The Michigan State University Alumni Association Presents

Kayaking and Hiking the Les Cheneaux Islands of Michigan

Thursday, September 8 - Sunday, September 11, 2016

$700 Per Person (double occupancy), $825 per person (single occupancy)

For reservations or further information, call Woods & Water Ecotours at 906-484-4157

Join the MSU Alumni Association and MSU alumna Jessie Hadley on a kayaking and hiking journey of the Les Cheneaux Islands. Known as the one of the last great places of the Western Hemisphere, these islands are located east of the Mackinac Bridge along the northern shore of Lake Huron. Discover this rare island archipelago steeped with history and rich with ecologically significant species. Learn how this area is protected by a collaborative of leading conservation organizations, government agencies, and residents, and how through their goals there are natural and historical experiences here for everyone. Daily guided explorations will include using sea kayaks to access the island natural areas, including the significant locations like the Aldo Leopold preserve. Walking and hiking may serve as another mode of transportation. There will also be community destinations featuring the rich history and culture of the area including the local Historical Museum, Maritime Museum and Great Lakes Boat Building School. The daily menu will be healthy foods, locally sourced featuring cuisine of Les Cheneaux Culinary School. Sea kayaks and related paddling gear, guides, lodging and all meals will be provided.

Tour Inclusions:

- Kayaking and hiking daily
- Three nights of lodging at Hills Point Resort in Cedarville, MI
- Paddle trip to Aldo Leopold preserve
- Tours of Les Cheneaux Culinary School and Great Lakes Wooden Boat Building School
- Visit to the Les Cheneaux Historical Museum
- Kayak to Government Island
- Breakfast each morning
- Packed lunches each day
- Dinner each night

**Woods & Water Ecotours reserves the right to change plans if weather is determined to be unsafe. Alternate plans will include day paddles or hikes with adjusted itinerary. There are a numerous other options that will be utilized if such conditions arise.

Not Included: Transportation to Cedarville, MI, travel insurance, items of a personal nature, tips, bridge toll, alcohol and meals not mentioned in the tour inclusions.

Hills Point Resort located in the Les Cheneaux Islands just 35 miles east of the Mackinac Bridge and offers breathtaking beauty and peaceful tranquility of Michigan’s Eastern U.P. Cabins are located on Hill Island directly on the shore of Lake Huron.Recently renovated, cabins have high efficiency furnaces, color TV with cable, bathroom with shower, appliances and coffee maker.
Daily Itinerary:

**Thursday, September 8th**
1:00pm - Arrive at Hills Point Resort and settle in.  
2:00–5:00pm - Introductions, gear fit, paddle jaunt.  
6:00pm - Dinner at cabins  
7:00pm - Guided nature walk featuring medicinal plants

**Friday, September 9th**
8:00am - Breakfast at cabins  
9:30am - 4:00pm - Paddle trip to Aldo Leopold preserve w/ sack lunch, hiking included.  
6:30pm - Tour of Les Cheneaux Culinary School  
7:00pm - Dinner prepared by Culinary School  
9:00pm - Fireside stories

**Saturday, September 10th**
8:00am - Breakfast at cabins  
10:00am - 11:30am - Visit Les Cheneaux Historical Museum/ Maritime  
12:00pm - Lunch provided by Fired UP  
2:00pm - Sea Kayak to Government Island  
5:00pm - Appetizers fireside  
6:00pm - Rustic Pastie dinner on Island  
7:30pm - Return to lodge

**Sunday, September 11th**
8:00am - Breakfast catered  
10:00am - 11:00am - Tour Great Lakes Wooden Boat Building School and lunch  
12:00pm - Farewells

**Jessie Hadley, BS ’94**

Jessie received a B.S. in Fisheries and Wildlife Biology from Michigan State University in 1994 and moved north to pursue conservation work in the Eastern U.P. She is the founder and owner of Woods & Water Ecotours that specializes in sustainable nature-based tourism and sea kayaking. First working with endangered species protection and whitetail deer management with the Department of Natural Resources on Drummond Island, MI, she later became involved with wastewater treatment and was a leader of stewardship activities during her island residency. Jessie moved off the island to work for The Nature Conservancy, as the Northern Lake Huron Bioreserve Coordinator that included stewardship, education and conservation planning responsibilities. Jessie currently lives in Les Cheneaux, where she has assisted in implementing community-based conservation and compatible economic development projects. She has taught numerous people how to kayak and has shared her appreciation about the ecology of the Northern Lake Huron shoreline communities over the last 15 years. In her spare time, she enjoys sharing the outdoors with her 6 year old son and anyone else who has the spirit for adventure.

**Getting There:** Air transportation is available to the Chippewa International airport in Kincheloe, MI or the Pellston regional airport in Petoskey, MI. You will need to rent a car and drive to Cedarville. If flying into the Pellston, airport the cost to cross the Mackinac Bridge is $4 per car.

**Cost:** $700 per person, double occupancy or $825 per person, single occupancy. Please note trip is limited to 14 participants.

**Deposit and Payments:** Early reservations are encouraged to confirm your space. Reservations are accepted after having received $300 deposit per person per packaged trip or 50% of total costs for day trips, including a reservation form signed by each adult 21 years or older. The principle trip balance is due 90 days prior to departure. Failure to deliver complete payment 90 days prior to departure will be considered notification of cancellation by default and is subject to cancellation charges as stated below. Any balances are payable by check or credit card. Woods & Water Ecotours reserves the right to deny participation to anyone whom it deems unsuitable for a trip.

**Cancellations:** Cancellation fees are based on the date your written notification for package trips is received at WWE. If Woods & Water is notified: - 90 or more days prior to trip departure; $50 administration fee/person is retained for packaged trips - 60-89 prior to departure; deposit will be retained. - 59-31 prior to departure; 50% of trip cost is retained. - 30 or fewer days prior to departure; full payment is retained. Medical emergencies do not constitute a refund. If there is some concern in advance regarding a possible cancellation due to this, then travel insurance is recommended. Deposits are eligible to be applied toward other trips up to a year from original booking date. Rescheduling is always encouraged.

**Extra Costs Provision:** On all tours, weather can occasionally affect transportation. If, due to weather or other uncontrollable reasons, and you are required to spend an additional night or change travel arrangements, you will be responsible for your own hotel, meals and transportation re-scheduling costs.

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