

ISLE ROYALE



PLANT I.D. WORKSHOP June 5-10



What is Isle Royale? Isle Royale is a unique island national park located in western Lake Superior (see map above). Its rugged bedrock shorelines, ridges, forests, and wetlands provide diverse habitat for numerous plants, including boreal and rare arctic disjunct species, making Isle Royale an ideal location for a spring flora identification workshop.

This will be the **13th Isle Royale plant workshop** sponsored by the Isle Royale & Keweenaw Parks Association (IRKPA).

Participants: This 2017 workshop is designed for adults with a beginning or intermediate knowledge of plant I.D. who would like to learn Isle Royale's flora and have a truly Isle Royale experience at the same time!

Workshop activities: After a Mon. (June 5) meeting in Houghton MI, we'll ferry to Isle Royale on Tues. We'll spend 3 full days exploring diverse habitats including boreal/swamp forests, bogs, and bedrock shoreline/ridge tops (with amazing views!). Using field guides and dichotomous keys, you'll learn to identify the Island's spring flora ranging from showier plants (such as the orchid pictured above) to less conspicuous plants as grasses, sedges, and club-mosses. We'll be walking mainly on hiking trails at a slow to moderate pace (covering ~7 mi on the longest day). On Sat. we'll sail back to Houghton.

Evening options include reviewing plants with the instructor, attending naturalist talks, canoeing/kayaking, searching for that elusive moose, taking photographs, bird-watching, watching an Island sunset...whatever your preference may be!

Instructor: Botanist Janet Marr is co-author of *Island Life, an Isle Royale Nature Guide* published by IRKPA. Janet has taught 12 Isle Royale plant workshops plus many botany and aquatic/wetland plant workshops in MI's Keweenaw Peninsula.

Workshop fee: Total cost is US\$699 per person (→ \$25 discount for IRKPA members; see <http://irkpa.org/> for information on becoming an IRKPA member). Preregistration and deposit (\$200) are required to hold your place. Mail check, payable to "IRKPA," 800 E. Lakeshore Dr., Houghton, MI 49931. The balance is due April 1.

Workshop fee includes all of these items:

- Meals (Tues. lunch - Sat. lunch) and park fees.
- Transportation to/from Houghton via the NPS ferry, *Ranger III*, and while on Isle Royale.
- Camping in a group campsite (Rock Harbor). Note: Lodging available at your own expense.
- Two IRKPA botany publications.

Enrollment is limited to 12 participants, so be sure to register soon to guarantee a spot. Contact Janet Marr at 906-337-5529 or jkmarr@mtu.edu for more information.

Cancellation policy: A \$75 fee will be charged for cancellations between April 1 and April 30. There will be no refund for cancellations made on or after May 1 (unless a replacement participant is available).

A **Flora of the Keweenaw Workshop** will be offered for the first time by IRKPA. It will run from July 25 to July 27 and will be based in Copper Harbor, MI (see map above). Contact Janet Marr at 906-337-5529 or jkmarr@mtu.edu for info.