrating 100 years of the Forest Service 1905 - 2005

Schedule of Events for Hiawatha National Forest

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MAY 3 -- National Honor Day
-- Rapid River "Greatest Good" showing for employees and retirees, flag lowering/raising, light refreshments.
-- Manistique "Greatest Good"

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Munising - District work project followed by flag lowering/raising.
-- St. Ignace Open house.
-- Sault Ste Marie Open house at Point Iroquois Lighthouse, including flag lowering/raising.
-- Supervisor's Office 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. barbeque/potluck for employees, retirees and CCC alumns. Flag lowering/raising.

MAY 20 - 22 -- Munising Birding By The Bay Festival. Come learn more about backyard birds!

MAY 30 -- Rapid River Memorial Day parade.

JUNE 4 -- Rapid River/Manistique National Trails Day youth activity and Centennial awards at Pine Marten Run Horse Trail.

JUNE 11 -- Rapid River/Manistique 14th Annual Kids' Fishing Day at Camp 7 Lake

Centennial Calendar of Events

Campground. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. and the event runs until 4 p.m. This free event is open to children 16 years old and under and is designed to introduce youngsters and their families to the sport of fishing.
-- St Ignace Kids' Fishing Day at Castle Rock Ponds.

JUNE 23 -- St Ignace Car show parade.

JULY and AUGUST -- Munising and Rapid River/Manistique Numerous campfire/interpretive programs will be offered at area campgrounds throughout the summer. Contact the districts for a schedule.

JULY -- Marquette Arts and Culture Center Hiawatha Artist In Residence exhibit.

JULY 4 -- Independence Day parades Brimley, Brimley State Park, Gladstone, Kinross, Manistique, Munising, and St. Ignace

JULY 11-29 -- Grand Island National Recreation Area Archaeology site open to public, M-F, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

JULY 28 -- Munising Grand Island



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Archaeology 2005 Field Season Summary. Alger Heritage Center 7 p.m.

AUGUST 4 -- Munising Hiawatha Artist in Residence evening program with block print artist Mary Brodbeck

AUGUST 12 -- Rapid River Open House.

AUGUST 15 -- Clear Lake Education Center Retiree Day. Retirees and CCC

invited.

AUGUST 16 -- UP State Fair (Escanaba) USDA Forest Service Centennial Day (in conjunction with Ottawa National Forest) in DNR Pocket Park. The Fiddlin' Foresters band will offer performances at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. The Lake Superior Big Top Chautauqua performing arts troupe will be the highlight of the day with an evening extravaganza "Centennial Green: The Over and Understory of the Forest Service in Song" at 7 p.m.

AUGUST 19 -- Bay Furnace Historic Site Hiawatha Artist in Residence evening program with slide guitarist Kraig Kenning.
-- Peninsula Point Lighthouse 140th anniversary celebration of the Lighthouse.

AUGUST 24 -- Munising Hiawatha Artist in Residence evening program with painter Charles Marshall.

AUGUST 25 -- Camp Seven Campground Hiawatha Artist in Residence evening program with slide guitarist Kraig Kenning.

AUGUST 29 - September 1 -- Round Island Lighthouse Harbor Lights Collector's Reunion, Mission Point Resort, Mackinaw Island, will tour Round Island Lighthouse.

SEPTEMBER 5 -- Nahma Labor Day parade.
-- St. Ignace - DOT 100 year celebration.

SEPTEMBER 13 -- Munising Open House including Centennial Awards and public showing of "Greatest Good."

SEPTEMBER 17 -- Munising National Public Lands Day native seed collection event.

SEPTEMBER 25 -- Munising Volunteer Appreciation Day including Centennial Awards.

DATE TBA -- Rapid River/Manistique SCSEP recognition luncheon.

